

Article 8 – Improvement and Scrutiny Committees

8.1 Number and Composition of Improvement and Scrutiny Committees

The Council will appoint the five Improvement and Scrutiny Committees as detailed below:

Resources – comprising 9 Members

Places – comprising 9 Members

People – comprising 9 Members, 2 Church representatives (1 from the Church of England diocese and 1 from the Roman Catholic diocese with voting rights in respect of education matters only and otherwise non-voting), 2 Parent Governor representatives (with voting rights in respect of education matters only and otherwise non-voting) and 2 trade union representatives (non-voting)

Health – comprising 9 Members

Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction – comprising 10 Members

Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committees are appointed by Full Council.

8.2 Terms of Reference

The Improvement and Scrutiny Committees, listed below, will discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 in relation to the matters set out in Appendix 1 attached.

8.2 General Role

Within their terms of reference, the Improvement 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 functions;
- (ii) make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council and/or the Cabinet and/or any policy, joint or area committee in connection with the discharge of any functions;
- (iii) consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants; and
- (iv) exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Cabinet.

8.3 Specific Functions

- (a) **Policy development and review.** The Improvement 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 committees and Senior Officers about their views on the 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.** The Improvement 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 Senior 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 an Improvement and Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance; and

- (vi) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).
- (c) **Best Value.** To oversee specific Best Value reviews undertaken on the Council's functions; receive progress reports; and make recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet on measures to be implemented.
- (d) **Annual Report.** The Improvement and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to full Council on their working and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.
- (e) **Officers.** The Improvement and Scrutiny Committees may exercise overall responsibility for the work programme of the officers employed to support their work.

8.4 Proceedings of Improvement and Scrutiny Committees

The Improvement and Scrutiny Committees will conduct their proceedings in accordance with the Improvement and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Appendix 5 of this Constitution.

Committee	Scope
Resources	<p><u>Corporate Services & Budget:</u> Asset Management, Efficiency and Value for Money (Service re-design, property rationalization, County transport co-ordination), Finance and Budget Monitoring, Procurement, Human Resources, Legal Services, Transformation Services;</p> <p><u>Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism & Climate Change:</u> Council Strategic Policy, Council Plan, Budget, Strategic Budget Monitoring, Public Relations, Policy & Research, External Relations (East Midlands Councils, Local Government Association, Central government & MPs). Local Enterprise Partnership, DEP and LEP Liaison;</p> <p><u>Clean Growth & Regeneration:</u> Local Enterprise Partnership, Neighbouring Local Enterprise Partnerships, External Funding, Economic Development, Local Economic Strategy and Assessment, Inward Investment and Indigenous Growth, Apprenticeships, Business Support and Skills, Markham Vale;</p> <p><u>Health and Communities:</u> Registration Service, Coroner's Service;</p>
Places	<p><u>Health and Communities:</u> Engagement with communities, Equalities, Community Cohesion, Community Consultation and Community Leadership, Voluntary Sector, Crime and Disorder Partnerships, Domestic Violence, Action on Drugs and Alcohol, Emergency Planning, Trading Standards, Sports Development, District and Parish Council Liaison;</p> <p><u>Highways Assets & Transport:</u> Local Planning Frameworks, Housing and Infrastructure, Land Reclamation, Strategic Planning, Minerals and Waste Planning, Waste Management, Digital Derbyshire, Highways and Bridges, Street Lighting, Footpaths, Road Safety, Public Transport, community Transport, The Countryside, Council Transport Co-Ordination;</p>

	<p><u>Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism & Climate Change:</u></p> <p>Twinning, Tourism, Libraries, Museums, Arts and Heritage, Archives and Modern Records;</p> <p><u>Scrutiny of Flood Risk Management:</u></p> <p>The Local Government Act 2000 (Section 21) requires that a local authority which is a lead local flood authority for an area in England must have arrangements to review and scrutinize flood risk management functions that may affect the local authority's area. A risk management authority must comply with a request made by a scrutiny committee for information or a response to a report;</p> <p><u>Crime and Disorder Committee:</u></p> <p>The Police and Justice Act 2006 (Section 19) requires every local authority to have a "crime and disorder committee" which must scrutinise the delivery of crime and disorder strategies. Authorities which are delivering these strategies and which are subject to a report from such a committee must respond to the report and have regard to it when exercising its functions. They are also subject to a requirement to provide information and attend meetings of the committee to answer questions. These committees are distinct from the 'Police and Crime Panels' that scrutinise directly-elected Police and Crime Commissioners.</p>
People	<p><u>Adult Care:</u></p> <p>Home Care, Residential Care, Day Care, Developing whole Person Care, Housing related support, Safeguarding, Adults with Learning Difficulties, Adults with Physical Disabilities, Adults with Mental Ill-Health, Multi-Agency Partnerships, personalization, Links with Health and Voluntary Sector;</p> <p><u>Education:</u> Improving outcomes for young people, Children's Services Planning, Multi-Agency Partnerships, Safeguarding, children's Disabilities, Engagement with Young People, Engagement with Parents and Carers in Service Design, Youth Service, Early Years and Childcare, Children's Centres, Links to Voluntary Sector, School Capital Programme, Surplus Places, School Support - Personnel, Finance and IT, School Admissions, School Improvement, governor Support, Home to School Transport, Special Educational Needs, Adult Education, Careers Information, Advice and Guidance Service, FE Colleges, Links to Academies, Youth Offending, Corporate Parenting.</p>

Health	<p>To review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning and provision of health services in the area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing Board • Relationship with the NHS • Public Health • Health Improvement • Developing whole person care <p>The Committee is responsible for scrutinizing any major health service reconfigurations in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.</p> <p>The Health Scrutiny Committee is required to participate in Joint Health Scrutiny Committee arrangements with other local authorities. On these occasions it is appropriate for the Chairman or Vice Chairman to represent the Committee.</p>
Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction	<p>To review and scrutinize any matter relating to Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction.</p> <p><u>Corporate Services & Budget:</u></p> <p>Property (Renovation and Energy Efficiency, Carbon Management, Climate Change)</p>