

Article 7 – Policy Committees

7.01 Policy Committees

The Council will appoint the Policy Committees set out in Part 3 of this Constitution to discharge the functions there described. Policy Committees will operate in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out in Part 3.

7.02 Role of the Policy Committee Chair

The Chair of a Policy Committee will carry out the following functions:

- (a) Be the primary officer point of contact with regard to the Committee's ongoing business, formulation of a draft work programme for the Committee's consideration, and for advice about engagement with the Committee;
- (b) Be the primary spokesperson for the Committee they chair;
- (c) In the case of the Chair of the Children's Services Policy Committee, be the Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services;
- (d) Convene and chair regular pre-agenda and pre-meeting briefings with all the Group Spokespersons from their Committee.

7.03 Scrutiny

The Council has certain statutory powers and duties in respect of scrutiny of various matters:-

- (a) the power to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area, including the power of referral to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, under section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013;
- (b) the power to review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions under section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009;
- (c) the duty to review and scrutinise the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management functions under section 9JB of the Local Government Act 2000; and

- (d) the power to make such reports and/or recommendations to the Full Council or other responsible person as appropriate in connection with the discharge of any of these functions.

The Council has resolved not to have an overview and scrutiny committee appointed under section 9JA of the Local Government Act 2000.

The Council will exercise its statutory scrutiny functions through the appropriate Policy Committees, or Sub-Committees established for the purpose (whose members may if necessary include members of other Policy Committees), in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.