

**Report of the Executive Director Core Services  
to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

**Overview and Scrutiny's Task and Finish Group (TFG) Work Reports**  
**– Cover Report**

**1.0 Introduction and Summary**

- 1.1 During the 2016/17 municipal year, 3 Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups (TFGs) have undertaken investigations into local provision with regards to a variety of services. To promote the work of the TFGs and increase Members' awareness of different services in the Borough, the reports have been brought to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.
- 1.2 As shown in Item 5b, the 'Higher Level Skills and Jobs TFG' was carried out by Councillor Wayne Johnson (TFG Lead Member), Councillor Phil Birkinshaw, Councillor Gail Charlesworth, Councillor Malcolm Clements, Councillor Robert Frost, Councillor Joe Hayward, Councillor Phillip Lofts, Councillor Margaret Sheard, Councillor Sarah Tattersall, Councillor John Wilson and Mr John Winter (Co-optee). The work focussed around what is being done to increase the availability of higher level skills and jobs in Barnsley. Recommendations regarding this work are outlined in section 6 of the report.
- 1.3 As shown in Item 5c, Councillor Carr (TFG Lead Member), Councillor Robert Frost, Councillor Wayne Johnson, Councillor Caroline Makinson, Councillor Pauline Phillips, Councillor Harry Spence, Councillor Sarah Tattersall and co-opted members Joan Whitaker and Pauline Gould continued to undertake an investigation into 'Fly-Tipping'. The work considers how the draft action plan developed in the previous year has been put into practice as well as details further investigative work undertaken. The report proposes that this TFG continues during the 2017/18 Municipal Year.
- 1.4 Item 5d outlines the work of the Flooding TFG which was carried out by Councillor Paul Hand-Davis (TFG Lead Member), Councillor Gail Charlesworth, Councillor Jeff Ennis, Councillor Annette Gollick, Councillor Ralph Sixsmith, Councillor Harry Spence and Councillor Sarah Tattersall. Due to the high risk of flooding in the Darfield Ward and as none of these Members are on the OSC, Councillor Dorothy Coates, Councillor Pauline Markham and Councillor Caroline Saunders were co-opted onto the TFG. The report provides an overview of works carried out in Barnsley since the 2007 floods and future plans as well as makes a number of recommendations which are outlined in section 6 of the report.

**2.0 Background Papers**

- Item 5b (attached) – High Level Skills and Jobs
- Item 5c (attached) – Fly-Tipping
- Item 5d (attached) – Flooding

**3.0 Officer Contact**

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