

14. STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE

DELEGATED TO THE STRATEGIC (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE

- 14.1 To be responsible for the overview and scrutiny of the work of the Cabinet and the Council in relation to its policy objectives, strategies, performance targets and provision relating to:
- a. Council's policies (including monitoring and reviewing the Strategic Plan, Medium Term Financial Strategy, and Performance.)
 - b. Assets and premises maintenance
 - c. Communications
 - d. Local democracy and the achievement of effective, transparent and accountable decision making by the Council
 - e. Delivery of value for money, Best Value and the efficient use of resources
 - f. Any matter affecting the Lichfield District area or its inhabitants relating to matters not dealt with by the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
 - g. The roles and decisions undertaken by the Leader, Finance, Democratic and Legal Services, and Community, Housing and Environmental Health Portfolio Holders
- 14.2 To assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of its budget and policy framework to align resources with the Council's priorities
- 14.3 To conduct research to support the analysis of policy issues and the identification and appraisal of possible options
- 14.4 To question members of the Cabinet and/ or Committees and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area and/or about their decisions and performance whether generally or in comparison with plans and targets over a period of time or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects

- 14.5 To 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
- 14.6 To 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
- 14.7 To set up Task Groups to support the Committee in the exercise of its functions.
- 14.8 To question and gather evidence from any person, with their consent in relation to the matter being scrutinised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 14.9 To review the development of relevant policies and strategies.
- 14.10 To consider the corporate requirements on value for money issues, such as Service Reviews, change management; Business Process Reengineering and scrutinising their outcomes and the internal control systems relating to continuous improvement and efficiency.
- 14.11 To consider any issue arising from the various external inspection regimes.
- 14.12 To exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to the Committee
- 14.13 To report annually to Full Council on the work of the Committee and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate
- 14.14 To exercise the right to call in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Cabinet relating to the Democratic and Legal Services, Organisational Development and Finance Revenues and Benefits Portfolios, the Leader and any other matters or decisions not dealt with by the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- 14.15 To make recommendations to the Cabinet or appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.