

SECTION 7

7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

7.1 Introduction

7.1.1 The Council is required by Law to discharge certain overview and scrutiny functions. These functions are an essential component of local democracy. Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be powerful committees that can contribute to the development of Council policies and also hold the Cabinet to account for its decisions. Another key part of the overview and scrutiny role is to review existing policies, consider proposals for new policies and suggest new policies.

7.1.2 Overview and scrutiny should be carried out in a constructive way and should aim to contribute to the delivery of efficient and effective services that meet the needs and aspirations of local inhabitants. Overview and Scrutiny Committees should not shy away from the need to challenge and question decisions and make constructive criticism.

7.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committees

In order to achieve this, the Council have appointed four Overview and Scrutiny Committees which between them will:

- 7.2.1 review or scrutinise decisions made, or actions taken, in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions whether by the Cabinet or another part of the Council;
- 7.2.2 make reports or recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet in connection with the discharge of any functions;
- 7.2.3 consider any matter which affects the Council's area or its inhabitants; and
- 7.2.4 exercise the right to call in for reconsideration decisions made but not yet implemented by the Cabinet and Officers.

7.3 Role, Scope and Membership

The role, scope and Membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees are described in the table below:

Committee and Membership	Role and Scope
Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Fourteen County Borough Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the service provision, planning, management and performance relating to corporate performance and governance; • To consider policies, protocols and plans relating to corporate performance and governance; • To undertake scrutiny of the draft annual MTFS, including the budget savings proposals and comments upon the consult consultation process.

Committee and Membership	Role and Scope
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To scrutinise the performance and budget Monitoring of all Directorates in the achievement of the corporate priorities; • To act as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee (Under Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006). • To consider the Council's Corporate Plan and monitor progress against the Corporate Priorities; • To develop and implement a Forward Work Programme for the Committee having regard to the Council's Corporate Priorities and Risk Management Framework.
<p>Education and Youth Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Fourteen and County Borough Councillors (Plus 5 Education representatives).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the service provision, planning, management and performance relating to Education service provision. • To consider policies, strategies and plans relating to Education service provision; • To propose items for the Forward Work Programme having regard for the Council's Corporate Priorities and Risk Management Framework including the Scrutiny Topic Selection Criteria.
<p>Social Care, Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Fourteen County Borough Councillors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the service provision, planning, management and performance relating to Social Services and Wellbeing provision; • To consider policies, strategies and plans relating to Social Services and Wellbeing; • To propose items for the Forward Work Programme having regard for the Council's Corporate Priorities and Risk Management Framework including the Scrutiny Topic Selection Criteria.
<p>Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Fourteen County Borough Councillors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the service provision, planning, management and performance relating to community services, environment and Housing provision; • To consider policies, strategies and plans relating to the relevant subject area prioritised and allocated by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee; • To propose items for the Forward Work Programme having regard for the Council's Corporate Priorities and Risk Management Framework including the Scrutiny Topic Selection Criteria.

7.4 **Specific Functions**

7.4.1 Policy Development and Review

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:

- (a) assist the Council and the Cabinet in the development of its Budget and Policy Framework by in depth analysis of policy issues;
- (b) conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (c) question Members of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Chief Officers from the Council about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area;
- (d) liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interest of local people are enhanced by collaborative working; and
- (e) consider the impact of policies to assess if they have made a difference.

7.4.2 Scrutiny

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:

- (a) review and scrutinise the decisions by and performance of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Council Officers in relation to individual decisions and over time;
- (b) review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- (c) question Members of the Cabinet and/or Committees and Chief Officers from the Council about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or project;
- (d) make recommendations to the Cabinet and/or appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- (e) 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 Committees and local people about their activities and performance; and
- (f) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).

7.4.3 Scrutiny Annual Report

The Scrutiny Annual Report will be considered and endorsed by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee before being reported to Full Council on their work with recommendations for the coming year and amended working methods if appropriate.

