

Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities)

The Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities) is authorised to discharge the following overview and scrutiny functions¹:

1. to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with any council or executive function of any matter which affects the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area;²
2. to review or scrutinise the performance of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board³;
3. to carry out such other reviews or policy development tasks as it may be requested to do by either the Executive Board or the Council;
4. to act as the appropriate Scrutiny Board in relation to the Executive's initial proposals for a relevant plan or strategy⁴ within the Budget and Policy Framework;⁵
5. to review or scrutinise executive decisions that have been Called In;
6. to exercise the functions of a crime and disorder committee⁶, including the following:
 - a. to review or scrutinise the exercise of crime and disorder functions⁷ by responsible authorities;⁸
 - b. to review or scrutinise any local crime or disorder matter raised by a Member;⁹

¹ In relation to the functions delegated to the Director of Environment and Housing under the Officer Delegation Scheme (Council Functions) and the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) at paragraphs 1 (a) to (e) and 2 (d) to (l) and the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) under the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) at paragraph (a) whether or not those functions are concurrently delegated to any other committee or officer.

² Including matters pertaining to outside bodies and partnerships to which the authority has made appointments

³ The Scrutiny Board has a duty to do this each municipal year – Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 10.3

⁴ Namely the Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

⁵ In accordance with Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

⁶ In accordance with Section 19 Police and Justice Act 2006

⁷ As defined by Section 6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (formulating and implementing crime and disorder strategies).

⁸ These are the authorities responsible for crime and disorder strategies set out in Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

⁹ This is any matter concerning –

- a) crime and disorder (including in particular forms of crime and disorder that involve anti-social behaviour or other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), or
- b) the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in that area.

which affects all or part of the electoral area for which the Member is elected or any person who lives or works in that area.

Council Committees' Terms of Reference

7. to review outcomes, targets and priorities within the Council Business Plan and Best city... for communities priorities within the City Priority Plan;
8. to receive requests for scrutiny and councillor calls for action and undertake any subsequent work; and
9. to make such reports and recommendations as it considers appropriate and to receive and monitor formal responses to any reports or recommendations made by the Board.