



Report of the Chief Officer, Democratic and Central Services

Council

Date: 13th July 2011

Subject: Scrutiny at Leeds City Council – Annual report 2010/11

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

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 2010/11 annual report is appended.
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 2010/11.

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 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. It is vital that we continue to identify steps to improve the way that Scrutiny operates in Leeds. To this end a number of actions for improvement have been identified.

3.2 Individual Scrutiny Boards have produced their own annual reports which provide a more detailed account of the extensive work undertaken by the Scrutiny Boards and can be accessed via the Scrutiny Support Unit or Scrutiny website www.leeds.gov.uk/scrutiny

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 The production of an annual report is required under Article 6 of the Council's Constitution and in reflecting on the work of the Scrutiny Boards gives an opportunity to improve the way in which overview and scrutiny is undertaken.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 There are no legal or resource implications.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 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.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Council is asked to receive and note the 2011/11 scrutiny annual report.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 Council's Constitution

8.2 Individual annual reports agreed by Scrutiny Boards in April 2011