7.4.4 Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the additional functions of overseeing the work of the Regional Public Service Board in accordance with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. In accordance with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015 and taking into consideration the requirements of Section 58 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and associated statutory guidance, a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) has been established comprising of 5 Elected Members from each of the three Local Authorities' (Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councils) Overview and Scrutiny Committees designated to scrutinise the work of the PSB as required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015

7.4.5 The overall aim of the JOSC is to scrutinise the overall effectiveness of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board (the Board). The core statutory functions of the JOSC are:-

- To carry out functions in relation to the Board that are imposed on it by the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, including in particular as a statutory consultee upon the:
 - PSB Well-being Assessment;
 - PSB Well-being Plan, and;
- To receive an Annual Report detailing the progress made towards meeting local Well-being objectives in the Wellbeing Plan.
- To review or scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by Board;
- To review or scrutinise the Board's governance arrangements;
- To make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions or governance arrangements;
- To consider matters relating to the Board as the Welsh Ministers may refer to it and report to the Welsh Ministers accordingly.

7.4.6 In addition to these functions the JOSC's Lines of Inquiry can include (but not be limited to the following:

- The effectiveness of the Wellbeing Assessment;
- The effectiveness of the Wellbeing Plan;
- The effectiveness of performance measurement arrangements;
- The level of commitment from individual partners to the work of the Public Services Board;
- The effectiveness of the Public Services Board in communicating its work, objectives and outcomes to its stakeholders; and,
- The effectiveness of the Public Services Board in addressing the issue of pooled funding to tackle priorities.

7.4.7 The remit of the JOSC includes only the activities of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board as a partnership and excludes scrutiny of individual partner organisations.

7.4.8 The remit of the PSB JOSC also incorporates the activity of the regional Community Safety Partnership, replicating the responsibilities of the PSB. Existing legislation excludes any matter which could be considered by an Authority's Crime and Disorder Committee (sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006) from the work programmes of all other scrutiny committees, sub-committees and JOSCs.

7.4.9 Membership, Meetings and Reporting Arrangements for the JOSC shall be conducted in accordance with its approved Terms of Reference.

7.5 **Head of Democratic Services**

One of the roles of the Head of Democratic Services under section 8 of The Measure is to promote the role of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees and to promote support and guidance to Council Members and Officers generally about the functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

7.6 **Who May Sit on Overview and Scrutiny Committees?**

All Councillors except Members of the Cabinet and Assistants to the Executive may be Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. However, no Member may be involved in scrutinising on decisions in which he has been directly involved.

7.7 **Co-Optees**

Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to recommend to Council the appointment of a number of people as non-voting co-optees subject to the number of co-opted members on the Committee shall not exceed one third of the total membership of

the Committee. In exercising or deciding whether to exercise a co-option, the Authority must, under section 76 of The Measure, have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers and comply with directions given by them.

Co-optees' membership may be for:

- (1) the life of the Committee;
- (2) until such time as it is terminated by the Council, upon the recommendation of the Committee; or
- (3) for the purposes of a particular review or performance monitoring exercise.

7.8 **Education Representatives**

The Education and Learner Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall include in its Membership voting representatives of religious faiths and of parent governors, as required by law and guidance from Senedd Cymru:

- (1) One Church in Wales representative
- (2) One Roman Catholic Church representative
- (3) Three parent governor representatives (one from a primary school, one from a secondary school and one from a special school)

A Co-opted Member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or sub-committee will be entitled to vote at a meeting of the Committee or sub-committee on any matter which relates to any education functions which are the responsibility of the Cabinet and which falls to be decided at the meeting; but will not otherwise be entitled to vote.

7.9 **Who Chairs?**

The arrangements included in sections 66-75 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 will be followed for appointing persons to chair Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

7.10 **Role of the Chair and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

7.10.1 The Chairs will liaise with the Cabinet and supervise the Work Programme and identify suitable priority areas for Scrutiny.

7.10.2 In summary, therefore, the Chair will:

- (a) meet regularly to monitor Work Programmes;
- (b) liaise with the Cabinet on issues affecting the Scrutiny Work Programme.

7.11 **Work Programme**

At the beginning of the municipal year each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be asked to identify issues for consideration during the year, using pre-determined criteria which emphasises the need to consider issues such as impact, risk, performance, budget and community perception when identifying topics for investigation. There is an understanding that the Work Programme will remain flexible and be revisited at each meeting

to consider all potential items and reprioritise with input from all the Committees.

7.11.1 Meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees shall be called by the Monitoring Officer and may be required to do so by the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee or by any five members of the Committee.

7.11.2 Extraordinary meetings may be called from time to time in order to deal with call-ins (Section 7.23) where the Chair of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Monitoring Officer agree it is necessary for that Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the called in decision before the Committee's next programmed meeting.

7.12 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Under section 58 of The Measure, regulations may be made to permit or require two or more local authorities to appoint a joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This is set out in the Local Authorities (Joint Overview and Scrutiny) (Wales) Regulations 2013.

7.13 Rules of Procedure and Debate

The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules will apply to meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

7.14 What will be the Number and Arrangements for Overview and Scrutiny Committees?

7.14.1 The Council will have four Overview and Scrutiny Committees set out in the table in Section 7.3 and will appoint to them as it considers appropriate from time to time. The Committees may appoint smaller groups to carry out detailed examination of particular topics for report back to them. Such groups may be appointed for a fixed period on the expiry of which they shall cease to exist.

7.14.2 The terms of reference of the various Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be as set out in the table in Section 7.3.

7.14.3 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be Chaired by a Chair appointed from the membership of that Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with political balance rules with the condition that the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be an opposition Chair. In addition:

- (a) there will be cross party Membership of all Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- (b) the Overview and Scrutiny Committees shall undertake the following:
 - (i) investigate or review a particular matter in depth and without delay, reporting their conclusions and making any recommendations to the Council or Cabinet as appropriate;
 - (ii) conduct research, community (and other) consultation for the purposes of analysing issues and developing where appropriate; possible options, through liaison with the area/community partnerships;

- (iii) consider and report on mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of service delivery options;
- (iv) question Cabinet Members and Officers about their views and actions on issues and proposals affecting the County Borough;
- (v) 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; and
- (vi) question and gather evidence from any person (with his/her consent) whilst conducting investigative and reporting processes.

7.15 Meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

The Council may determine a cycle of meetings for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. If the Council do not set the cycle, each such Committee shall determine their own cycle of meetings. The Chair may change the date or cancel meetings, or call additional meetings as they consider necessary to deal with the Committee's work programme. A meeting of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee may be called by the Chair or by the Monitoring Officer, if he/she considers it necessary or appropriate.

7.16 Quorum

The quorum for an Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be a quarter of all Members of the Committee or 3 Members whichever is greater.

7.17 Agenda Items

7.17.1 Any Member of a particular Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the Monitoring Officer that he wishes an item relevant to the functions of the that Committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting. Ten working days' notice of the item should be given to the Monitoring Officer together with sufficient information to enable the Officer to advise about the nature and purpose of the item.

7.17.2 On receipt of such a request, so long as it is an appropriate matter to be considered, the Monitoring Officer will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda.

7.17.3 An Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall also respond, as soon as their work programme permits, to requests from the Council and/or the Cabinet to review particular areas of Council activity. Where they do so, the particular Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall report their findings and any recommendations back to the Cabinet and/or Council. The Council and/or the Cabinet shall consider the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within one month of receiving it.

7.18 Policy Review and Development

7.18.1 The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the development of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework is set out in detail in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in Section 15.

7.18.2 In relation to the development of the Council's approach to other matters not forming part of its Budget and Policy Framework, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee may make proposals to the Cabinet for developments in so far as they relate to matters within their terms of reference.

7.18.3 An Overview and Scrutiny Committee may hold enquiries and investigate the available options for future direction in policy development and may appoint advisers and assessors to assist them in this process. They may go on site visits, conduct public surveys, hold public meetings, commission research and do all other things that they reasonably consider necessary to inform their deliberations. They may ask witnesses to attend to address them on any matter under consideration and may pay to any advisers, assessors and witnesses a reasonable fee and expenses for doing so.

7.19 Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

7.19.1 All formal reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be submitted to the Monitoring Officer for consideration by the Cabinet (if the proposals are consistent with the existing Budget and Policy Framework), or to the Council as appropriate (eg if the recommendation would require a departure from or a change to the agreed Budget and Policy Framework).

7.19.2 If an Overview and Scrutiny Committee cannot agree on one single final report to the Council or Cabinet as appropriate, one minority report may be prepared and submitted for consideration by the Council or Cabinet with the majority report.

7.19.3 The Council or Cabinet shall consider the report of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee within one month of it being submitted to the Monitoring Officer.

7.20 Rights of Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to Documents

7.20.1 In addition to their rights as Councillors, Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees have the additional right to documents, and to notice of meetings as set out in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Section 15 of this Constitution.

7.20.2 Nothing in this paragraph prevents more detailed liaison between the Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as appropriate depending on the particular matter under consideration.

7.21 Members and Officers Giving Account

7.21.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees may scrutinise and review decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any Council functions. As well as reviewing documentation, in fulfilling the Scrutiny role, it may require any Member of the Cabinet, the Chief Executive and/or any senior Officer to attend before it to explain in relation to matters within their remit:

- (a) any particular decision or series of decisions;
- (b) the extent to which the actions taken implement Council policy; and/or
- (c) their performance and it is the duty of those persons to attend if so required.

- 7.21.2 For this purpose, senior Officer includes any Chief Officer, deputy Chief Officer and other appropriate senior Officer. Where there are concerns about the appropriateness of the Officer who should attend, the relevant Chief Officer shall discuss this with the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Chair or Vice Chair with a view to achieving consensus.
- 7.21.3 Where any Member or Officer is required to attend an Overview and Scrutiny Committee under this provision, the Chair of that Committee will inform the Monitoring Officer. The Monitoring Officer shall inform the Member or Officer, if necessary in writing, giving at least five working days' notice of the meeting at which he or she is required to attend (unless agreed otherwise). Any notice will state the nature of the item on which he or she is required to attend to give account and whether any papers are required to be produced for the Committee.
- 7.21.4 Where the account to be given to an Overview and Scrutiny Committee will require the production of a report, then the Member or Officer concerned will be given sufficient notice to allow for preparation of that documentation.
- 7.21.5 Where, in exceptional circumstances, the Member or Officer is unable to attend on the required date, then the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall in consultation with the Member or Officer arrange an alternative date for attendance.

7.22 Attendance by Others

An Overview and Scrutiny Committee may invite people other than those people referred to in paragraph 7.211 above to address it, discuss issues of local concern and/or answer questions. It may for example wish to hear from residents, stakeholders and Members and Officers in other parts of the public sector and shall invite such people to attend.

7.23 Call-In

7.23.1 Rules

- (a) Where a decision is made by the Cabinet, an individual Member of the Cabinet or a Committee of the Cabinet or under joint arrangements, the decision shall be published by the Monitoring Officer, including where possible by electronic means, and shall be available at the main offices of the Council as soon as reasonably practicable after being made. All Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be sent copies of the records of all such decisions within the same time scale, by the person responsible for publishing the decision.
- (b) That notice will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the decision will come into force and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five clear working days after the publication of the decision, unless an Overview and Scrutiny Committee objects to it and calls it in for review.
- (c) During the period of five clear working days from the date of publication of the decision ("The call-in period") the Monitoring Officer shall call-in a decision for scrutiny by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee if so requested in the specified format by any three Members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a Scrutiny Chair and, shall then notify the decision taker of the call-in. He/she shall call a meeting of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee on such a date as he/she may determine, where possible after consultation with all Scrutiny Chairs, and in any case within five clear working days of the decision to call-in (only in exceptional circumstances will the Chairs consider extending this time limit).

