

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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

1. To oversee a more targeted and proportionate work programme that can help secured service improvement through in depth investigation of poor performance and the development of an effective strategy/policy framework for the council and partners
2. To have general oversight of the council's scrutiny function;
3. To support the executive's policy development function and the long-term strategic direction of the borough;
4. To anticipate policy changes and determine their potential impact on residents;
5. To consider the council and partners strategic approach to service delivery;
6. To undertake detailed investigation of service/financial performance in order to recommend policy changes and to commission light touch investigations by the Performance and Finance sub committee;
7. To consider items included in the Forward Plan as appropriate;
8. To consider such urgent items as are appropriate – area scrutiny.
9. To consider Councillor Call for Action in terms of
  - **Local Government Matter (Section 119, LGA 2007)**
  - **Local Crime & Disorder Matter (Section 19, Police & Justice Act 2006)**
10. ***To discharge the functions conferred by Section 21(f) of the Local Government Act 2000 of reviewing and scrutinising, in accordance with regulations under Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Harrow.***
11. ***To scrutinise matters relating to health and public health and to hear the views of local residents, with a view to improving health services, reducing health inequalities and improving the health of local residents.***
12. ***To respond to consultations from local health trusts, Department of Health and any organisation which provides health services outside the local authority's area to inhabitants within it.***