

Report to: Cabinet

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Cabinet Members of the conclusions and recommendations of four Scrutiny reviews completed as part of the 2012/13 work programme.

2. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13

The next meeting of the Overview Scrutiny Committee is winding up the 2012/13 work programme and agreeing the work programme going forward.

Four of the remaining five reviews in the 2012/13 Scrutiny work programme have now been completed. The final conclusions and recommendations arising from the reviews listed below are now available for consideration by Cabinet.

- **Hackney Carriages** (Portfolio: Public Protection and Communications)
- **Inclusion and Equality** (Portfolio: Community Development)
- **The Council's Engagement with the Voluntary Sector** (Portfolio: Community Development)
- **Covert Surveillance** (Portfolio: Public Protection and Communications)

A written response to the recommendations of each review is respectfully requested from the responsible Cabinet Member within 28 days of this Cabinet meeting. Portfolio Holder responses will be tabled at the Overview Committee on 7th October 2013.

Final reports and recommendations: Appendices 1 – 4

One outstanding review, **Localism, Planning and Housing**, has a final working group meeting in September. The final report will also be tabled at the 7th October Overview Scrutiny Committee and the conclusions and recommendations referred to Cabinet on 17th October for a response.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet Members consider the final conclusions and recommendations appended to this report as set out below and respond back to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 28 working days.

4. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Hackney Carriages Policy

Appendix 2: Inclusion and Equality

Appendix 3: The Council's Engagement with the Voluntary Sector

Appendix 4: Covert Surveillance (follow up)

The full reports can be viewed on the Council's website at:

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