

Article 7 - Overview and Scrutiny

1. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

1.1 The Council will 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 and Education Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee;
- (c) Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee;
- (d) Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

1.3 The Council will 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 forward a wide range of voices, views, ideas and expertise. Comprising 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 Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager 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.

Part 2, Article 14 - Suspending, Understanding and Publishing the Constitution

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