

Remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissioning Committee submitted to Council 23 July 2009

- To oversee and manage the County Council's scrutiny process
- To maintain an overview of, and challenge the performance of the County Council and the Local Area Agreement
- To hold the Cabinet individually and collectively to account for the decisions they take as part of the democratic process
- To hold discussions with cabinet members and senior officers as and when appropriate
- To monitor the County Council's Forward Plan of key decisions
- To maintain an overview of and comment on the Sustainable Community Strategy and major policy issues of the County Council
- To maintain an overview of and comment on the implementation, delivery and performance of the Pathfinder agreement
- To undertake scrutiny of the Medium Term Plan and annual budget process
- To determine the work programme and the initial scope for each scrutiny review and to manage the forward plan
- To review reports and recommendations from Task and Finish Groups
- To hold the countywide Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, known as the Safer Bucks Partnership, to account for the decisions it takes and to take part in joint reviews with District Councils of District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships
- To contribute to the Improvement Plan for Buckinghamshire
- To hear, discuss and determine how to deal with call-ins and Councillor Calls for Action, which may include the setting up of a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group
- To consider suggestions for scrutiny reviews from County Councillors, local communities, service providers and other sources
- To listen to residents through the establishment of public question time and the use of local links
- To represent the County Council on and contribute to joint scrutiny reviews with District Councils
- To undertake quality control of scrutiny procedures and outputs
- To monitor the implementation of scrutiny recommendations and take action where appropriate
- To evaluate the impact of scrutiny and to present the annual report to County Council
- To determine, in discussion with its chairman, which issues within the context of Adults and Families Wellbeing may be examined by the Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- To oversee the development of member skills in undertaking scrutiny and to contribute to the programme for scrutiny conferences