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# FUNCTIONS AND PROCEDURES OF THE SCRUTINY (ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH & WELLBEING) COMMITTEE

## 1 FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

ONLY FULL COUNCIL CAN AMEND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1.1 The Committee is an overview and scrutiny committee as defined in the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.2 The following powers and functions will be the responsibility of the Committee.

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### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

~~1.1.3~~ The Committee shall discharge the overview and scrutiny function under Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 including any statutory functions of a Health Scrutiny Committee and any statutory functions of a Crime and Disorder Committee.

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~~1.2.1.4~~ To exercise any powers conferred by Staffordshire County Council and any powers conferred by legislation relating to health scrutiny.

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~~1.3.1.5~~ In relation to the Corporate Priority “Environment and Health & Wellbeing”, the Committee will:

~~1.3.1.5.1~~ Monitor performance;

~~1.3.2.1.5.2~~ Discuss and advise on service policy;

~~1.3.3.1.5.3~~ Scrutinise and review issues, service delivery and activity.

~~1.4.1.6~~ In relation to the above Corporate Priority and health scrutiny, the Committee will:

~~1.4.1.6.1~~ Produce a 12 month rolling scrutiny programme to coincide with the financial year (April – March);

- [1.4.21.6.2](#) Co-ordinate and manage its scrutiny programme;
- [1.4.31.6.3](#) Review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken;
- [1.4.41.6.4](#) Review and scrutinise performance;
- [1.4.51.6.5](#) Serve as consultees in relation to executive decisions and key elements of service plans when required; and
- [1.6.6](#) Produce progress reports and recommendations arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process or refer entire reports produced as a result of the scrutiny process.

~~1.4.6 1.7 The Committee will have scope aligned with the relevant Cabinet Portfolios “Communities and Housing Standards” and “Environment & Climate Change” as detailed in Part 3Ca.~~

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~~1.5 The Committee will have following scope, aligned to the relevant Cabinet Portfolio holder responsibilities:~~

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<b>Committee</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Corresponding Leader / Deputy Leader Portfolio</b>
<del>Scrutiny (Environmental and Health &amp; Well Being)</del>	<del>Leisure Centres Contract Management including Sports and Health Development Markets Open Spaces and contract management Greenhouse Centre Cemeteries Facilities Management Waste Management and Recycling Street Cleansing Public Toilets</del>	<del>Leisure Amenities &amp; Tourism (part) Environment and Housing Community and Regulatory services</del>

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	<p><del>Building Control</del></p> <p><del>Borough Council Drainage and Sewerage Functions</del></p> <p><del>Housing Strategy and Homelessness</del></p> <p><del>Housing Benefits</del></p> <p><del>Customer Services</del></p> <p><del>Collection and recovery of Council Tax, Business Rates and Other Income</del></p> <p><del>CCTV</del></p> <p><del>Off Street Car Parking</del></p> <p><del>Environmental Health (including: pollution, food safety, housing standards and commercial)</del></p> <p><del>Dog re-homing</del></p> <p><del>Licensing (Executive Functions only)</del></p> <p><del>Enforcement</del></p> <p><del>Climate Change Adaption</del></p> <p><del>Private Sector Housing</del></p> <p><del>Disabled Facilities Grants</del></p> <p><del>Partnerships (including LSP, Safer Neighbourhood panels, community safety, health and well-being)</del></p> <p><del>Community centres (including Neighbourhood Working</del></p> <p><del>Councillors' Community Fund</del></p> <p><del>Safeguarding &amp; Counter-</del></p>	
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	<del>Terrorism</del> <del>Brewhouse and Arts</del> <del>Development</del> <del>Civic Function Suite</del>	
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## 2 POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The Committee shall be empowered to:
- 2.1.1 Question members of the Cabinet, and/or officers of the Borough Council about any matters pertaining to policy, service delivery, performance or the carrying out of the business of the Council;
  - 2.1.2 Ask for any Council documents which are relevant to any matter under consideration;
  - 2.1.3 Commission research or consultation exercises to assist with considering issues;
  - 2.1.4 Seek information from, or ask questions of, any other person or body if that person or body so consents;
  - 2.1.5 Report on any issue arising from the Scrutiny function, with recommendations if appropriate;
  - 2.1.6 Issue reports to relevant outside bodies on the outcome of Scrutiny reviews, with recommendations if appropriate;
  - 2.1.7 Exercise any powers conferred by Staffordshire County Council and any powers conferred by legislation relating to Health Scrutiny.

### 3 PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE

#### THE COMMITTEE CAN AMEND THE PROCEDURES WHICH IT FOLLOWS

#### MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership will be a total of 8 Borough Councillors to reflect the political make-up of the council together with 1 County Councillor nominated by the County Council and appointed by the Committee. No member of the Cabinet shall be on the Committee.

#### MEETINGS

- 3.2 All meetings of the Committee shall be held at the Town Hall Burton upon Trent at 6.30pm unless different arrangements have been agreed ~~unless previously agreed~~ by the Committee.

- 3.3 The Committee will meet so often as may be required to perform the functions of the Committee.

- 3.4 Subject to fulfilling the role outlined above, the agenda for each meeting shall be agreed by the Chairman. Councillor requests for items to be placed on the agenda must be received by the Chairman at least seven working days prior to the meeting.

- 3.5 Questions may be submitted by any member of the Committee for answer by the Leader, any Cabinet Member or Officer of the Borough Council, who will be required to attend the meeting and verbally answer the question.

- 3.6 Questions must be received three clear working days prior to the meeting and must be relevant to the responsibilities of the Councillor or Officer who is being asked.

- 3.43.7 Further questions of the Councillor or Officer may be asked by the Committee following an initial question.

- ~~3.5~~ ~~Questions may be submitted by any member of the Committee for answer by the Leader, any Deputy Leader or Officer of the Council. Questions must be received three clear working days prior to the meeting.~~

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## CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

~~3-63.8~~ The Council shall appoint the Chairman and the Committee shall appoint the Vice-Chairman.

## RIGHT TO ATTEND

~~3-73.9~~ Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the press and public except for confidential business.

~~3-83.10~~ All Councillors formally appointed to the Committee by the Council have the right to attend and to vote at meetings of the Committee.

~~3-93.11~~ -Other Councillors who are not formal members of the Committee may attend meetings of the Committee, except where Exempt Information is likely to be disclosed. If Exempt Information is likely to be disclosed, they can only attend such meetings if they can demonstrate that their attendance is necessary to perform their duties as a Councillor. If they do attend, they may ask the Chairman for consent to speak (giving reasons). The Chairman may seek the views of the Committee before making a decision. If the Chairman gives such consent, the Councillor may take part in the debate when invited to do so by the Chairman (but may not vote).

~~3-103.12~~ The Committee shall determine which other persons should, from time to time, participate in the Committee's work.

## QUORUM

~~3-113.13~~ A quorum shall ~~be one-third of the total number of Committee members. be no less than 4 Councillors.~~

## MINUTES

~~3-123.14~~ The minutes of the meeting shall record any formal comments, views or recommendations made by the Committee and shall also record the answers to any formal questions.



## REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

[3.133.15](#) Where necessary the Committee will make reports and recommendations to the Executive arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process or refer to the Executive entire reports produced as a result of the scrutiny process.

## APPLICATION OF COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURE RULES

[3.143.16](#) Save where inconsistent with these Rules, proceedings at the Committee will be governed as set out in Rule 23 of the Council Meeting Procedure Rules – see Part 3A.