

### TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES

Each committee has delegated authority to undertake all responsibilities and actions falling within its terms of reference.

#### COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE:

##### A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

#### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

##### Terms of Reference

##### Functions

In accordance with legislation (Local Government Act 2000, Health and Social Care Act 2001, NHS Act 2006, Police and Justice Act 2006, Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Localism Act 2011, Health and Social Care Act 2012) the Board will meet six times a year to discharge the Council's overview and scrutiny function, including but not limited to the following:

##### General

1. Overview and scrutiny of strategic priorities and policy, including the Council's policy framework and review of their impact on service delivery and outcomes for people in Bristol.
2. Work with, inform and hold the Mayor/Executive to account in relation to the development, implementation and review of strategic priorities and policy.
3. Review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive, and functions which are the responsibility of any other bodies the Council is authorised to scrutinise.
4. Make reports and recommendations to Full Council, the Mayor/Executive and/or any 'Other Body' on matters within their remit and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.
5. Develop the external focus of overview and scrutiny on 'city-wide issues' (and where appropriate sub regional, regional and national issues), in particular through collaborative work with local partner authorities, providers, stakeholders and members of the public.

6. Working with Joint Scrutiny Committees, namely West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Joint Health Committee and Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee, to scrutinise the work and effectiveness of partners, where the powers of scrutiny allow, and other local strategic partnerships such as the Local Enterprise Partnership.
7. Scrutinise governance arrangements at strategic and local level (e.g. Area Committees) to ensure these are fit for purpose and deliver good decision making, accountability, transparency and involvement.
8. To consider organisational performance (ICT, legal, financial and HR services) and commission performance reviews through the relevant Scrutiny Commissions.
9. To develop a budget review process and ensure that budget proposals are subject to rigorous challenge (likely to be allocated to the MTFP/Budget Scrutiny Task Group).

### **Management Function**

10. To manage, develop and champion the overview and scrutiny function of the Council:
  - (a) As a vehicle to provide constructive challenge, public accountability and improved outcomes for people in Bristol.
  - (b) As a forum to consider evidence and different views and opinions and respond to public priorities.
  - (c) To promote confidence and greater involvement in local democracy.
  - (d) To set the overall scrutiny work programme, oversee the work programme of each of the Commissions and ensure the effective co-ordination of those programmes within the resource envelope available (to include commission meetings, select committees, sub-committees, working groups and any other forms of scrutiny that may be established by virtue of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules).
  - (e) To consider requests for scrutiny reviews under the Councillor Call for Action process.
  - (f) To review and evaluate the effectiveness of the overview and scrutiny function and make recommendations to Full Council and propose any changes to the Constitution as necessary.

## **B RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

### **Terms of reference - Overview**

The role of the Commission is the overview and scrutiny in respect of the implementation of policies, decisions, performance and actions relating to the Resources Directorate with functions that include Legal, Finance, HR, ICT, Policy & Strategy, Procurement, Revenue and Benefits and Commercialisation.

1. To ensure that overview and scrutiny directly responds to corporate and public priorities, is used to drive service improvement, provides a focus for policy development and engages members of the public, key stakeholders and partner agencies.
2. To action the annual work programme set by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board using the following framework:
3. Scrutiny of corporate plans and other major plan priorities within its remit with particular reference to those areas where targets are not being met or progress is slow;
4. Input to significant policy developments or service reviews;
5. Review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, functions which are not the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, and functions which are the responsibility of any other bodies the Council is authorised to scrutinise.
6. To make reports and recommendations to Full Council, the Mayor/Executive and/or any other body on matters within their remit and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area and to monitor the response, implementation and impact of recommendations.
7. To work in collaboration with the Mayor/relevant Executive Member and receive updates from that member on key policy developments, decisions taken or to be taken and progress against corporate priorities.
8. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on progress against the work programme and on any recommendations it makes.
9. To develop a budget review process and ensure that budget proposals are subject to rigorous challenge.

## **C PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

### **Terms of reference - Overview**

The role of the commission is the overview and scrutiny of matters relating to the Adults, Children and Education Directorate, including:

Adults: Front Door/ Hospital Social Care teams, Maximising Independence, Safeguarding/ Deprivation of Liberty, Approved Mental Health Act Service, Strategic Commissioning/ Contracts & Quality, Early Intervention/ Targeted support, and Intermediate Care, Reablement and Regulated Services.

Childrens: Early Help, Targeted Support, Safeguarding including Child Protection Social Work Services and Permanency and Specialist Services for children in care, care leavers and disabled children and their families.

Education: HOPE Virtual School, Early Years, School Partnerships, Specialist Education and Access, and Employment, Learning & Skills.

Public Health and the Statutory Health Overview and Scrutiny Function

### **Functions**

1. To ensure that overview and scrutiny directly responds to corporate and public priorities, is used to drive service improvement, provides a focus for policy development and engages members of the public, key stakeholders and partner agencies.
2. To action the Annual Work Programme set by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board using the following framework:
  - (a) Scrutiny of corporate plans and other major plan priorities within its remit, with particular reference to those areas where targets are not being met or progress is slow;
  - (b) Input to significant policy developments or service reviews;
  - (c) Review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive, and functions which are the responsibility of any other bodies the Council is authorised to scrutinise.
3. To make reports and recommendations to Full Council, the Mayor/Executive and/or any other body on matters within their remit and on matters which

affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area and to monitor the response, implementation and impact of recommendations.

4. To work in collaboration with the Mayor/relevant Executive Member and receive updates from that member on key policy developments, decisions taken or to be taken and progress against corporate priorities.
5. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on progress against the work programme and on any recommendations it makes.

