1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2007/08.

2. **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support all the corporate priorities through the various work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny.

3. **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. **BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

4.1 The Council’s Constitution requires Overview and Scrutiny to produce an annual report outlining their work and the report for 2007/08, which has been prepared in consultation with the Chair, is attached.

4.2.1 The report highlights the work of the Policy Scrutiny Committee, the Performance Scrutiny Committee and the Audit Scrutiny Committee, together with the work of the Task and Finish Groups.
COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

5.1 There are no new or immediate financial implications arising from this report. When financial matters arise, their implications have previously been dealt with under specific individual reports (eg Audit Reports, Task and Finish groups, etc.)

6. MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 As detailed within the report.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

7.1 There are no specific human resource implications arising from the report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee continues to develop its work over the next twelve months.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Committee agrees the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2007/08 and that it be submitted to Full Council for approval.

9.2 That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report be forwarded to all Directors, Heads of Service, Lancashire County Council and other relevant organisations to promote the work of scrutiny.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 All Members.

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No
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12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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No background papers