

Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee

1 Overview and Scrutiny

- 1.1 The Shadow Council has established arrangements for the overview and scrutiny of decisions or other action taken by the Shadow Executive Committee and others in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 as applied by the 2020 Order. This Article sets out those arrangements. It should be read in conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.
- 1.2 The Shadow Council will keep under review its overview and scrutiny arrangements and will make changes where it considers these are appropriate and will lead to improvements and an improved overview and scrutiny function.

2 Responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the functions set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

3 Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall comprise 18 Shadow Councillors. The Chair of the Committee will be a member of the largest minority political group on the Shadow Council and who will be elected by the Shadow Council.
- 3.2 No member of the Shadow Executive Committee may be a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any of its Task and Finish Panels.
- 3.3 Any body established under these Scrutiny arrangements will be a politically proportionate body reflecting the overall political representation on the Shadow Council.

4 Conduct of Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings

- 4.1 Conduct of the proceedings at Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings shall be in accordance with the Shadow Council and Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as appropriate.

5 Task and Finish Panels

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may establish such Task and Finish Panels as it considers necessary after taking into account the availability of resources, the work programme and scope of the review.
- 5.2 The Committee will appoint the Chair (and Vice-Chair, if appropriate) of each Panel and agree the membership.