

Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees

6.1 Appointment

The Council will annually constitute and appoint three Overview and Scrutiny Committees, comprising of fifteen councillors, to discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 or regulations under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000.

6.2 General Role

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

- (a) Review and / or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's functions;
- (b) 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 about their activities and performance;
- (c) Support joint work planning arrangements in developing an integrated scrutiny work programme;
- (d) Make reports and / or recommendations to the Council and / or the Cabinet in connection with any policy or the discharge of any functions;
- (e) Exercise the right to call in, for reconsideration decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive function of the Council;
- (f) Assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development and monitoring of the annual budget;
- (g) Review and scrutinise the Council's transformation governance and processes as well as monitoring the outcomes and benefits of the Transformation Programme;
- (h) Review and scrutinise the Council's partnership arrangements;
- (i) Review and scrutinise the Council's commissioning activities;
- (j) Review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and / or particular service areas; and
- (k) Have the authority to establish task & finish groups, standing panels and sub-committees as necessary to discharge the functions falling within the remit of the committee.

6.3 Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference

Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is aligned to one of the Wirral Plan themes of People, Business and Environment with responsibility for reviewing and / or scrutinising decisions made or actions taken in connection with the

pledges that make up the respective theme of the Wirral Plan. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is also responsible for scrutinising the strategies, policies, partnerships, transformation projects / programmes and supporting functions which operate in support of their Wirral Plan theme.

People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<p>Wirral Plan Pledges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older People Live well • Children are ready for school • Young people are ready for work and adulthood • Vulnerable children reach their full potential • Reduce child and family poverty • People with disabilities live independently • Zero tolerance to domestic violence
<p>Scope of the Committee</p>	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ageing well Strategy • Wirral's Strategy for Children, Young People and Families • Improving Life Chances Strategy • All Age Disability Strategy • Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse Strategy • Safeguarding Strategy • Schools Strategy • Health and Wellbeing Strategy <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older People • Health and Social Care • Mental Health (all age) • Learning Disabilities (all age) • Children's Care • Children's Services • Education • Safeguarding

	<p>To perform the Council's statutory responsibilities to undertake health scrutiny. The Committee will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Borough, including significant change to service provision and those jointly commissioned or delivered by the council. • Require the provision of information or the attendance of an officer of a local NHS body to answer questions and provide explanations about the planning, provision and operation of health services in the Borough. • Participate in cross-boundary overview and scrutiny of health services with other local authorities; including the establishment of joint committees; or the delegation of functions to another local authority, where appropriate. • Report to the Secretary of State for Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where the committee is concerned that consultation on substantial variation or development of services has been inadequate - Where the committee considers that the proposal is not in the interest of the local health service.
Cross-Cutting Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wirral residents live healthier lives pledge (link with Environment theme) • Community services are joined up and accessible pledge (link with Environment theme) • Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wirral Plan Pledges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater job opportunities in Wirral • Workforce skills match business needs • Increase inward investment • Thriving small businesses • Vibrant Tourism economy • Transport and technology fit for the future • Assets and buildings are fit for purpose
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<p>Scope of the Committee</p>	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wirral’s Growth Plan • Wirral Visitor Economy Plan • Wirral’s Transport Strategy • Wirral’s Digital Strategy • Wirral Asset Strategy <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth • Transport • Digital • Regulatory Services • Asset Management • Customer Services
<p>Cross-Cutting Themes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality Housing that meets the needs of residents pledge (Link with Environment theme) • Community services are joined up and accessible pledge (link with Environment theme) • Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<p>Wirral Plan Pledges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure and cultural opportunities for all • Wirral Residents live healthier lives • Community services are joined up and accessible • Good quality housing that meets the needs of residents • Wirral’s Neighbourhoods are safe • Attractive local environment for Wirral residents
<p>Scope of the Committee</p>	<p>To review and / or scrutinise any strategies and plans, and the delivery of these plans, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wirral’s Leisure Strategy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wirral's Culture Strategy • Wirral Residents Live Healthier Lives Strategy • Neighbourhood Strategy • Housing Strategy • Ensuring Wirral's Neighbourhoods are Safe • Managing Our Waste Strategy 2015 - 2020 • Loving Our Environment Strategy <p>To review and / or scrutinise the commissioning, management and performance of services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure • Community Services • Safer Neighbourhoods • Housing Services • Environment <p>To perform the Council's statutory responsibilities to undertake scrutiny in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The review and scrutiny of the flood and coastal erosion risk management functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. • The review and scrutiny of decisions made or action taken in connection with the discharge by the Responsible Authorities and Co-operating bodies of the Wirral Community Safety Partnership of their crime and disorder functions.
<p>Cross-Cutting Themes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrant tourism economy pledge (link with Business Theme) • Transport & Technology Infrastructure fit for the future (link to Business theme) • Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

Table 2 - Responsibility for Council Functions

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Proposed Amendment:

Committee	Membership	Functions	Onward Delegation of Functions
Overview and Scrutiny Committees	15 Members of the Authority	The statutory functions of a Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the terms of reference set out in Article 6.	