**Agenda Item No 17**
**Report No PP55/10**

**Eden District Council**

**Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board**
**29 July 2010**

# Joint Scrutiny Annual Report

**Report of the Director of Policy and Performance**

## 1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This is a covering report to present the Joint Scrutiny Annual Report.

## 2 Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

a) Members note the report.

b) Any queries or comments concerning the report are forwarded to the Joint Scrutiny Manager at Cumbria County Council.

## 3 Report Details

3.1 An annual report has been produced by the Joint Scrutiny Manager to inform the wider public about the scrutiny work undertaken during 2009/10.

3.2 The joint scrutiny committee was created and funded by all district councils and the county council in Cumbria.

3.3 The committee was set up to specifically to monitor the Local Area Agreement. The committee has also undertaken task and finish work on topics affecting two or more areas in the county.

3.4 The first annual report can be found at **Appendix A**.

## 4 Policy Framework

4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Affordable Housing
- Quality Environment
- Economic Vitality
- Quality Council

Council on 7 February 2008 agreed fifteen strategic actions to achieve these priorities.

## 5 Implications

### 5.1 Legal

5.1.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### 5.2 Financial

5.2.1 As part of the 2008-11 corporate planning process the Council adopted a resource prioritisation process in which every area of council activity was allocated to one of four resource categories. These categories (which were agreed at Council on 7 February 2008) remain in force until the next corporate plan is adopted.

5.2.2 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### 5.3 Equality and Diversity

5.3.1 The Council has to have regard to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and harassment and the promotion of equality under the Equality Act 2006 and related statutes.

### 5.4 Environmental

5.4.1 The Council has to have due regard to conserving bio-diversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. [

### 5.5 Crime and Disorder

5.5.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has to have regard to the need to reduce crime and disorder in exercising any of its functions. [

### 5.6 Children

5.6.1 Under the Children Act 2004 the Council has to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the exercise of any of its functions.

### 5.7 Risk Management

5.7.1 None arising from this report.

## 6 Reasons for decision/recommendation

6.1 This is a covering report presenting a report issued by an external partner.

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**Governance Checks:**

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| Checked by or on behalf of the Chief Finance Officer | ✓ |
| Checked by or on behalf of the Monitoring Officer | ✓ |

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