



Constitution Committee

REPORT TITLE: Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference

Date of Committee	10 June 2024
Presenting Officer	Rob Ayliffe, Director of Policy, Performance and Governance
Purpose of Report	To recommend suggested changes to the current Scrutiny Committee terms of reference for the Committee's consideration.
Background Documents	Current Scrutiny Terms of Reference: 3.12 - Scrutiny committees Gloucestershire County Council
Appendices	N/A
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<p>Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>7 County Councillors</p> <p>6 Co-opted District Councillors</p> <p>Please refer to Item 8 for further detail on changes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review the decisions, plans and policies of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee and 2. To review the overall impact and delivery outcomes of the Gloucestershire Strategic Economic Plan and to make recommendations to the Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Community Interest Company and Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee on issues and improvements.
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<p>Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>7 County Councillors</p> <p>No changes suggested</p>	<p>To carry out the scrutiny functions of the County Council as set out in Article 8 of the Constitution in the context of matters relating to Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to fire and other emergencies; • Fire regulation, prevention and promoting fire safety; • Performance against Key and Local Performance Indicators; • Progress against recommendations from inspections and delivery of the Improvement Plan; • Co-operation and partnership working with other local responders to enhance coordination and efficiency and increase community resilience; • Cross-boundary co-operation with other Fire and Rescue Authorities; • Civil contingency planning; and • Leadership, culture, and workforce development across the service.
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<p>Children and Families Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>9 County Councillors</p> <p>3 parent governor representatives</p> <p>1 Church of England Diocese representative</p> <p>1 Roman Catholic Diocese representative</p>	<p>Carry out the scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution in the context of all matters relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children's safeguarding • looked after children and care leavers • early help • early years including children's centres • special educational needs and disability • adoption and fostering • children with disabilities • school improvement, access and place planning • <u>school funding</u>
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- unaccompanied refugee and asylum-seeking children

Environment Scrutiny Committee

11 County Councillors

1. Carry out the scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution in the context of matters relating to:

- Climate Change Mitigation – including Electric Vehicle Strategy, Carbon Reduction Strategy, and green energy.
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Highways – including Traffic Regulation Orders and Public Rights of Way
- Flooding – including alleviation and resilience
- Minerals and Waste – including disposal, reduction, and recycling
- Major Infrastructure – including the Local Transport Plan
- Air Quality
- Public and Community Transport
- Parking (moved from Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny)
- Road Safety (moved from Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny)

- ~~highways and infrastructure~~
- ~~community resilience planning including climate change adaption and flood resilience~~
- ~~air quality~~
- ~~sustainable procurement~~ (moved to Corporate Scrutiny)
- ~~public and community transport~~
- ~~minerals and waste planning~~
- ~~energy including energy from waste and green energy promotion~~
- ~~waste disposal, waste reduction and recycling~~

Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee

11 County Councillors

Carry out the scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution in the context of all matters relating to:

- ~~adults single programme~~ Adult Social Care Transformation (updated name)
- services for vulnerable people including adult safeguarding
- public health
- community development (recognising that other committees cover aspects of this area)
- residential and nursing care
- ~~road safety~~ (moved to Environment)
- ~~parking~~ (moved to Environment)
- ~~emergency management~~ (moved to Corporate)
- trading standards
- libraries and registration service
- ~~coroners~~
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers (new responsibility)

Scrutinise the actions and decisions of the responsible authorities under Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 in relation to their crime and disorder functions.

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 County Councillors

6 Co-opted District Councillors

Due to regulation changes

Carry out the scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution focussing on health issues from the public's perspective including the use of task groups to carry out its scrutiny functions. To act as a lever to improve the health and those services that impact on the health of local people, working in partnership with other agencies. To address issues of health inequalities between different groups in the community. To determine those matters referred to in Article 11.02.2 of the Constitution (joint committees concerning health service changes).

Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, to exercise the Council's role:

- in reviewing and scrutinising matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the area; ~~and~~
- ~~In commenting on or making a recommendation in relation to proposals for a substantial development or variation to services save that 'referral powers' to the Secretary of State remain with full Council.~~

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 County Councillors (to include the chairs of the 5 other Scrutiny Committees)

Text remains unchanged but additional responsibilities include:

- Sustainable Procurement
- Civil Contingencies

1. Carry out the scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution by providing a corporate overview of performance, the budget, risk management and service improvement.
2. Strategic overview of Council services including cross-cutting scrutiny in consultation with the other Scrutiny Committees.
3. Carry out the scrutiny functions of the County Council delivering the roles set out in Article 8 of the Constitution by scrutinising those County Council functions not covered by other Scrutiny Committees. These include support services included within the Corporate Resources Directorate.
4. To coordinate the work of the Scrutiny Committees as necessary including determining which committee should look at a particular issue if there is a dispute.
5. To oversee the rules relating to the operation of task groups as indicated in procedure rule 3.11.4.