

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: SCRUTINY SUPPORT OFFICER

REPORT NO.: DEM017

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TITLE:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	N/A
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	N/A
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	N/A

COUNCIL AIMS/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	COUNCILLOR PAUL CARPENTER – ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	ACCESS	
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	NONE	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	This report is publicly available via the Local Democracy link on the Council's website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	Carried out and appended to report? Not Applicable	Full impact assessment required? No
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Agendas, minutes and notes of the Scrutiny Committee and working groups 2007-08	

1. INTRODUCTION

Under Part 2, Article 6.4.2 of the Constitution the Scrutiny Committee must report annually to the Council on its workings.

This is the first report to Council since the restructuring of Scrutiny arrangements. This report covers the period from May 2007 to the end of April 2008.

The report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee during the course of the year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to note the report

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Details of the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee are contained within the report. The work undertaken was selected by the Members of the Committee. Only one decision was called in during the course of the year.

A feature of good Scrutiny is that meetings be held in places other than the Council Offices. This has happened on a number of occasions, including visits to New College in Stamford and Grantham College, and the Committee were keen for this to continue.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED

Not applicable

5. COMMENTS OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

It is essential that the scrutiny function remains a key focus to ensure good corporate governance.

6. COMMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER

It is requirement under Part 2 of the Constitution that the Scrutiny Committee must report annually to the Council meetings on its workings.

7. COMMENTS OF THE DEMOCRACY SERVICE MANAGER

The Scrutiny Committee is supported by the members of the democracy services team who have specialised knowledge in this aspect of the modernised political management arrangements. Officers attend training and conference events to keep up to date with this developing area of work.

8. CONTACT OFFICER

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