

CITY COUNCIL - 16 JULY 2007

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Overview and scrutiny has continued to develop and provide an ever more valuable and important supportive role to the Council's improvement agenda. Once again there have been some important reviews undertaken which have resulted in reports and evidence based recommendations aimed at supporting the Council and its partners' ambition in seeking excellence on behalf of Nottingham people. In major review work, and in spotlight and monitoring activity, the focus is firmly on outcomes.
- 1.2 This past year has seen contributions from the wide range of members engaged in overview and scrutiny and I applaud the non partisan working that characterises our activities. On the whole, an acknowledgement by the Executive of the value the function adds has also been evident. The value of the scrutiny function has also been recognised independently in the recent CPA assessment.
- 1.3 I would like to record the Council's thanks to those of our City partners who have been involved in overview and scrutiny work, in particular the NHS Health Trusts which have brought their development plans to our own Health Scrutiny Panel and also, those with impact on the conurbation, to the Joint Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Health Scrutiny Committee. Change is ongoing for our health services and we are grateful that health professionals continue to be so willing to meet with members and bring the many proposals for change for their consideration and comment.
- 1.4 I am pleased to present to Council the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2006/07.

(The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report has been circulated as a separate document with the Full Council agenda.)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2006/07 be accepted.

3. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

4. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Reports, agenda and minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, standing and task and finish panels produced during 2006/07

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CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**