

# OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council	<b>22 February 2018</b>
Report Author	<b>Cllr D. Saunders, Chairman of the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b>
Portfolio Holder	<b>Cllr Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance</b>
Status	<b>For Information</b>
Classification:	<b>Unrestricted</b>
Key Decision	<b>No</b>
Ward:	<b>Thanet Wide</b>

## **Executive Summary:**

The purpose of the report is to highlight some of the key activities that have planned for by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel during the course of this municipal year 2017/18 and progress to date regarding implementation of the Panel's work programme.

## **Recommendation(s):**

1. Members are invited to discuss and note the report.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	There are no financial implications directly arising from this report. The report provides a briefing to Full Council about the current work activities of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel.
<b>Legal</b>	There are no legal implications directly arising from this report. A presentation of the OSP Chairman's report to Full Council enables the Chairman to fulfil their duty as is required by the Council's Constitution.
<b>Corporate</b>	<p>There are no corporate risks associated with this report. The report enables discussion by Members at Full Council on the activities of the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The debate on the OSP Chairman's report contributes to open communication across the council. A strong scrutiny function contributes to an open democratic process for decision making and delivery of value for money services as council decisions are interrogated by Members before they are implemented. In instances where such decisions are interrogated after implementation, there will be lessons to learn for future policy development.</p>

<b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
	Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	✓	
No implications arise directly but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.		
It is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.		

<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

<b>CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	✓

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 At each ordinary Full Council meeting, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel presents a report on the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel since the last Council meeting.
- 1.2 Such a report will be subject to comment or debate by Members. This is in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.1 of Part 4 of the Council Constitution.
- 1.3 The report will therefore provide the basis for debate by Members on on-going scrutiny activities and hopefully lead to sharing of views and ideas to enhance the Council's scrutiny function.

## **2.0 Community Safety Partnership Working Party**

2.1 The working party has not met since the Council meeting on 7 December 2017. It is scheduled to meet on 20 February 2018 to consider the following topics:

- i. An update report by Kent Police regarding the impact of policing in parts of Ramsgate and Margate that were experiencing youth crime; and
- ii. Parents school parking challenges in some areas of the district.

2.2 That would be followed by another two meetings, one on 13 March and another on 10 April to discuss 'Community Payback activities in Thanet' and 'tackling fly tipping in the district' respectively.

## **3.0 Corporate Performance Review Working Party**

3.1 The sub group has not met since the Council meeting on 7 December but will be meeting on 15 February to consider Quarter 3 performance reports from East Kent Housing, East Kent Services and Thanet District Council.

## **4.0 Call-In of Cabinet Decisions**

4.1 There were no valid call-ins made since the last Council meeting.

## **5.0 Cabinet Presentations at OSP Meetings**

5.1 There were no cabinet member presentations scheduled for the period under review.

## **6.0 OSP Recommendations to Cabinet - Implementation Monitoring**

6.1 There were no recommendations submitted to Cabinet in the period under review.

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## **Annex List**

None	N/A
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## **Background Papers**

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

## **Corporate Consultation**

<b>Finance</b>	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
<b>Legal</b>	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer