

ARTICLE 6 – THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6.1 Functions

The Council will appoint an Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to discharge the functions conferred by Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 or by Regulations made under Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000.

6.2 General role

Within its Terms of Reference, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will:

- (a) review and/or scrutinise decisions made, or actions taken, in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
- (b) make reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or the Executive Committee in connection with the discharge of any functions;
- (c) consider any matter affecting the Borough or its inhabitants; and
- (d) exercise the right to call-in for reconsideration of decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive Committee.

6.3 Specific functions

- (a) Policy Development and Review

To include:

- (i) in depth analysis of policy issues;
- (ii) research within the community to consider possible options;
- (iii) enhancement of community participation; and
- (iv) liaison with Councillors, Officers and external organisations operating in the area.

- (b) Scrutiny

To include:

- (i) monitoring and review of decisions;
- (ii) review and scrutiny of the performance of the Council;
- (iii) making recommendations to the Executive Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process; and
- (iv) reviewing and scrutinising the performance of other public bodies in the area.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

6.4 Finance

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to it.

6.5 Annual Reports

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to the Council on its workings and provide details of future work programmes.

6.6 Proceedings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will conduct its proceedings in accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.