

# Annex to Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Terms of Reference

- (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 Cabinet
- (b) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the Cabinet with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Cabinet
- (c) to deal with all call-in matters arising under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15 and Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rule 6.
- (d) to deal with all overview and scrutiny policy matters contained within the constitution, having specific regard for (i) developing new approaches to policy and making appropriate recommendations to assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of its policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues, and (ii) for budget development, budget review and spending performance issues and in order to assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of its budget framework;
- (e) within the constraints of officer time and budgets, conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (f) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- (g) 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;
- (h) to make reports or recommendation to the authority or the Cabinet on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of the area.
- (i) to review external partnership working and the performance of external service providers.
- (j) to undertake Best Value, Value for Money and other reviews, and review action plans arising from them, including progress on their implementation .
- (k) 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 Cabinet.
- (l) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the Cabinet with respect to the discharge of any functions which are not the responsibility of the Cabinet.
- (m) to scrutinise the work of the crime and disorder partnership and the partners who comprise it, insofar as their activities relate to the partnership itself.

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