



ST HELENS
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

5th October 2020

Report Title:	<i>Terms of Reference for Scrutiny Committees</i>
Cabinet Portfolio	Finance and Governance
Cabinet Member	Cllr Bond
Exempt Report	No
Reason for Exemption	N/A
Key Decision	No
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Wards Affected	All
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Borough priorities Please mark X for any priority supported by this report	Ensure children and young people have a positive start in life	X
	Promote good health, independence and care across our communities	X
	Create safe and strong communities for our residents	X
	Support a strong, diverse and well-connected local economy	X
	Create a green, thriving and vibrant place to be proud of	X
	Be a modern, efficient and effective Council	X

1. Summary

This report provides the terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the Scrutiny Committees.

2. Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Commission is recommended to:

- i) **Note the terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Commission; and**
- ii) **Note the terms of reference for the Scrutiny Committees.**

3. Purpose of this Report

- 3.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission about the terms of reference for the Commission and each of the Scrutiny Committees as set out in the Council's Constitution.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Council took a decision to change its Scrutiny Committee structure at its meeting on 22nd July 2020. The decision was to reduce the number of committees from six to four with the following names:
- Overview and Scrutiny Commission
 - Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee
 - Children and Young People Services Scrutiny Committee
 - Place Services Scrutiny Committee
- 4.2 As the number of committees has changed the terms of reference for the new committees are different to those of their predecessors. The changes to the Constitution required to enact the

decision of Council at its July meeting are contained within a report to Council's 30th September 2020 meeting for approval. As such these terms of reference may be subject to change prior to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission's meeting on 5th October.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission has overall responsibility for the Scrutiny Function at St Helens Council including the three Scrutiny Committees therefore Members of the Commission need to be aware of the terms of reference for the Scrutiny Committees as well as the Commission.

6. Implications

7.1 Financial Implications

7.1.1 None

7.2 Legal Implications

7.2.1 None

7.3 Staffing/HR Implications

7.3.1 None

7.4 Impact on our customers/residents

7.4.1 None

7.5 Community Impact Assessment

7.5.1 None

7.6 Asset / Property Implications

7.6.1 None

7.7 Environmental implications

7.7.1 None

7.8 Policy Framework Implications

7.8.1 None

7.9 Risks

7.9.1 None

7.10 Link to council's priorities

7.10.1 None

7. Background papers
St Helens Council Constitution

9. Appendices
Terms of Reference for Overview and Scrutiny Committees