

Division(s):

## AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 25 APRIL 2018

### DRAFT SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

#### Report by Assistant Chief Executive

#### BACKGROUND

1. Each year the Scrutiny Annual Report provides a summary of the work and impact of the council's three scrutiny committees; Performance Scrutiny, Education Scrutiny and Health Overview & Scrutiny, and any Cabinet Advisory Groups appointed by Cabinet during the year.
2. The report is attached as Annex 1. It is structured by committee and highlights where scrutiny has had a tangible impact on decision-making and held decision-makers to account. It has been drafted in partnership between Chairmen and Scrutiny Officers.
3. To ensure that scrutiny continues to robustly challenge and influence the decisions of the Council and Health partners, a range of practical steps have been taken to improve the effectiveness of the Council's scrutiny arrangements. These changes have focused on enabling more flexible, councillor-led scrutiny that centres on priority areas for Oxfordshire and balances this against areas of emerging concern.

#### NEXT STEPS

4. The attached report is draft and will be subject to change following comments from the Audit and Governance Committee and the Performance Scrutiny Committee on 24 May 2018.
5. The final report will be presented to Council on 10 July 2018.

#### RECOMMENDATION

6. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to comment on the report prior to its submission to the Performance Scrutiny Committee for review and to Council for approval.**

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Background paper: Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-18  
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