

PART 5 - SCRUTINY FUNCTION

1. Introduction

- 1.1. There is one Scrutiny Committee to discharge the functions conferred by Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 to support the work of the Cabinet and the Council as a whole.

2. Role and Scope

- 2.1 The role and scope of the Scrutiny Committee is:
- (a) to undertake and report on the Scrutiny role in relation to all matters within the Council's scope of responsibility;
 - (b) to oversee the Council's compliance with the "Councillor Call for Action" pursuant to relevant legislation; and
 - (c) to oversee the Council's compliance with the Police and Justice Act 2006.

3. Specific Functions

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee has the power to:-
- (a) review and scrutinise the decisions by and performance of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Council Officers in relation to individual decisions and over time;
 - (b) review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
 - (c) question members of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Chief Officers from the Council about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
 - (d) make recommendations to the Cabinet and /or appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
 - (e) review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance;
 - (f) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent); and
 - (g) "call in" key decisions which have been taken but not yet implemented in accordance with Appendix C – Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules.

4. Membership

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee will comprise a permanent Chairman and Vice Chairman, neither of whom sit on Cabinet Advisory Committees and a pool of 15

members 3 drawn from each of the Cabinet Advisory Committees, none of whom may be members of the Cabinet or be their Deputies.

- 4.2 When a meeting is called the Chairman (or Vice Chairman in the Chairman's absence) will call 9 members from the pool of 15 (see para. 4.1 above) and if necessary a pool of substitutes (see para. 4.3 below) to form the committee. No Members will be called from the Cabinet Advisory Committee where a decision being scrutinised was formulated.
- 4.3 The membership is to be chosen according to political proportionality rules. **If application of paras. 4.1 and 4.2 above results in a breach of these rules, then a substitution may be made from a pool of substitutes drawn from the Cabinet Advisory Committees, in order to maintain political proportionality.**
- 4.4 The membership of the Committee can be found at Appendix H - Membership of Council Committees, Cabinet and Advisory Committees.