

| Bath & North East Somerset Council | |
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| MEETING: | Council |
| MEETING: | 13th September 2018 |
| TITLE: | Policy Development & Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-2018 |
| WARD: | All |
| List of attachments to this report: Policy Development & Scrutiny Annual Report (2017-2018) | |

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To consider the Policy Development & Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017-2018.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to;

- 2.1 The Council is asked to note the work of the Policy Development & Scrutiny Panels and Health Select Committee, as set out in the Annual Report attached at Appendix 1.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Policy Development & Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs Group are not required to produce an annual report however it is good practice to do so.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Policy Development & Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs Group agreed it would provide an annual report to the Council summarising the work of the Scrutiny over the previous year.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 As part of our statutory duty the Council is required to appoint at least one Overview and Scrutiny Committee / Panel that will have sole responsibility to discharge the functions under Sections 9F and 9FA to 9FI of the Local Government Act 2000, as relevant to the Council's statutory duties and responsibilities. Our current model includes; 4 Policy Development & Scrutiny Panels and 1 Health & Wellbeing Select Committee. They provide a system of checks and balances implemented by Councillors who monitor the activity of the Cabinet members and assist them in developing policy.

6.2 The PDS chairs and vice chairs group have an oversight of the work of each of the Panels and responsibility for coordinating the Councils scrutiny activity. Each of the Chairs has provided a synopsis of the work that they have carried out this year.

6.3 The Annual Report provides an opportunity to highlight some of the positive work carried out by the Panels and Committee both internally / externally, and particularly with partners and agencies involved with scrutiny throughout the year.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 None.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment was not required.

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| Background papers | <i>none</i> |
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