

ANNEX 8 – SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Council appoints the following Scrutiny Committees to exercise its functions for overview and scrutiny.

1. **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Composition 10 members of the Council not being Executive Members comprising a Chairman appointed by the Administration, Vice-chairmen one appointed by each Opposition Group, and 7 other members.

When the Committee is dealing with Education matters the Committee shall also include 4 Parent Governors and 2 Church representatives as required by law who shall only be able to vote on education matters.

Remit

- (1) To act as the County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for all purposes except health scrutiny.
- (2) To act as the Council's crime and disorder committee for the purposes of the Police and Justice Act 2006; and to ensure that scrutiny of crime and disorder issues is carried out at least once in every twelve month period.
- (3) To determine an annual work programme for scrutiny, keeping flexibility to deal with urgent issues.
- (4) To appoint time limited, task and finish Topic Groups to undertake detailed scrutiny work and make recommendations to the Executive; and to establish one-off scrutiny hearings where that is appropriate.
- (5) To appoint and manage a pool of Topic Group Chairmen and to ensure those members are trained. The pool will be open to all Council members except Cabinet members and Deputy Executive Members, and to the 4 parent governor and 2 church representatives.
- (6) To have a reserve power to scrutinise issues itself, when urgent or required by law.
- (7) To establish a system to monitor the quality of Topic Group work and the implementation and impact of recommendations.

2. **Health Scrutiny Committee**

Composition: 10 members of the Council and 10 District Councillors (voting) (each District being able to nominate one of its members).

Remit

- (1) To scrutinise the planning, provision and operation of all Health Services affecting residents of the county.
- (2) To be the statutory consultee in relation to proposals by local NHS

bodies for substantial development of the health service.

- (3) To scrutinise Health items which are not the subject of statutory consultations.
- (4) To scrutinise the Council's public health functions under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended) and any other relevant legislation.
- (5) To scrutinise the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board established under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- (6) To report to the County Council on the implementation of the Committee's work programme.
- (7) To appoint time limited, task and finish Topic Groups to undertake detailed scrutiny work; and to establish one-off scrutiny hearings where that is appropriate.

The Health Scrutiny Committee will also establish joint county/district council thematic or locality based topic groups, with the latter in particular being jointly resourced by District Councils as appropriate.