

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES: TERMS OF REFERENCE

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES - INTRODUCTION

Each Scrutiny Committee will perform the role as out in Article 6 in relation to the functions set out in its terms of reference.

Scrutiny Committees may:-

- i. review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Cabinet , Committees and Council officers both in relation to individual decisions and over time.
- ii. review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas.
- iii. question members of the Cabinet, committees and Directors about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects.
- iv. make recommendations to the Cabinet, committees and the Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.
- v. review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance; and
- vi. question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).

Finance: Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them.

Annual report: Scrutiny Committees may report annually to full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

Work programme: Scrutiny Committees may determine and exercise overall responsibility for their work programme.

The Scrutiny Committees which have currently been established by the Council in accordance with Article 6 of the Constitution are:

- Arts, Leisure and the Environment
- Education and Life Long Learning
- Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities
- Highways and Transportation

- Housing
- Social Services and Personal Health
- Strategic Planning and Regeneration

SCRUTINY ROLE: BEST VALUE

Each Scrutiny Committee will perform its role as set out in Article 6 in respect of the Best Value functions of the authority in relation to the functions set out in its terms of reference.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND LIFE LONG LEARNING

Terms of Reference

1. All The education functions for which the Council is responsible under the Education Acts 1994 to 1998 and other associated and ancillary legislation.
2. Education and Libraries and Information Strategy and major initiatives within education and library services.
3. Services and facilities to ensure the opportunity for Lifelong Learning for all citizens of the city.
4. Community development and social inclusion by way of capacity building and other appropriate means.
5. Implementation of all new legislation relating to those terms of reference.
6. Appointments to schools and colleges governing bodies.
7. Libraries and associated information services, through their management, operation and development.