

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

ONE COUNCIL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

- The committee is comprised of 8 councillors
- None of the members shall be members of the Executive.

Terms of reference

The One Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall perform the following functions. These functions are subject to the limitations set out below.

1. To scrutinise the decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any of the authority's Executive functions.
2. To scrutinise the performance of the Executive, both in relation to individual decisions and over a period of time.
3. To review and scrutinise the decisions and performance of the Council.
4. To review the decisions and performance of the Executive and other parts of the Council and to make reports and/or recommendations to the Council in connection with the discharge of Council functions and to the Executive in connection with the discharge of Executive functions, or to their respective committees or sub-committees as the case may be.
5. To make reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or the Executive or their committees or sub-committees on matters which affect the Council's area or the inhabitants of that area.
6. To scrutinise the development and the implementation of the Council's 'One Council' agenda, and review the outcomes.
7. To assist the Council and the Executive in the development of the authority's Policy Framework by in depth analysis of policy issues.
8. To consider any matter appearing in the Forward Plan or on any current or forthcoming agenda of the Executive and to call before the committee a member of the Executive or any Service Area or Corporate Director to provide a briefing on any matter appearing in the Forward Plan or on any current or forthcoming agenda of the Executive.
9. To establish task groups.
10. To conduct research and community and other consultation, in the analysis of policy issues and possible options and consider and recommend mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options.
11. To monitor property and asset acquisition and disposal and the procurement and letting of contracts

12. To consider matters relating to the operation of the overview and scrutiny functions and matters relating to the role of members generally.
13. To consider reports or outcomes of inspections by internal or external inspectors or auditors relating to the performance of the council.
14. To consider any corporate or cross cutting issues relating to Human Resources and staffing issues.
15. To consider appeals on petitions as set out in the council's petitions scheme except those in relation to children and young people's issues.
16. To consider any matters referred to the One Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee under section 21A of the Local Government Act 2000 (Councillor Call for Actions) which relate to the functions of this committee.
17. To develop and implement its work programme.
18. To produce and publish together with the other overview & scrutiny committees an annual report on its workings.
19. To perform any other functions allocated to One Council Overview and Scrutiny Committees by any Act of Parliament falling within its terms of reference.

Limitations

- (a) The One Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee will not normally, and not without special reason, scrutinise decisions made in respect of matters concerning individual applications for consent, permission, approval or grants, particularly individual decisions on planning, licensing, registration, etc.
- (b) The One Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee may only consider matters relating to school education in so far as is necessary to enable it to properly consider an issue or matter relating to some other function or functions of the Council, including the overall direction and/or performance of the Council.