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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24 SEPTEMBER 2018

**BRIEFING NOTE:
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – EVALUATION OF O&S REPORTS**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Working Group has held two evidence gathering meetings.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 At the meeting held on 2 July 2018 the Committee evaluated the effectiveness of the following reports:

- Planning (2005/2006)
- Tree Policy (2005/2006)
- Allotments(Water Charges) 2005/2006
- Street Scene (2005/2006)

- 2.2 At the meeting scheduled for 17 September 2018, the Working Group will review the effectiveness of the following previous Overview and Scrutiny Reports:

2006/2007

- [Tree policy](#)
- [Homelessness \(rough sleepers\) task and finish group](#)
- [Community safety \(evaluation of dispersal orders\)](#)

2007/2008

- [Community engagement](#)
- [Voluntary sector](#)

2009/2010

[Community Centres](#) This scrutiny review was shortlisted for a Centre for Public Scrutiny Good Scrutiny Award. As part of the shortlist process,

a [video](#) was produced. The judges thought that this work, which facilitated the transfer of a large number of community facilities from the council to community control, demonstrated the contribution that scrutiny can make to implementing a key Government policy around community asset transfer successfully at local level.

2.3 Further meetings are scheduled, with the next one set for 19 November 2018.

2.4 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the progress report.

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