

## **Overview and Scrutiny Audit Report**

This year new Overview and Scrutiny processes were introduced at Redditch Borough Council. The Council adopted a single Overview and Scrutiny Committee. One of its primary functions is to commission detailed review work from Task and Finish Groups. A number of Task and Finish Groups have since been launched involving non-executive Members and work is ongoing to complete these exercises.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has requested that an unofficial audit be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Support Officers to assess the effectiveness of the new processes and to make recommendations about how best to improve the process in future years.

The following table addresses issues that are of relevance to the Overview and Scrutiny process. The content of this report addresses both the successful features of the current processes; areas of potential weakness; and actions that could be undertaken to improve the process in future.