

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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REPORT OF HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS

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1. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Reports 2011-12 & 2012-13

1.1 Issue for Decision

1.1.1 To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Reports 2011-12 & 2012-13.

1.2 Recommendation of Acting Overview and Scrutiny Manager

1.2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Reports 2011-12 & 2012-13 be noted.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 The Maidstone Borough Council Constitution states "Overview and Scrutiny Committees may report annually to the full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate" (Part One, Article 6:03(d)).

1.3.2 The attached reports summarise the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees during 2011-12 & 2012-13 and highlights key issues going forward.

1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended

1.4.1 The Council could choose not to receive the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Reports, however this could diminish knowledge of the work of the Committees and would fail to keep the full Membership updated on changes to the function.

1.5 Impact on Corporate Objectives

1.5.1 None.

1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 There are no risks associated with the Council noting the Annual Reports.