

**Eden District Council  
Council**

**10 May 2018**

**Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-2019**

<b>Report from:</b>	Chairman of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 This report presents the achievements of the Council's Scrutiny Board and Committees during the 2017-2018 Council year.

**2 Recommendation**

That the report and achievements of Scrutiny in the 2017-2018 Council year be noted.

**3 Report Details**

- 3.1 This is the twelfth annual report of Scrutiny in Eden and described the activities that the Scrutiny Board and Committees have been involved in during 2017-2018.
- 3.2 The report highlights scrutiny work that has been undertaken during scrutiny meetings such as receiving updates and contributing to the Footway Lighting Devolution report, receiving an update on the Local Plan and undertaking a Scrutiny Structure Review.
- 3.3 Scrutiny reviews are open to all non-Executive members and 5 non-Executive Councillors have been involved in the Scrutiny review this Council year.
- 3.4 The full Annual report can be found at Appendix 1.

**4 Policy Framework**

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
- Decent Homes for All;
  - Strong Economy, Rich Environment;
  - Thriving Communities; and
  - Quality Council
- 4.2 This report meets Quality Council corporate priority

**5 Consultation**

- 5.1 There has been no consultation upon this report.

## **6 Implications**

### **6.1 Financial and Resources**

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on 17 September 2015.
- 6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

### **6.2 Legal**

- 6.2.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution states that Scrutiny may report annually to full Council on their work.

### **6.3 Human Resources**

- 6.3.1 There are no direct Human Resource implications associated with this report. The Council does not have a dedicated Scrutiny officer and Scrutiny work is carried out by the Member Services officers against other priorities in the Member Services team.

### **6.4 Statutory Considerations**

<b>Consideration:</b>	<b>Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:</b>
Equality and Diversity	None arising from this report. Equalities implications are considered as part of each Scrutiny review undertaken by the Council before making any recommendations.
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	None arising from this report.
Crime and Disorder	The Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee acts as the Councils' designated Crime and Disorder Panel and will sit as this Panel twice per year to consider crime and disorder related issues.
Children and Safeguarding	None arising from this report.

### **6.5 Risk Management**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Controls Required</b>
Reputational risk – scrutiny has an important role in enhancing public transparency in democratic decision making, it is important that Scrutiny seeks to engage with the public.	Failure to carry out scrutiny reviews and consult with the public may have a detrimental impact on the Council's reputation.	Scrutiny carries out an annual public consultation exercise to gain suggestions about possible scrutiny reviews and also seeks public opinions when undertaking reviews.

Legal – the Council has a legal duty to appoint at least one Scrutiny Committee.	Failure to appoint at least one Scrutiny Committee may result in legal challenge.	The Council has three Scrutiny bodies and has recently undertaken a review of its Scrutiny structures which it is due to re-commence in October 2018.
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## **7 Other Options Considered**

7.1 No other options have been considered.

## **8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation**

8.1 In order to enable Scrutiny to make an annual report on its activities to Council.

### **Tracking Information**

<b>Governance Check</b>	<b>Date Considered</b>
<b>Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)</b>	27 April 2018
<b>Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)</b>	30 April 2018
<b>Relevant Assistant Director</b>	30 April 2018

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-2018

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