

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS AS SET OUT IN PART 3C OF THE CONSTITUTION
Functions
General
Agree the Overview & Scrutiny (O&S) workplan taking into account corporate priorities, the forward plan, issues of local concern and available resources
Establish standing or ad hoc sub-committees as required and set the size and high level terms of reference
Establish time-limited scrutiny task groups (STGs) to carry out in-depth reviews of a particular issue, set the size and high level terms of reference and agree reporting lines (to the Committee or its sub-committee) for recommendations
Establish the Budget STG, set the size and high level terms of reference and agree reporting lines (to the Committee, its sub-committee or Cabinet) for recommendations
Nominate members to Cabinet working groups when representatives of O&S are requested
Receive recommendations from STGs and forward to Cabinet, Council, committee or the appropriate body (including commissioning boards)
Promote good practice for O&S across the Authority
Promote the development of member skills and competencies in O&S
Scrutiny
Consider call-ins ¹ and decide appropriate action (including the establishment of STGs) and carry out any other actions covered by the Overview and Scrutiny Rules
Receive any councillor calls for action and petitions referred to O&S and decide appropriate action
Question Cabinet Members, committees, the Chief Executive, Executive Directors, Directors or representatives under joint arrangements regarding decisions taken, service delivery, initiatives or projects
Question, call for and gather evidence from any external person or organisation (with their consent)
Make reports and recommendations to Cabinet, Council, a committee or an external body arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process
Policy review and development
Receive and comment on plans, strategies, policies and budget proposals that comprise the Budget and the Policy Framework ²
Contribute to the monitoring, review and ongoing improvement of services provided either directly by the Authority or on behalf of the Authority (using sub-committees or STGs as appropriate)

¹ Rule 14 Overview & Scrutiny Rules (see Part 4D)

² In accordance with Rule 2 Budget & Policy Framework Rules (see Part 4G)

Monitor the implementation of any O&S recommendations accepted by Cabinet or other bodies
Build appropriate relationships with other parts of the Authority, external bodies and the public to facilitate effective scrutiny
Participate in joint scrutiny with other authorities and work with other authorities in Gloucestershire to strengthen the scrutiny role in respect of partnerships
Crime and disorder
Consider any crime and disorder matters ³

³ Under s19 Police and Justice Act 2006 the Authority must specify a committee to deal with such matters