

2. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

2.1 The Council will appoint an Overview and Scrutiny Commission, to discharge the functions conferred by Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and regulations made thereunder.

2.2 Terms of Reference

The Overview and Scrutiny Commission shall:

- (i) Develop a four-year strategic work programme aligned to the Council Plan following input from scrutiny members, the Executive, Corporate Management Team, partners and the public, ensuring that it is flexible enough to accommodate urgent short-term issues.
- (ii) Co-ordinate the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Panels to make the best use of available resources which will include allocating topics to Panels and agreeing the scope of activity.
- (iii) Commission Panels to undertake deep dive reviews and support focussed policy development, chaired by the relevant chairman or vice-chairman. Their size and duration will be dependent on the activity.
- (iv) Receive findings and recommendations from Panel chairmen in respect of their Panel's scrutiny activity, for consideration and referral to the Executive or other decision-maker as appropriate.
- (v) Prioritise scrutiny activity to ensure that the overview and scrutiny function concentrates on the delivery of work of genuine value and relevant to the work of the Council.
- (vi) Discharge the Council's crime and disorder responsibilities.
- (vii) Discharge strategic health responsibilities.
- (viii) Manage call-in.
- (ix) Review the policy framework.
- (x) Scrutinise the budget proposals.
- (xi) Hold the Executive to account for performance within the Corporate Performance Overview Report (CPOR).