

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Scrutiny Management Board will be made up of the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees and other members as required to make the Board politically balanced.
2. Members of the Scrutiny Management Board will be appointed at Annual Council.
3. The Scrutiny Management Board will co-ordinate, oversee and monitor the delivery of the Scrutiny work programme and will receive regular progress reports from the Scrutiny team and Scrutiny Chairs.
4. The Scrutiny Management Board will oversee the allocation of scrutiny officer resources to the Scrutiny Committees, and will make decisions where there are competing demands for resources.
5. The Scrutiny Management Board will allocate Scrutiny suggestions to the relevant Scrutiny Committee and may make recommendations about priorities for the work programme and joint scrutiny of issues. A flexible approach will be taken so that the most appropriate Scrutiny Committee is identified depending on the nature of the issue. The Scrutiny Committees will not be aligned to specific service delivery areas. Issues which do not fall within the remit of another Scrutiny Committee may be included in the work programme of the Scrutiny Management Board.
6. The Scrutiny Management Board will be responsible for scrutiny in relation to Leader and Cabinet Executive decisions made but not implemented as set out in section 21(3) of the Local Government Act 2000 i.e. Call-in of decisions taken but not yet implemented. This will include Call-in of decisions made by the Local Enterprise Partnership Joint Executive Committee.
7. Scrutiny Management Board will invite Cabinet Members to attend the Board for 'Holding to Account' sessions.
8. The Scrutiny Management Board will receive requests from the Leader and Cabinet Executive or individual Members and/or the Full Council for reports from the Scrutiny Committee and to allocate them if appropriate to one or more Scrutiny Committees.
9. Subject to the provision of Part 4, Section 5, paragraph 1.1 of the Council's Constitution, the Scrutiny Management Board may make changes to the scrutiny structure and processes after consulting with the Scrutiny Assembly. The Scrutiny Handbook will be updated to reflect the changes. Changes will be reported back to the next full Council meeting.
10. The Scrutiny Management Board may periodically review and make changes to the Policy for Co-opting Scrutiny Members.

11. Meetings will be agreed by the Scrutiny Management Board as deemed necessary to carry out the work programme and to fulfil the responsibilities of the Board.
12. The Scrutiny Management Board may consider any areas of key strategic importance for the Council that members wish.
13. If the Chair is unable to attend a meeting the members present will elect a Chair for the meeting.
14. Relevant Cabinet Members, Directors, Assistant Directors and Service Delivery Managers will attend the Committee at the request of the Chair. Representatives from partner organisations may be invited to attend Scrutiny Management Board meetings.
15. The meetings will follow the principles of scrutiny i.e. no party whip will be applied and a constructive, evidence based approach will be used.
16. Meetings of the Scrutiny Management Board will be held in public.
17. Members may become privy to information of a sensitive or confidential nature, and if this happens members must maintain this confidence. Members are unable to request personal/confidential information from Officers about an individual or family.
18. The meetings will be administered by Scrutiny Services and Democratic Services. Frequency of meetings will be agreed by Committee members as deemed necessary to carry out the work programme.
19. The Chair will provide and present reports and recommendations of the Scrutiny Management Board to Cabinet, the Council or other organisations as appropriate, including the Annual Scrutiny Report.
20. The quorum required for a meeting is 3 elected members.

SCRUTINY ASSEMBLY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Scrutiny Assembly is the collective body of all those responsible for carrying out the scrutiny function of the Council.
2. The role of the Scrutiny Assembly is to scrutinise the work of the Council and its partners in accordance with national legislation and to hold decision makers to account.
3. The Scrutiny Assembly will include all non-Executive members i.e. all those except the Leader, Cabinet Members and the Mayor and all standing co-optees.
4. Scrutiny Assembly members will carry out the scrutiny by taking part in scrutiny events, making suggestions for the scrutiny work programme, undertaking scrutiny reviews and making recommendations.
5. Scrutiny Assembly members may take part in any scrutiny review regardless of which Scrutiny Committee they sit on.

The Scrutiny Assembly will meet when agreed by the Scrutiny Management Board.

6. Other meetings of the Scrutiny Assembly may be convened to consider matters of significance to the Council.
7. The Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board is automatically the Chair of the Scrutiny Assembly.
8. In the absence of the Chair of the Scrutiny Assembly, meetings will be Chaired by a Scrutiny Committee Chair
9. Relevant Cabinet Members, Directors, Assistant Directors and Service Delivery Managers will attend the Committee at the request of the Chair.
10. The meetings will follow the principles of scrutiny i.e. no party whip will be applied and a constructive, evidence based approach will be used.
11. Scrutiny Assembly meetings will be held in public.
12. The meetings will be administered by Scrutiny Services and Democratic Services.