

### **Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities)**

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

1. On behalf of the Council, to examine and report on the following matters to the Executive Board, and if necessary, to the Council:-
  - a) Reducing burglary
  - b) The management and reduction of anti-social behaviour
  - c) The effectiveness of streetscene services
  - d) The relationship and respective roles of the city council and third sector organisations in mitigating the negative effects of the recession on the communities they serve
2. 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.
3. to act as the appropriate Scrutiny Board in relation to the Executive's initial proposals for a relevant plan or strategy<sup>1</sup> within the Budget and Policy Framework<sup>2</sup>
4. to review or scrutinise executive decisions<sup>3</sup> that have been Called In<sup>4</sup>
5. to exercise the functions of a crime and disorder committee<sup>5</sup>, including the following:
  - a) to review or scrutinise the exercise of crime and disorder functions<sup>6</sup> by responsible authorities<sup>7</sup>;
  - b) to review or scrutinise any local crime or disorder matter in relation to a Member<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Namely the Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

<sup>3</sup> In relation to the functions delegated to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods under the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) at paragraphs 1(a) to (e), and 2 (a) to (c), (f) and (h) to (k) and the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) under the Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) at paragraph (k) whether or not those functions are concurrently delegated to any other committee or officer.

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with the Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules.

<sup>5</sup> In accordance with Section 19 Police and Justice Act 2006

<sup>6</sup> As defined by Section 6 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (formulating and implementing crime and disorder strategies).

<sup>7</sup> These are the authorities responsible for crime and disorder strategies set out in Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

<sup>8</sup> 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*

6. to receive requests for scrutiny and councillor calls for action in relation to crime and disorder matters.
7. to receive and monitor formal responses to any reports or recommendations made by the Board