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**Report of City Solicitor**

**Council**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Subject: Scrutiny at Leeds City Council – Annual Report 2016/17**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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**Summary of main issues**

1. Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires that the Council's Scrutiny Officer reports to Council annually about how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions. The 2016/17 annual report is appended.

**Recommendation**

2. Council is asked to receive and note the annual report.

## **1.0 Purpose of this report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Council the scrutiny annual report for 2016/17.

## **2.0 Background information**

2.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires that the Council's Scrutiny Officer reports to Council annually about how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions.

## **3.0 Main issues**

3.1 The annual report for 2016/17 is attached and as well as bring Council's attention to work originated by Scrutiny during the last Municipal Year, also reflects on the monitoring of past scrutiny activity to ensure agreed recommendations stay on track.

## **4.0 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The scrutiny annual report for 2016/17 was produced by the Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support in consultation with Scrutiny Chairs and the Executive Board Member for Resources and Strategy.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.**

4.2.1 All terms of reference for work undertaken by Scrutiny Boards require inquiries 'to review how and to what effect consideration has been given to the impact of a service or policy on all equality areas, as set out in the Council's Equality and Diversity Scheme'.

### **4.3 Council Policies and Best Council Plan**

4.3.1 The annual report illustrates those areas of work undertaken by Scrutiny which directly contribute to the delivery of the Council's Best Council Plan

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 This report has no specific resource implications.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 This report has no specific legal implications.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 There are no risk management implications relevant to this report.

## **5.0 Conclusions**

5.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution requires that the Council's Scrutiny Officer reports to Council annually about how the authority has carried out its overview and scrutiny functions. The 2016/17 annual report, as well as celebrating Scrutiny's achievements, reflects on the experience of past scrutiny activity and the progress made against last year's key action areas for development.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

6.1 Council is asked to receive and note the annual report.

## **7.0 Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.