

Meeting:	Environment and Economy Sub-Committee
Date:	10 March 2005
Subject:	Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2004/05
Responsible Officer:	Director of Organisational Performance
Contact Officer:	Alicia Weiderman, Scrutiny Officer
Portfolio Holder:	Communications, Partnerships and Human Resources
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part I

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

The Sub-Committee is requested to approve the draft Chair's report of the Sub-Committee's work over the past year for inclusion in the 2004/05 scrutiny annual report.

Reason for report

The annual report will address the requirement placed on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report to Council on the work done in the previous year and on its annual work programme for the forthcoming year.

Benefits

The Sub-Committee benefits from the opportunity to report on its work over the past year, which will include raising the profile of future work areas both within and outside the Council.

Cost of Proposals

This report is not seeking financial resources.

Risks

There are no identifiable risks associated with this proposal.

Implications if recommendations rejected

The Sub-Committee would risk missing the opportunity for its work to be adequately reflected in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's report.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to report to Council on the work done in the previous year and on its annual work programme for the forthcoming year.

The report will include an overview of the work undertaken over the past year, supported by individual contributions from each of the scrutiny bodies. A draft Chair's contribution for this Sub-Committee is attached for Members' consideration.

The work programme for the Sub-Committee for 2005/06 is addressed in a separate report before the Sub-Committee at this meeting. The third section in the draft Chair's report ('areas of future work') may need to be modified in the light of the Sub-Committee's plans for next year.

2.2 Options considered

N/a

2.3 Consultation

All of the Scrutiny Sub-Committees are being consulted on their particular draft Chair's report before the inclusion of the section in the full annual report, which will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 April 2005.

2.4 Financial Implications

This report is not seeking additional financial resources.

2.5 Legal Implications

Article 6.03(d) of the Council Constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will report annually to full Council on its workings and

make recommendations for future work programmes and amend working methods, if appropriate.

2.6 Equalities Impact

N/A

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Appendix 1: Draft Chair's report on the work of the Environment and Economy Sub-Committee 2004/05