

SPCB ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Executive summary

1. The SPCB is invited to consider and approve its Annual Report for 2013-14.

Issues and Options

2. The SPCB is not obliged to produce an Annual Report but it is in line with good governance practice and enables the Corporate Body to update MSPs formally on the main issues addressed and decisions it has taken over the preceding year. The Report also provides information on the allocation of resources in accordance with the priorities in the organisation's Strategic Plan.

3. A draft Report covering the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 is attached for your consideration and approval.

4. The SPCB Secretariat will advise SPCB members of the publication date for the Report in advance. The Report will be published on the Parliament's website and a link emailed to each MSP.

Resource Implications

5. As we no longer produce the Report in hard copy (unless specifically requested) there are no immediate costs.

Governance Issues

6. This Report is one of the formal vehicles for the SPCB to inform MSPs about the work it has undertaken during the year. The main target audience for the Report is MSPs but by publishing the Report it is also widely accessible to the public. Copies of the Report can be made available in a variety of formats on request in order to ensure it is accessible to all.

Publication Scheme

7. This paper will be published in line with the SPCB's Publication Scheme.

Decision

8. The SPCB is invited to consider and approve the SPCB Annual Report 2013-14.