

## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL FUNCTION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

The functions conferred by Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 or regulations under Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000 will be discharged by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission

**Membership:** 13 Members

### **Functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission**

- (1) The performance operation of all overview and scrutiny functions on behalf of the Council.
- (2) The appointment of task-orientated, time-limited scrutiny panels, with membership that reflects the political balance of the Council, and the setting of such terms of reference and duration as it considers appropriate to fulfil those functions by carrying out overview and scrutiny on functional matters or cross-cutting themes or with an area focus.
- (3) To receive requests from the Cabinet for scrutiny involvement in policy review and development and decide how to respond.
- (4) To monitor the Cabinet's Forward Plan and, where appropriate, comment on proposals prior to the Cabinet taking a decision.
- (5) To receive all appropriate budget monitoring information particularly in relation to the transformation plan including measures.
- (6) To approve and co-ordinate an annual overview and scrutiny work programme, noting the programme of any scrutiny panels it appoints so as to ensure that the Overview and Scrutiny

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Commission's and scrutiny panels' time is effectively and efficiently utilised.

- (7) To ensure community and voluntary sector organisations, users of services and others are appropriately involved in giving evidence to relevant scrutiny panels.
- (8) To review the annual Transformation Plan and to scrutinise the implementation of current and previously completed reviews.
- (9) To review the implementation of other completed scrutiny reviews.
- (10) Where appropriate, to review any other issue affecting the Borough but for which the Council is not directly responsible.
- (11) To discuss any local government matter or local crime and disorder matter referred to the Commission by a Councillor, to review or scrutinise such a matter and, where appropriate, make reports or recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet.
- (12) To discuss any item relevant to the functions of the Commission referred to the Commission by a Member of the Commission, to review or scrutinise such a matter and, where appropriate, make reports or recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet.
- (13) To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions and, where appropriate, make reports or recommendations thereon.

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- (14) Ensuring effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and policies.
- (15) To consider any petition before its consideration by the appropriate decision-maker.
- (16) To consider a petition referred to the Commission before its consideration by the appropriate decision-maker.

Scrutiny Procedure Rule 8 sets out the process to be followed in respect of functions (10), (11), (12) and (13) above.

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