

2008/09 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions

RECOMMENDATION

1. To receive the 2008/09 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Paragraph 6.3(4) of the Council's Constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions to 'report annually to full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate'.
- 2.2 The report contained in Appendix 2 is the seventh Annual Report of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commissions. The report summarises the work that has been carried out by the Commissions during the administrative year 2006/07.

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Background papers: Appendix 1 – Implications
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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2.1 The Local Government Act 2000 requires that the Council's Overview and Scrutiny arrangements cover the full range of functions for which it is responsible. Delivery of the overview and scrutiny function can be undertaken by a minimum of one committee or any higher number the Council considers to be appropriate. Any committee when considering local authority education functions must, in addition to the Council members, include in the case of Derby five voting members representing faith communities and parents. To comply with the Health and Social Care Act 2001 the Council has designated the Adult Services and Health Commission to review and scrutinise local National Health Service bodies. Since 30 April 2009 there has also been a requirement, under the Police and Justice Act 2006, to designate a Crime and Disorder Committee.

2.2 The 2000 Act also requires that local authorities must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Personnel

3. The Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Team currently comprises the Scrutiny and Complaints Manager, two Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officers, one Assistant Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer and one Team Administrator.

Equalities impact

4. Effective Overview and Scrutiny is of benefit to all Derby people.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

5. Overview and Scrutiny activities have the potential to link to all the Council's Corporate Priorities.