

## Article 7 - Overview and Scrutiny

### 1. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

- 1.1 The Council shall appoint one or more Overview and Scrutiny Committees to carry out the following functions:
- (a) Local authority functions under Section 9F to Section 9FI of the Local Government Act 2000;
  - (b) Scrutiny of crime and disorder matters under Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006;
  - (c) Scrutiny of health matters under Section 244 (2ZE) of the National Health Service Act 2006 and subsequent regulations; and
  - (d) Scrutiny of flood risk management under Section 9FH of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Flood Risk Management Act 2010.
- 1.2 The Council has established the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees:
- (a) Children & Education Scrutiny Committee;
  - (b) Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee;
  - (c) Health Scrutiny Committee;
  - (d) Growth, Environment & Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 The Council shall designate particular Scrutiny Committees to have responsibility for overview and scrutiny of matters relating to health, education, crime and disorder and flood risk management.

### 2. SUMMARY OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FUNCTIONS

- 2.1 Within their terms of reference set out in Part 3 Section 4 of the Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:
- (a) ***Develop policy proposals for consideration by the Executive and make recommendations to the Executive on certain executive decisions;***
  - (b) Review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with any of the Council's functions;
  - (c) Make reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or full Council and/or any Committee in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
  - (d) Consider any matters affecting the area of Peterborough or its inhabitants and make reports and recommendations; and
  - (e) Call in decisions of the Executive in accordance with the Call-In procedures in the Scrutiny Committee Procedural Rules.
- 2.2 ***In addition to its role in holding the Executive and partners to account, the role of scrutiny is to provide a positive input into decision-making at an early stage; both at the policy development stage and prior to decision making. It has a strong, objective and distinct voice and is a mechanism for bringing a wide range of voices, views, ideas and expertise. As members of an elected body, it will ensure it adds value and transparency at all times.***

**3. STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER**

The Council has designated the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Services as its Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

**4. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

Scrutiny Committees will carry out their functions in accordance with their Terms of Reference and Procedure Rules as set out in Part 3 and Part 4 of this Constitution.