

PART 5 - SCRUTINY FUNCTION

(Please also refer to Appendix C - Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules)

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 discharge the functions conferred by Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000; 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, and 9 other elected Members, that follow the political proportionality of the Council. No Members of the Committee may be members of the Cabinet, their deputies or members of any of the Cabinet Advisory Committees. The membership of the Committee can be found at Appendix H - Membership of Council Committees, Cabinet and Advisory Committees.