- (d) A “call-in notice” shall specify precisely which aspects of the decision is questioned or challenged, and in particular shall contain the grounds why it is considered that the scrutiny committee will be likely to refer the decision requested to be called in back to the decision making person or body.
- (e) The role of scrutiny committees in calling in a decision is:
 - To test the merits of the decision;
 - To consider the process by which the decision has been formulated;
 - To make recommendations (to support the decision, change aspects of the decision, or to invite the decision making person or body to reconsider);
 - To suggest further steps before a decision is made (but not to try to carry out those steps in place of the decision making person or body);
 - To come to a view in a relatively short time scale, so as not to compromise the speed and efficiency of the decision making process.
- (f) If, having considered the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is still concerned about it, then it may refer it back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns. If referred to the decision maker they shall then reconsider within a further seven clear working days, amending the decision or not, before adopting a final decision.
- (g) If following an objection to the decision, an Overview and Scrutiny **Committee** does not meet within the period set out above, or does meet but does not refer the matter back to the decision making person or body, the decision shall take effect on the date of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, or the expiry of that further five working day period (or agreed extended period), whichever is the earlier.
- (h) In order to ensure that call-in is not abused, nor causes unreasonable delay, certain limitations are to be placed on its use. These are:
 - (i) an Overview and Scrutiny Committee may only call-in a total of six decisions per year;
 - (ii) three Members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a Chair are needed for a decision to be called in;
 - (iii) once a Member has signed a request for call-in under this paragraph, he/she may not do so again until the period of three months has expired;
 - (iv) No Education Co-opted Members may request a decision be called in.
- (i) The Monitoring Officer may veto any request for call-in if it falls outside the remit of this scheme and/or:
 - (i) It is not clear which decision is being called-in;
 - (ii) The decision is exempt from call-in on account of the urgency provisions as outlined below;
 - (iii) The call-in request provides too little information to enable the Scrutiny Committee Members or the decision maker to adequately prepare for the call-in meeting;

- (iv) The decision being called-in, or broadly the same decision, has been called in during the last six months;
- (v) The call-in request is trivial or without substantial merit.

Save in exceptional circumstances all Members requesting a matter be called in must attend the meeting at which the matter is being considered.

7.23.2 Call-In and Urgency

- (a) The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Cabinet, Cabinet Committee, Cabinet Member or Officer is urgent and not subject to call-in. A decision will be urgent and not subject to call-in if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would, for example, seriously prejudice the Council's or other public interests. The record of the decision, and notice by which it is made public, shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in. Consultation will be sought of all Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to agree that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. The agreement of one Chair is sufficient for the matter to be treated as urgent. In the absence of all Chairs the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor's consent shall be required. In the absence of both, the Chief Executive or his/her nominee's consent should be required. Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported at the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.
- (b) The operation of the provisions relating to call-in and urgency shall be monitored annually and a report submitted to Council with proposals for review if necessary.

7.24 The Party Whip

If a Member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee is subject to a party whip in respect of an issue to be considered by it, that Member must declare the existence of the whip and the nature of it before the commencement of deliberations on the matter. The declaration, and the detail of the whipping arrangements, shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

7.25 Procedure at Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meetings

7.25.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall consider the following business:

- (a) minutes of the last meeting;
- (b) declarations of interest;
- (c) consideration of any matter referred to that Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a decision in relation to call in of a decision;
- (d) responses of the Cabinet to reports of that Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (e) the business otherwise set out on the agenda for the meeting.

The Rules of Procedure at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be the same as the Council Procedure Rules except that the Chair of the meeting may allow the rules of debate to be relaxed to enable a full contribution by those attending the

meeting whether as Members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or in any other capacity which allows them to contribute to the worth of the meeting. Additionally, all Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings will continue for a maximum of 3 hours. At the expiry of 3 hours, the Chair may determine that the meeting continue beyond 3 hours duration in order to facilitate further discussion prior to conclusions and recommendations being made.

7.25.2 An Overview and Scrutiny Committee may ask people to attend to give evidence or answer questions about any items on their agenda. Meetings should be conducted in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) that the business be conducted fairly and all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be given the opportunity to ask questions of attendees, and to contribute and speak;
- (b) that those assisting by giving evidence be treated with respect and courtesy;
- (c) that the business be conducted as efficiently as possible.

7.25.3 Following any investigation or review, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall prepare a report, for submission to the Cabinet and/or Council as appropriate and shall make its report and findings public.

7.26 **Matters within the Remit of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Where a matter for consideration by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee also falls within the remit of one or more other Committees, the decision as to which Committee will consider it will be resolved by the respective Chairs or, if they fail to agree, the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. During a meeting, should a matter being discussed fall into the remit of another Overview and Scrutiny Committee, that Committee is still able to consider the item in its entirety.