

PART 5 - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION

There is one Scrutiny Committee to discharge the functions conferred by Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 to support the work of the Cabinet and the Council as a whole.

Role and Scope

The role and scope of the Scrutiny Committee is:

- To undertake and report on the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to all matters within the Council's scope of responsibility.
- To oversee the Council's compliance with the "Councillor Call for Action" pursuant to relevant legislation.
- To oversee the Council's compliance with the Police and Justice Act 2006

Specific Functions

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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance; and
- (f) Question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent);
- (g) "Call in" key decisions which have been taken but not yet implemented in accordance with Appendix ? – Scrutiny Protocol.

Membership

The Scrutiny Committee will comprise of a permanent Chair and Vice Chair, neither of whom sit on advisory committees and a pool of 15 members 3 drawn from each of the advisory committees, none of whom may be members of the Cabinet or be their Deputies, when a meeting is called 9 ordinary members and the Chair and Vice Chair will be called to form the committee, with no members being called from the advisory

committee from whence the decision being scrutinised has been determined and to be chosen according to political proportionality rules.

The membership of Committee can be found at Appendix H - Membership of Cabinet, Committees etc.