

Maidstone Borough Council

Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 6 September 2011

Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2010-2011

Report of: Overview & Scrutiny Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In the 2010-2011 Municipal Year there were four Overview and Scrutiny Committees; Corporate Services, Partnerships and Well-Being, Leisure and Culture and Environment and Transportation. In addition to these four Committees the work of the newly established Maidstone and Tunbridge Well Joint Health Sub Committee continued, addressing the joint issues faced by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells under the governance of the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to agree the report subject to the insertion of the statement from the Chairman of Partnerships and Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee and recommendations as appropriate to enable the report to be seen by Cabinet on 14 September 2011 for approval.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2010-2011 summarises the work and achievements of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 3.2 Successful Scrutiny outcomes are governed by four principles:
- Ensures scrutiny provides 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy-makers;
 - Enables the voice and concerns of the public and its communities;
 - Makes an impact on the delivery of public services; and
 - Is carried out by independent minded governors who take the lead and own the scrutiny process.

4. Impact on Corporate Objectives

4.1 The Committee will consider reports that deliver against the following Council priority:

- 'Corporate and Customer Excellence'