

Statutory and Highly Recommended Areas for Scrutiny

A. Statutory requirements in relation to scrutiny:

There are a number of items which scrutiny either has A. a statutory duty to scrutinise, or B. that it is highly recommended to be retained within any future work programme.

Statutory Topics	Activity
Health Scrutiny	- previously the remit of the People Scrutiny Commission - often referred to as the Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) NEW as of May 2017	- Health bodies have a duty to consult Health Scrutiny Commissions on proposals to substantially vary or develop the health service. If the proposal affects more than one Local Authority area a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is legally required.
Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder	- This function was previously the remit of the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission.
Scrutiny of Flood Risk	- previously the remit of Place Scrutiny Commission
Education	- Scrutiny Commissions that cover Education are required to co-opt from governing bodies, which includes parent-governor and diocesan representation in respect of voluntary aided faith schools. (previously the remit of the People Scrutiny Commission)

B. Highly Recommended Areas for Scrutiny

It is highly recommended that regular scrutiny or a watching brief is maintained on a number of discretionary topics previously considered by Scrutiny Commissions:

Discretionary Topics	Possible Activity
Care and Support – Adults	- Scrutinise the Annual Safeguarding Adult’s Report
Care and Support - Children and Families	- Scrutinise the Annual Safeguarding Children's Report
Education and Skills	- Scrutinise Annual Education Performance – All Key Stages - Scrutinise The Learning City Board work programme
Health Scrutiny	- Scrutinise The Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme - Scrutinise Health Providers - Quality Account Reports
Corporate Strategy, Budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan	- Scrutinise and oversight of the Council’s financial governance processes and budgets. - Monitor and scrutinise the implementation of Budget proposals
Corporate Risk Register	- Scrutinise and investigate underlying causes of serious risks and oversight of mitigation implementation
Performance	- Negotiate and agree KPIs with Mayor and Executive to monitor and scrutinise performance of MTFP, Corporate Strategy and Executive priorities
Previous Scrutiny Reports/Recommendations	- Monitor progress/outcomes of Scrutiny activity e.g. School Admissions, Libraries
Companies	- Monitor and scrutinise shareholder group decisions, annual business plans, governance
Issues of public interest/ concern/ relevance/ impact	- Monitor and scrutinise Arena, Metrobus, Temple Meads, JSP, Clean Air Action Plan, Health and Social Care integration
Mayor’s Forward Plan	- Monitor and scrutinise impending key decisions