

## ***Report to Council***

***Date of meeting: 04 November 2014***

**Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report to Council –  
October 2014**

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### **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Progress report from October 2014 to the Present be noted.

### **Report:**

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting 14 October 2014.**

1. At our meeting on Tuesday 14 October we agreed the Terms of Reference for the new Scrutiny Panel Review Task and Finish Panel. They had already started gathering information and were speaking to Directors and Officers to get their thoughts on the state of the Scrutiny Panels. We noted that the Panel had the services of a post graduate Management Trainee to help with the research, write background reports and look at what other Councils were doing. They will of course, also consult members.
2. We also noted that the new Grant Aid Task and Finish Panel was still to meet and in fact they were struggling to find members to sit on the Panel, and without Councillors we cannot start this Panel.
3. We were disappointed to learn that our scheduled presentation from Essex County Council's Children Services had been cancelled. However, we hope to have them at our next meeting.
4. Finally, we considered a PICK form submitted by Councillor Neville, on air particulate pollution in Epping Forest. This was based on a 'Public Health England Report'. Members thought that this should be considered by the Safer Cleaner Greener Scrutiny Panel.