

Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny

6.1 Terms of reference

The Council will appoint the Scrutiny Boards set out in the left hand column of the table below to discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Article 6 in relation to the matters set out in the right hand column of the same table.

Scrutiny Board	Scope
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Board	<p>To scrutinise, monitor and review all matters concerning the health, education and social care of children and young people in Calderdale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social care services for children • Educational services for children and adults • Health care for children <p>Any relevant activities that fall under the remit of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services and the Director of Children and Young People's Services.</p>
Adults, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board	<p>To scrutinise, monitor and review all matters concerning the health and social care of adults in Calderdale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social care services for adults • Public Health • Welfare Reform • Health care for adults <p>Any relevant activities that fall under the remit of the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Resources, Climate Change and Environment, Public Services and Communities, and the Director of Regeneration and Strategy and the relevant parts of the remit of the Director of Public Services.</p>

<p>Place Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>To scrutinise, monitor and review all matters concerning Calderdale as a place including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic issues, including housing, business support and skills • Environmental issues • Community development and support • Crime and disorder • Services provided to communities, such as markets, leisure centres, libraries • Flooding <p>Any relevant activities that fall under the remit of the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Economic Strategy, Planning, Housing and Environment, and Communities and Neighbourhood Services, and the Director of Regeneration and Strategy and the relevant parts of the remit of the Director of Public Services.</p>
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>To scrutinise, monitor and review all matters concerning Council-wide issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council in relation to national government changes of legislation and initiatives. • The Council strategy on and contribution to regional and sub-regional initiatives including devolution, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Northern Powerhouse. • The development of the Council as an efficient and effective organisation in the future. • The performance of the Council and Council services, using Performance Reports to Cabinet as a data source. • The policies and practices of other Councils or third parties, incorporating best practice into

	<p>recommendations where possible.</p> <p>The Committee will have additional responsibility for: •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinating and monitoring the performance of detailed review working groups. • Providing a strategic steer for the work of the other scrutiny committees. Ensuring effective and consistent scrutiny that reflects the Council's priorities. • Producing recommendations that seek out proactive ways to influence policy and improve Council performance. • Receiving updates from chairs of scrutiny boards on the progress of call-ins. • Determining the allocation of petitions to relevant scrutiny boards. This will be done by the chair of the committee, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services. • <i>The progress of all scrutiny activity and co-ordinate, oversee and manage the performance of any Detailed Review Working Groups. Where necessary, providing a strategic steer for the work of the three scrutiny committees ensuring Council priorities are reflected in work programming and that scrutiny operates consistently and effectively.</i> <p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be responsible for the promotion of scrutiny within the Council by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering the Annual Scrutiny Report to Council. • Actively advocating for the work of Scrutiny within Calderdale.
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6.2 General role

Within their terms of reference, Scrutiny Boards will:

- (i) review and scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's or executive's functions;
- (ii) make reports and/or recommendations to the Council and/or the Cabinet as

appropriate in connection with the discharge of any functions;

- (iii) consider and make reports or recommendations to the Council, Cabinet or other bodies on any matter affecting Calderdale as a place or its inhabitants; and
- (iv) exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Cabinet.
- (v) Place, Adults Health and Social Care and Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Boards will report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when required with the work and progress of the board.

6.3 Specific functions

(a) **Policy development and review.** Scrutiny Boards may:

- (i) assist the Council in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- (ii) conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (iii) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- (iv) invite to their meetings and question members of the Cabinet or committees and chief officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and
- (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.

(b) **Scrutiny.** Scrutiny Boards may:

- (i) review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Cabinet and/or committees and council officers both in relation to individual decisions and over time;
- (ii) review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and particular service areas;
- (iii) invite to their meetings and question members of the Cabinet and committees and chief officers 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

projects;

- (iv) make recommendations to the Cabinet, appropriate committees or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- (v) review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Scrutiny Boards and local people about their performance, specifically

Adults, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board

- Will exercise powers to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Calderdale.
- Is authorised to make arrangements with one or more local authorities for joint health scrutiny in accordance with the Yorkshire and Humber Councils Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol at Part 5 of this Constitution, including the giving of authority for a joint health scrutiny committee to act on the Council's behalf, and the appointment of members (excluding Cabinet Members) to serve on a joint health scrutiny committee.

Place Scrutiny Board

- Is designated the "Crime and Disorder Committee" and will exercise the powers to review and scrutinise crime and disorder functions and local crime and disorder matters under the provisions of the Police and Justice Act 2006

(vi) invite external organisations and individuals to give evidence.

- (c) **Finance.** Scrutiny Boards may exercise overall responsibility for any finances made available to them.

6.4 Proceedings of Scrutiny Boards

Scrutiny Boards will conduct their proceedings in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.