

Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees

6.01 Terms of reference

The Council will appoint the Overview and Scrutiny Committees set out in the left hand column of the table below to discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 in relation to the matters set out in the right hand column of the same table.

Committee	Scope
Corporate Resources 15 Elected Members	Corporate Management and Governance, organisational design/Flintshire Futures Programme, monitoring finance but not specific control issues which are within the remit of the Audit Committee, Revenue and Capital Budget monitoring, Asset Management, Strategy and Planning, People Strategy and Single Status, Strategic Assessment of Risks and Challenges, Overview and Coordination of the Performance Management, Performance and Policy development for all 4 Corporate Services: HR and OD, ICT and Customer Services, Finance, Legal & Democratic Services.
Community Profile & Partnerships 15 Elected (Statutory Crime & Disorder Committee)	Community Strategy and Leadership initiatives. All external and regional collaboration and partnership working with other public service bodies. Local Service Board. Community Safety Partnership. Statutory Crime & Disorder Committee, thus relationship with the Police, Fire, Probation etc, Voluntary Sector compact, Clwyd Theatre Cymru, Cross Cutting Policy issues, the Outcome Agreement, but excluding issues specifically remitted to another committee (eg. NWRWTP, TAITH or DCELLS)
Environment 15 Elected Members	All services provided by the Environment Directorate including: Assets & Transportation, including TAITH, highways, engineering and energy issues but not valuation/estates which are specifically remitted to the Corporate Resources OSC. Planning, including planning and environmental strategy, development control, minerals and waste planning, countryside and the environment. Public Protection, including community, health protection and environmental protection. Regeneration, including Communities First, economic development & tourism, enterprise and the Regeneration Partnership. Street Scene Services, including AD Waste, environmental and waste management, neighbourhood services and the vehicle fleet. Performance and Policy. Development within the Environment Directorate.

<p>Housing 15 Elected Members</p>	<p>All housing services provided by the relevant divisions of the Community Services Directorate eg. Housing Management, Housing Strategy, Stock Ballot progress and ongoing work relating to the future of the housing stock. Neighbourhood housing renewal areas. Performance and policy development for the Housing Service.</p>
<p>Lifelong Learning 15 Elected Members (5 Statutory Co-Opted Members)</p>	<p>All services provided by the Lifelong Learning Directorate: Education – school organisation, School Improvement, Early Years, Special Educational needs. Adult and Community Learning, Youth Services Libraries, Culture and Heritage including archives, records management and museums. Leisure Services, including leisure and sports centres, swimming pools and recreational facilities/activities. Relations with external education providers/partners – Deeside College, Glyndwr University etc on service specific issues. Relations with DCELLS, Children and Young People’s Partnership (jointly with S & HC O&S). Performance and policy development for services within the Lifelong Learning Directorate.</p>
<p>Social and Health Care 15 Elected Members</p>	<p>Services provided by the Community Services Directorate relating to: Social Services to Adults, Social Services to Children, Social & Health Care Strategy Development, Children and Young People’s Partnership (jointly with Lifelong Learning O&S). Monitoring service delivery by the Health Services Providers and Voluntary sector including the relationship with Betsi Cadwaladr UHB. Health Social Care and Well-being partnership and the Good Health Good Care Strategy. Policy and Performance development within the Social Care and Development and Resources Division of the Community Services Directorate.</p>

In addition to the above Overview & Scrutiny Committees, the following terms of reference relating to Overview & Scrutiny have been given by the Council to the Constitution Committee

Committee	Scope
<p>Constitution (as it relates to Overview & Scrutiny) 21 Elected Members</p>	<p>Allocating, co-ordinating and prioritising the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees where necessary. Dealing with matters of common interest to overview and scrutiny. Identification/allocation of appropriate Scrutiny Chair for consent/consultation purposes. The examination and development of good scrutiny practice. The promotion, effective development and maintenance of a high profile</p>

	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Function to ensure maximum opportunity for non-Cabinet member engagement. Liaison with and responding to the Welsh Assembly Government on emerging legislation relevant to O&S.</p>
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6.02 General role

Within their terms of reference, Overview and Scrutiny Committees will:

- i) Review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's or Cabinet's functions;
- ii) Make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council and/or the Cabinet; and/or any joint Committee.
- iii) Consider any matter affecting the Council area or its inhabitants; and
- iv) Exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Cabinet.

6.03 Specific functions

(a) **Policy development and review.** Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:

- i) assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- ii) conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- iii) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- iv) question members of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Chief 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) review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Cabinet and/or 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 and/or Committees and chief officers 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 and/or appropriate Committee and/or 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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance; and
 - vi) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).
- (c) **Finance.** Overview and Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them.
- (d) **Annual report.** Overview and Scrutiny Committees must report annually to full Council through the Constitution Committee on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.
- (e) **Officers.** Overview and Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the work programme of the officers employed to support their work.

6.04 **Proceedings of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

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

