1. **Summary**

   This report summarises the achievements of the Council's two Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

2. **Introduction and Background**

3. Article 6 of the Constitution requires that an annual report be presented to Council on the workings of Overview and Scrutiny Committees, their future work programmes and any proposed amendments to working methods. Accordingly, the attached report provides the following information:

   (a) Statement by the Monitoring Officer.
   
   (b) Performance Review Statistics.
   
   (c) Future Work Programmes.
   
   (d) Amendments to Current Practices.

4. **Identification of Options**

4.1 Option 1: To receive and note the report.

4.2 Option 2: Don't note the report.

5. **Evaluation of Options**

5.1 Option 1 is the recommended option. The Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework identifies openness and engagement as a core principle. A sound governance arrangement, including an effective scrutiny process, underpins the achievement of all the Council's corporate objectives.

5.2 Option 2 is not the recommended option for the reasons set out above.

6. **Resource Implications**
6.1 None from this report

7. Appendices
   Appendix 1 – Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2018/19

8. Background Papers
   8.1 Work Programme of the Scrutiny (Policy & Performance) Committee 2018/19
   8.2 Work Programme of the Scrutiny (Community & Regeneration) Committee 2018/19

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