

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE 2024/25

Core Areas of Responsibility

The Place Scrutiny Committee core areas of responsibility align directly with the [Corporate Plan 2023-2027](#) and the key objectives for Stronger Place, which are:

- To protect our environment, encouraging jobs, housing, and reduce pollution infrastructure that complements, rather than competes with the natural world.
- To improve existing spaces and create new places for people to live, play, gain skills and do business.
- To protect and enhance our green spaces for future generations while providing decent, safe homes to meet all our needs.

The Place Scrutiny Committee will be responsible for the scrutiny of Place; Contracts, Service Delivery & Improvement; and Regulatory Services, as detailed below.

Key Areas covered by Place Scrutiny Committee):

Planning, Building Control, Technical Services, Enforcement, Leisure, Waste Management, Sustainability Climate Change, Economic Development and the Digital Innovation Zone.

Key Objectives

1. To develop an annual work programme that effectively scrutinises the areas of responsibility outlined above.
2. To provide scrutiny of services and areas of concern that are identified by Overview and Scrutiny Committee in its review of Corporate Key Performance Indicators.
3. To engage in policy review and development, with a focus on improvement and how this can be best achieved.
4. To consider any matter referred by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet or Portfolio Holder and to make recommendations as appropriate.
5. To establish working groups and task and finish panels to undertake any activity within the terms of reference.
6. To undertake pre-scrutiny through the review of specific proposals of the Council and its partner organisations or other local service providers to help develop policy.
7. To engage with the community and encourage community engagement.
8. To monitor and review relevant projects and associated closure and benefits reports.
9. To consider the impact on customers, residents, businesses and visitors to our District, and to respond to consultation activities.