

- (iv) question members of Cabinet and Senior Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and
 - (v) liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.
- (b) **Scrutiny.** Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:
- (i) call-in and scrutinise the key decisions made by, and performance of, the Cabinet and Officers both in relation to individual decisions and decisions made over a period of time;
 - (ii) review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and particular service areas;
 - (iii) question members of the Cabinet and Senior Officers about such decisions;
 - (iv) make recommendations to Cabinet and 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 an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance; and
 - (vi) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).
- (vii) review the Statement of Internal Control and consider it separately from the accounts.**
- (viii) review and scrutinise the Council’s audit activities.**
- (c) **Annual report.** Overview and Scrutiny Committees must report annually to full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

6.04 Proceedings of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

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

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