

Article 6 - Scrutiny

Scrutiny is a statutory role fulfilled by all Councillors who are not Members of the Cabinet.

The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is to help develop policy, to carry out reviews of Council and other local services and to hold Cabinet Members to account for their actions and decisions.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees can look at areas of policy or performance and make recommendations to the Cabinet or the Council Meeting. They can look at proposed decisions and call-in a decision of Cabinet for review before it is carried out.

2.6.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees

2.6.1.1 The Council establishes the scrutiny arrangements. It has decided that the Council will have one Overview and Scrutiny Committee which will have responsibility for all overview and scrutiny functions on behalf of the Council. The Council decides the number and remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and how many Councillors shall be members of the each Committee.

~~2.6.1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee coordinates the work of the themed scrutiny committees, oversees the scrutiny function and carries out some scrutiny activities. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is also responsible for liaison with the Leader and the Cabinet.~~

2.6.1.3 The functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee ~~and the scrutiny committees are~~ set out in Part 3 section 5 and Part 7 and the Scrutiny Rules they operate under are set out in Part 4 section 5.

2.6.1.4 The public can be involved in the Scrutiny process and help shape and inform decision making and policy.