

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the following power and duties:

- (a) to co-ordinate and manage the scrutiny function for the Council.
- (b) to develop a work programme for scrutiny in consultation with the Executive.
- (c) to develop and oversee protocols for reviews and referrals.
- (d) to have specific responsibility for policy development support and scrutiny of the civic budget, statutory plans as appropriate and major cross-cutting issues **such as responsibility for scrutinising Culture – to include sport, leisure and libraries; scrutinising Adults with Special Needs and scrutinising Health Finance – to include strategy in relation to budget problems and impact on residents.**
- (e) to examine the Council's performance generally, using information from Best Value implementation plans, Best Value Performance Indicators, the comprehensive performance assessment, and other performance management frameworks.
- (f) to examine the Council's corporate governance framework and make recommendations for change as appropriate.
- (g) to be responsible for the use of allocated resources for scrutiny to support its functions.
- (h) to establish such sub-committees as it considers necessary to achieve effective scrutiny of the Executive and senior officers of the Council.
- (i) to review, make reports and make recommendations to the Council and/or the Executive in respect of any Council functions;
- (j) to consider, report and make recommendations on any matter affecting the area and/or those who live, work or travel through Harrow;
- (l) to report to the Council annually on the work of the scrutiny function;
- (m) to conclude reviews promptly, normally within six months.