

Part A2, 6 – The Committees

6.3. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- 6.3.1. There shall be an Overview & Scrutiny Committee of the Council consisting of thirteen (13) Members who are not on the Executive plus up to two (2) non-Members co-opted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.
- 6.3.2. The purpose of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee shall be: -
 - (a) To review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
 - (b) To make reports and/or recommendations to the Full Council and/or the Executive in connection with the discharge of any functions;
 - (c) To consider any matter affecting the Council, the Borough or Local Residents;
 - (d) To act as the Council's Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of Section 19, Police and Justice Act 2006; and
 - (e) To exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive.
- 6.3.3. Part B of this Constitution shall set out a more detailed specification of the functions of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 6.3.4. The Members on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee shall elect one of their number to chair that Committee and another to act as vice-Chair, with preference in the election process to chair that Committee being given to Members from the largest non-Administration Political Group on the Council
- 6.3.5. The role and powers of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee are not affected by whether or not a decision relates to a matter within the Administration's Programme.
- 6.3.6. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee must report annually to the Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

Part B4, 1 – Councils Supporting Governance Arrangements

1.1. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1.1.1. Policy Development and Review Functions:

- (a) To assist the Council and the Executive in the development of its Budget and Policy Framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- (b) To hold enquiries, conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (c) To consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- (d) To question Members on the Executive and/or Committee Chairmen and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area;
- (e) To liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

1.1.2. Scrutiny Functions:

- (a) review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Executive and/or committees and council officers both 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 executive and/or committees and chief officers about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with
- (d) plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
- (e) make recommendations to the executive and/or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- (f) review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the committee and local people about their activities and performance;