

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2009 – 2010**Date of Meeting: 15 July 2010****Report of: Director of Strategy and Governance****Contact Officer: Name: Tom Hook Tel: 29-1110**

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Wards Affected: All**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Appendix 1 of this report details the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Panels from May 2009.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members note the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 The attached report summarises the work of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee along with the work of Scrutiny Panels.
- 3.2 During the year scrutiny panels have looked at:
- Street Access Issues
 - Support Services for Victims of Sexual Violence
 - Winter Service Plan
 - 20 mph Speed limits
 - School Exclusion
 - Environmental Industries
 - Older People and Community Safety
 - Reducing Alcohol Related Harm to Children and Young People
 - Dignity at Work
 - Staff Disabilities
 - GP Led Health Centre
 - Dementia

- 3.3 Appendix 1 also outlines the call-in requests considered and development areas for 2010/2011.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with OSC Members and Panel Chairs.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley Date: 15 July 2010

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The constitution requires that the work of overview and scrutiny is reported to council on an annual basis. This report fulfils this requirement.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon Date: 15 July 2010

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 Equality issues form an important part of the work of a number of ad hoc panels; additionally the OSC has a remit to look at equality issues and receives six monthly updates.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Sustainability falls within the remit of the OSC and a panel has been established to investigate Adaptation to Climate Change.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 ECSOSC is the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee. Liaison between the Community Safety Forum (CSF) and ECSOSC ensures that there is no duplication of effort and good communication. The Chairman of ECSOSC sits on the CSF.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 O&S is developing links with partners to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by legislative changes.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Overview and scrutiny has a remit to look any issue that affects the quality of life of people in Brighton and Hove, this extends beyond just Council run services.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

- 1) O&S Annual Report 2009/2010

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None

