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CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

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## Background

1. The Council's Constitution requires all Scrutiny Committees to 'report annually to the Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate'.
2. A copy of the Scrutiny Committee's draft Annual Report 2014-15 is attached at **Appendix A**. This report outlines the Committee's main activities from June 2014 to April 2015. Wherever possible the report identifies the impact that the Committee has had, in terms of the Cabinet's responses to the Committee's comments and recommendations. Where responses on specific topics have not yet been received, these will be added to the Report prior to it being laid before Council if possible.

## Way Forward

3. The Committee's Principal Scrutiny Officer will present the draft report at the meeting, and Members will discuss and agree any changes that are agreed. The Scrutiny Officer will then make an required amendments, and send the agreed Annual Report for presentation by the Committee Chair at June 2015's Full Council meeting..

## **Legal Implications**

4. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

## **Financial Implications**

5. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is recommended to consider, if necessary amend, and approve the attached draft Annual Report 2014-15 to be laid before Council.

**Marie Rosenthal**

County Clerk and Monitoring Officer

1 May 2014