

SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT WORK: MAIN THEMES/GUIDE

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Committee. • To scrutinise the Executive by use of call-in for executive decisions made and to be made. • To review cross-cutting issues of the Council. • To be part of budget consultation. • Can report to Council and/or Cabinet and can refer items to the PDC. • On 21 days notice a member of the Committee can put any item on the agenda. • Can review Health providers (PCT etc) (Potentially moved to the Sub-Committee). • Co-optees possible and can call for evidence. • Can create time limited panels (with Council approval) to undertake reviews but not as an FSR. • The spirit of Scrutiny is now challenging existing decisions and services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio and Shadow Portfolio Member part of the Committee. • Does not act in a Scrutiny function. • Reviews current policy as a means of informing future policy and to assist in formulating strategy. • Reports of the PDC go to Cabinet and have to be considered within 6 weeks. Cabinet determines if the PDC report should go to Council. • Can consider and advise on any policy matter that affects the area or its inhabitants (can also set up Panels). • Will assist the Cabinet in the development of the budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues. • Will explore how participation and engagement with stakeholders and the community in the Policy process can be encouraged. • Can refer aspects of Policy Development to other PDC's for them to consider and also to Scrutiny. • PDC's can invite other organisations to be involved in the process (e.g. health/Police etc.).
<p><u>Performance and Partnership Scrutiny Sub-Committee</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same Chair and Vice-Chair as Scrutiny Committee. • Scrutinise Council performance – will receive quarterly performance reports (including budget performance). • Has delegated (specific) powers. • Reviews the performance of the LSP/Chase Community Partnership in relation to the LAA and the Sustainable Community Strategy. • County Council Co-optee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emphasis and intention is for the PDC to look at new/emerging policy needs and objectives. • Chair not to be a member of the Cabinet.

FSR	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only one per year.• A fundamental service review of a current or cross-cutting issue of a Council service/area.• Where possible review to be undertaken following the Council's VFM strategy and workbook.	
<p style="text-align: center;">Please refer to the Constitution for details and/or speak to the Director of Corporate Governance</p>	

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