

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMISSION – 23 JULY 2009**

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2008/9

1. Purpose of Report

This is the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report for 2008/9.

2. Recommendations

That the report be agreed.

Note: In preparing this report, due regard has been given to equality of opportunity, human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, environmental and risk management considerations as appropriate. Relevant officers have been consulted in relation to any legal, financial or human resources implications and comments received are reflected in the report.

3. Information Issues and Options

3.1 Information

3.1.1 The Review of the Overview & Scrutiny function undertaken in 2005 agreed that the Commission would provide an annual report of its activities.

3.1.2 The Annual Report is appended to this report. Given the legislative changes encapsulated most particularly in the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and in other pending legislation, this year's report is both a forward looking document as much as one reflecting the work of the Commission over the previous year.

3.1.3 As in previous years the Annual Report will be sent to all town and parish councils in the District and be placed on the Council's website.

3.2 Options

3.2.1 To endorse the annual report.

3.2.2 To not endorse the annual report.

4. Risk and Financial Implications

4.1 There is no risk or financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. Other Implications

6.1 Equalities: None

6.2 Section 17, Crime & Disorder Act 1998: None

6.3 Section 40, Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006: None

6.4 Human Resources: None

6.5 Human Rights: None

6.6 Other: None

7. Alignment to Council Priorities

7.1 The matters raised in this report falls within the following Council priorities:

- Your Council, Your Services
- Building Safer and Stronger Communities

8. Ward/Community Affected

8.1 All

Background Papers:

None

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Appendices attached to this report:

Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2008/9