## **D GROWTH AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

### **Terms of Reference - Overview**

The role of the commission is the overview and scrutiny of matters relating to the Growth and Regeneration Directorate including;

Planning; Strategic City Planning, Development Management, City Design, City Innovation and Sustainability;

City Growth, Investment and Infrastructure; Housing Delivery, Economic development, Programme and Project Management (including Temple Quarter, the Arena, Colston Hall, Education Capital, Capital Infrastructure, Regeneration, Housing and Transport Programmes / Projects, including the Avonmouth and Severnside Enterprise Area, Housing Deal and Housing Infrastructure Fund), Culture, Property Asset Strategy, Property Management and Property Development and Energy.

Transport; Strategic City Transport, Local and Sustainable Transport and Traffic and Highway Maintenance including the statutory flood risk management scrutiny function.

### **Functions**

1. To ensure that overview and scrutiny directly responds to corporate and public priorities, is used to drive service improvement, provides a focus for policy development and engages members of the public, key stakeholders and partner agencies.
2. To action the Annual Work Programme set by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board using the following framework:
  - (a) Scrutiny of corporate plans and other major plan priorities within its remit, with particular reference to those areas where targets are not being met or progress is slow;
  - (b) Input to significant policy developments or service reviews;
  - (c) Review and scrutiny of decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive, and functions which are the responsibility of any other bodies the Council is authorised to scrutinise.
3. To make reports and recommendations to Full Council, the Mayor/Executive and/or any other body on matters within their remit and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area and to monitor the

response, implementation and impact of recommendations.

4. To work in collaboration with the Mayor/relevant Executive Member and receive updates from that member on key policy developments, decisions taken or to be taken and progress against corporate priorities.
5. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on progress against the work programme and on any recommendations it makes.

## **E COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

### **Terms of reference - Overview**

The role of the Commission is the overview and scrutiny of matters relating to the Communities Directorate including; Customer Services, Housing & Landlord Services (including housing options, private sector housing, and estate management) Crime and Disorder (including the Statutory Scrutiny Function), recycling, waste and environmental issues, neighbourhoods, sport, leisure and physical activity and Area Committees.

### **Functions**

1. To ensure that overview and scrutiny directly responds to corporate and public priorities, is used to drive service improvement, provides a focus for policy development and engages members of the public, key stakeholders and partner agencies.
2. To action the Annual Work Programme set by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board using the following framework:
  - (a) Scrutiny of corporate plans and other major plan priorities within its remit, with particular reference to those areas where targets are not being met or progress is slow;
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3. To make reports and recommendations to Full Council, the Mayor/Executive and/or any other body on matters within their remit and on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area and to monitor the response, implementation and impact of recommendations.
4. To work in collaboration with the Mayor/relevant Executive Member and receive updates from that Member on key policy developments, decisions taken or to be taken and progress against corporate priorities.
5. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on progress against the work programme and on any recommendations it makes.



## **F JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Functions**

1. Where more than one local authority is consulted by a local NHS body in respect of any proposal, which it has under consideration for the substantial development of the health service or the substantial variation of such service, to review and scrutinise such proposal jointly with any other local authority so consulted.
2. Where a matter is referred to it by Healthwatch to consider whether to exercise any powers in relation to the matter, taking into account information supplied by Healthwatch.
3. Where more than one local authority has an interest in the planning, provision and operation of health services which cross geographical boundaries, to review and scrutinise any such matters jointly with any such other local authority.
4. To require the local NHS body to provide information about the proposal under consideration and where appropriate to require the attendance of a representative of the NHS body to answer such questions as appear to it to be necessary for the discharge of its function in connection with the consultation.
5. To prepare a report to the health body and the participating local authorities, setting out any comments and recommendations on any matter reviewed or scrutinised.
6. To report to the Secretary of State in writing where it is not satisfied that consultation on any proposal referred to in paragraph (1) has been adequate in relation to the content or time allowed.
7. To report to the Secretary of State in writing in any case where it considers that the proposal referred to in paragraph 1 above would not be in the interests of the health service in the area of the Joint Committees participating local authorities.

## **G TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (“THE WECA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE”)**

The functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee primarily relate to scrutinising the work of the WECA and making appropriate recommendations as to the discharge of its function

The WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have the power to:-

- (i) Review or scrutinise decisions made or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the WECA;
- (ii) Make reports or recommendations to the WECA on matters that affect the WECA area or the inhabitants of the area;
- (iii) Make reports or recommendations to the WECA with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the WECA.
- (iv) In so far as the business of the Local Enterprise Partnership Business Board (LEP) relates to the discharge of functions of the WECA, the WECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have the power to scrutinise the LEP as set out in (i) – (iii) above.

Save for the provision in Section A – Standing Orders (Descriptions and Rules of Procedure), that can only apply to a meeting of the West of England Combined Authority, the rules of procedure will apply to meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny.

## **H JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENT**

Terms of Reference of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement comprising of the Constituent Councils of the West of England Combined Authority, the Mayor and North Somerset Council (“The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Arrangement”)

Joint Overview and Scrutiny shall have the power to:-

- (i) Review or scrutinise decisions made or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Joint Committee;
  
- (ii) Make reports or recommendations to the Joint Committee on matters that affect the Joint Committee area or the inhabitants of the area;
  
- (iii) Make reports or recommendations to the Joint Committee with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Joint Committee.

Save for the provision in Section A – Standing Orders (Descriptions and Rules of Procedure), that can only apply to a meeting of the West of England Combined Authority; the rules of procedure will apply to meetings of the Voluntary Joint Scrutiny Arrangement.