

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

**REPORT OF: Councillor Joynson – Scrutiny Committee Chairman**

**REPORT NO: DEM031**

**DATE: 3 September 2009**

<b>TITLE:</b>	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL	
<b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b>		
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b>	COUNCILLOR PAUL CARPENTER – ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
<b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>	Paul Morrison – Principal Democracy Officer	
<b>INITIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:</b>	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below:	Full impact assessment Required: No
<b>Equality and Diversity</b>		
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:</b>	This report is publicly available via the Local Democracy link on the Council's website: <a href="http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk">www.southkesteven.gov.uk</a>	
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		

## 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to note the report

## 2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT/DECISION REQUIRED

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

## 3. DETAILS OF REPORT (SUMMARY – USE APPENDICES FOR DETAILED INFORMATION)

This is the second report to Council since the restructuring of Scrutiny arrangements. This report covers the period from May 2008 to the end of April 2009.

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

**4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None

**5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

**6. RISK AND MITIGATION (INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DATA QUALITY)**

None

**7. ISSUES ARISING FROM EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

None

**8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

None

**9. COMMENTS OF SECTION 151 OFFICER**

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

**10. 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.

**11. COMMENTS OF 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.