
Meeting	Council
Date	16 July 2013
Subject	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13
Report of	Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Summary	The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report, attached at Appendix A, provides the Council with details of overview and scrutiny work undertaken during 2012/13.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	All
Enclosures	Appendix A – Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13
For decision by	Council

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1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 That Council endorse the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2.1 Council, 12 July 2011, Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2010/11

2.2 Council, 10 July 2012, Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011/12

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Panels and Task and Finish Groups must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.

3.2 The three key priorities set out in the 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are: –

- Supporting families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and wellbeing,
- Improving the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study,
- Promoting responsible growth, development and success across the borough.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act"), the council has a legislative duty to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The 'protected characteristics' are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The 'protected characteristics' also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

5.2 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the responsibility of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role with respect to diversity and inclusiveness; and;

- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 Any financial implications arising from overview and scrutiny work will be addressed in individual reports to the relevant decision-making body.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 Under Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's executive arrangements are required to include provision for appointment of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee with specified powers.

- 7.2 Legislation applicable to Overview and Scrutiny Committees is as follows:

Health and Social Care Act 2001

Crime and Disorder Act 2006

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009

Localism Act 2011

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 8.1 The scope of Overview and Scrutiny committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Constitution

- 8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny committees are in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Constitution).

- 8.3 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 7 requires that the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee will, each year, produce an Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for Council which will include:

- a) details of Overview and Scrutiny work carried out during the municipal year;
- b) a review of the effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny processes; and
- c) detail outline Work Programmes for Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the coming year.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 **Appendix A** provides a summary of the work undertaken by Barnet's Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Panels, and Task and Finish Groups

during 2012/13. It also provides an outline of work planned for the 2013/14 municipal year.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None