

TERMS OF REFERENCE

All Committees will have the following functions in respect of their respective areas:

- To develop the Council's policy, strategy and budget proposals
- To work at meeting the Council's corporate objectives, as set out in the Corporate Plan.
- To encourage performance improvement in relevant services, consistent with Value for Money principles and within the policy and budgetary framework agreed by the Council. This includes responding appropriately to statutory reports on external inspections and service reviews.
- To develop a full understanding of the functions and services within the Committee's remit
- To facilitate and encourage public participation in the Council's activities by engaging key stakeholders in the Council's processes for decision making.
- To oversee the publication of consultation papers on key issues and ensure that there is appropriate public consultation.
- To consider budget priorities and actions on the delivery of Council services within the overall policy and budgetary framework agreed by the Council.
- To consult with local Ward councillors about policy developments or service initiatives which have a specific relevance to the Committee.
- To support positive relationships and practices through co-operative working with staff.
- To commission studies or the collection of information relating to policy issues (Corporate Policy and Resources Committee) or service delivery (Service Committees).
- Each Committee is limited in authority to grant expenditure to £1 million for any particular project without seeking approval from full Council. Any project must be taken as a whole, and the project cannot be sub-divided into its constituent parts with each being authorised separately to avoid this limit set by this rule.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Membership

15 members reflecting political balance.

Functions

This committee has responsibility for the following functions of the Council:

- Planning policy
- The Local Plan
- Waste strategy & management
- Recycling
- Biodiversity
- Climate change – including air quality, carbon management, mitigation and adaptation measures
- Public Health
- Parks, open spaces and allotments
- Emergency planning
- Review and scrutiny of the exercise by the relevant authorities of the flood risk management functions which may affect the Council's area.
- To monitor and review relevant Council policies and strategies and recommend changes or new policies to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.
- To review and scrutinise service delivery and in particular ensuring that best value in service delivery is being obtained for the community.
- To undertake scrutiny and monitor the performance of external bodies who deliver services to the community
- To review and scrutinise budget proposals and make recommendations to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.