



Report for:	Cabinet – 14 October 2014	Item Number:	
Title:	Overview and Scrutiny Project Reports 2013/14		
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Ward(s) affected:	Report for Non Key Decision		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its four panels undertook a number of projects in 2013/14:

- a. Under occupation of social housing
- b. Community engagement with the planning process
- c. Strategic Enforcement
- d. Two year olds early entitlement
- e. Mental health and accommodation
- f. Mental health and Physical health
- g. Mental health and community safety

1.2. The final project reports and recommendations were agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in April 2014 and referred to Cabinet for agreement of responses to recommendations.

1.3. Cabinet received reviews a), b), c) and d) on 16 September along with the proposed service responses. The remaining reviews, listed e), f) and g) above, are appended to this report and the proposed services response to these are set out later in the



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agenda. The review of Mental Health and Accommodation and Mental Health and Physical Health were taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 September for comments and the review of Mental Health and Community Safety Partnership was taken to the Community Safety Partnership on 18 September comments.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

2.1. The Cabinet Member views are detailed in each of the covering reports accompanying each of the reviews attached.

3. Recommendations

3.1. That Cabinet considers the attached scrutiny project reports from 2013/14 listed as (a) to (c) below and the recommendations contained in those reports:

- a. Mental Health and Accommodation
- b. Mental Health and Physical Health
- c. Mental Health and Community Safety

4. Alternative options considered

4.1. N/A

5. Background information

5.1. Part 4, Section G, Para 1.3 of the constitution sets out the process for reports from Overview and Scrutiny to Cabinet and states:

“Following approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, final reports and recommendations will be presented to the next available Cabinet meeting together with an officer report where appropriate. The Cabinet will consider the reports and formally agree their decisions.”

5.2. There are three scrutiny reviews attached in Appendices (a) to (c) below, which were carried out in 2013/14 which are for consideration together with responses to those recommendations from the service area /Assistant Director responsible. The responses and recommendations have been discussed and agreed by the relevant Cabinet Member.

6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications

6.1. Financial comments for each of the scrutiny projects reports and recommendations were obtained and are outlined in each Scrutiny project report.



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7. Assistant Director of Corporate Governance comments and legal implications

7.1. Legal comments for each of the scrutiny projects reports and recommendations were obtained and are outlined in each Scrutiny project report.

8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

8.1. Equalities and community cohesion comments are outlined in each scrutiny project report.

9. Head of Procurement Comments

9.1. N/A

10. Policy Implication

10. It is intended that the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee will contribute and add value to the work of the Council and its partners in meeting locally agreed priorities. In this context, it is expected that the work of the Committee may contribute to improved policy and practice in relation to the corporate priorities.

11. Reasons for Decision

The findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Reviews for 2013/14 are reported to Cabinet in accordance with in Part 4, Section G, Para 1.3 of the constitution. The findings of the 2013/14 reviews have been responded to in the covering reports for the scrutiny reviews (a) to (c) and are for Cabinet to consider and adopt.

12. Use of Appendices

- a. Mental health and accommodation
- b. Mental health and Physical health
- c. Mental health and community safety

13. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A.