

# Section 5 - Scrutiny functions

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The council is required to appoint one or more scrutiny committee. This section details those arrangements.

## 3.4.1 Scrutiny functions

3.4.2 The committees have the power:

- (a) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
- (b) to make reports or recommendations to the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the executive,
- (c) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,
- (d) to make reports or recommendations to council with respect to the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive,
- (e) to make reports or recommendations to council or the cabinet on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area
- (f) 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 to make reports or recommendations to the council with respect to the discharge of those functions. In this regard crime and disorder functions means:
  - (i) a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
  - (ii) a strategy for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area; and
  - (iii) a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area
- (g) to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area and make reports and recommendations to a responsible person on any matter it has reviewed or scrutinised or to be consulted by a relevant NHS body or health service provider in accordance with the Regulations (2013/218) as amended. In this regard health service includes services designed to secure improvement —
  - (i) in the physical and mental health of the people of England, and
  - (ii) in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of physical and mental illness
  - (iii) And any services provided in pursuance of arrangements under section 75 in relation to the exercise of health-related functions of a local authority.
- (h) to review and scrutinise the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management functions or coastal erosion risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area.

### 3.4.3 Scrutiny rules

3.4.4 When the scrutiny committees are exercising scrutiny functions the scrutiny rules in part 4 section 5 must be followed.

### 3.4.5 Scrutiny committee remits

Committee	Scrutiny of:
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review and scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council’s functions.</li> <li>• To review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and all particular service areas.</li> <li>• To set up, appoint and monitor Overview Project Groups (set up to carry out reviews of policies, services or the impact of decisions).</li> <li>• To make recommendations to the Cabinet and/or appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the Scrutiny process.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Oversight of the provision, planning and management of the assets and audit arrangements.</li> <li>• Oversight of the Council’s corporate plans and strategies and the monitoring of the corporate plan and departmental plans.</li> <li>• To scrutinise outside bodies and partners relevant to the Council.</li> <li>• To receive all reports from external inspectors.</li> </ul> <p>As well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget and policy framework matters</li> <li>• Statutory flood risk management scrutiny powers</li> <li>• Statutory community safety and policing scrutiny powers</li> <li>• Services within the business and regeneration directorate</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services within the corporate core/Corporate performance</li> </ul>
Health Scrutiny committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult social care (including adult safeguarding)</li> <li>• Health and wellbeing board</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Public health</li> <li>• Adults and Communities budget and policy framework</li> <li>• Statutory health scrutiny powers including the review and scrutiny of any matter relating to the planning provision and operation of health services for children and young people, including transitional health care services, affecting the area and to make reports and recommendations on these matters</li> </ul>
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	<p>To review the policies and performance of the Council and external organisations in relation to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education and Schools</li> <li>- Children and Young People Support and Safeguarding Services</li> <li>- Children and Young People Specialist Services</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To scrutinise individual Cabinet decisions relating to the above areas.</li> <li>• To monitor the Council's performance in the above areas.</li> </ul> <p>To scrutinise statutory inspection reports and oversee the implementation of any recommendations arising from such reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transitional arrangements between children and adult services</li> <li>• Statutory education scrutiny powers</li> </ul>