

## Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements

### 6.1 Terms of Reference

The Council will appoint the following Committees set out in Part 3A of the Constitution to discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) or regulations under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) and under the Health and Social Care Act 2001. The terms of reference for the Committees are set within the context of the Council Plan, its Notice of Key Decisions and the overarching partnership framework.

Neither the Chair of the Council nor members of the Executive or Executive Support Members may be members of a Scrutiny Committee.

### ~~6.2 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board~~

~~Comprising 26 Members of the Council including the Chair's and Vice Chair's of the other 5 Scrutiny Committees, this Committee will:~~

- ~~i. Oversee and co-ordinate the work of Overview and Scrutiny and its committees.~~
- ~~ii. Ensure effective liaison across the work of the committees re: cross-cutting issues.~~
- ~~iii. Be a strategic driver of the Overview and Scrutiny function.~~
- ~~iv. Consider as appropriate scrutiny member involvement in regional scrutiny arrangements within the context of any regional strategies.~~
- ~~v. Establish appropriate liaison with the Executive in the interests of achieving common aims and continuous improvement for the Council.~~
- ~~vi. Encourage appropriate community involvement in the Overview and Scrutiny role.~~
- ~~vii. Consider the Council Plan and Notice of Key Decisions and to monitor performance against these plans.~~
- ~~viii. Deal with petitions in accordance with the Council's Protocol for petitions.~~
- ~~ix. Consider the Council's annual budget.~~

- ~~x. Assist the Executive in the development of the Council's annual budget and to review and scrutinise budgetary management.~~
- ~~xi. Assist the Executive in ensuring the provision of efficient and effective corporate management and support arrangements.~~
- ~~xii. Assist the Executive in the development of asset management.~~
- ~~xiii. Scrutinise delivery of the County Durham Vision 2035 and Council Plan ambition of an excellent council and associated objectives of:
  - ~~i. Our resources will be managed effectively.~~
  - ~~ii. We will create a workforce for the future.~~
  - ~~iii. We will design our services with service users.~~
  - ~~iv. We will use data and technology more effectively.~~
  - ~~v. We will actively performance manage our services.~~
  - ~~vi. Fewer people will be affected by poverty and deprivation in the County.~~~~
- ~~vii. The Chair and Vice-Chair of this main scrutiny committee, shall be additional members of all other Scrutiny Committees.~~
- ~~viii. In the event of any educational related matter being subject to call-in, the 7 voting faith and parent governor representatives shall be invited to attend the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that considers that call-in.~~

### ~~6.3 Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee~~

~~Comprised of 21 Members of the Council including the Chair or Vice Chair of Corporate Parenting Panel plus 7 voting faith and parent governor representatives and up to 2 non-voting co-optees, including young people, the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise delivery of the County Durham Vision 2035 ambitions of More and Better Jobs, People Live Long and Independent Lives and Connected Communities in relation to Children and Young People and Council Plan objectives of:~~

- ~~i. Young people will have access good quality education, training and employment.~~
- ~~ii. Children and young people will enjoy the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing.~~
- ~~iii. Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities will achieve the best possible outcomes.~~
- ~~iv. All children and young people will have a safe childhood.~~

#### **6.4 Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

~~This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee for the purposes of Part 3 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.~~

~~Comprised of 21 Members of the Council with up to 2 non-voting co-optees, plus co-opted employees or officers of a responsible authority or of a co-opting person or body, in accordance with Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009. The Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise delivery of the County Durham Vision ambitions of People Live Long and Independent Lives and Connected Communities in relation to safer and stronger communities and Council Plan objectives of:~~

- ~~i. Promotion of positive behaviours.~~
- ~~ii. Our villages and villages will be vibrant, well used, clean, attractive and safe. Communities will come together to accept and support each other.~~

#### **6.5 Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

~~Comprised of 21 Members of the Council and up to 2 non-voting co-optees, The Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise delivery of the County Durham Vision 2035 ambitions of People Live Long and Independent Lives and Connected Communities in relation to the Environment and sustainable communities and Council Plan objectives of:~~

- ~~i. A physical environment that will contribute to good health.~~
- ~~ii. Our towns and villages will be vibrant, well used, clean, attractive and safe.~~
- ~~iii. People will have good access to workplaces, services, retail and leisure opportunities.~~

#### **6.6 Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

~~Comprised of 21 Members of the Council and up to 2 non-voting co-optees, the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise delivery of the County Durham Vision 2035 ambitions of More and Better Jobs and Connected Communities and Council Plan objectives of:~~

- ~~i. Delivery of a range of employment sites across the county.~~
- ~~ii. A strong, competitive economy and County Durham will be a premier place in the North East to do business.~~
- ~~iii. A broader experience for residents and visitors to the county.~~

- ~~iv. — People will have good access to workplaces, services, retail and leisure opportunities.~~
- ~~v. — Helping all people into rewarding work.~~
- ~~vi. — Standards will be maintained or improved across County Durham's Housing stock.~~
- ~~vii. — Delivery of new high quality housing which is accessible and meets the needs of our residents.~~

### ~~6.7 — Adults Well-Being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee~~

~~This Committee will be the Council's designated Health Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012.~~

~~Comprised of 21 Members of the Council plus up to 2 non-voting co-optees, the Adults, Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise delivery of the County Durham Vision 2035 ambitions of People live long and Independent Lives and Council Plan objectives in relation to Adults wellbeing and Health of:~~

- ~~viii. — Better integration of health and social care services.~~
- ~~ix. — People will be supported to live independently for as long as possible by delivering more homes to meet the needs of older and disabled people.~~
- ~~x. — Tackling the stigma and discrimination of poor mental health and building resilient communities.~~
- ~~xi. — Promotion of positive behaviours.~~
- ~~xii. — Lead on the review and scrutiny of NHS Services, Adults social care, Health inequalities and improvement and Public Health Service.~~

## 6.2 General role

Within their terms of reference, the Scrutiny Committees 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 full Council and / or the Executive in connection with the discharge of any functions;