

Constitution Changes 2009/10

1. Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Members are aware it is proposed to replace the Corporate Overview Committee and the Scrutiny Committee with four Overview/Scrutiny committees. The reason for this is to give more members the opportunity to become involved in policy development and/or scrutiny, support the Council's performance improvement drive and provide the means for greater community engagement.

The new Overview and Scrutiny committees will be:

1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

This Committee will co-ordinate the work of the other three new Overview and Scrutiny committees: Communities, Economy, Service Delivery and Performance. It will ensure that the Council develops its partnership working and helps achieve integrated Devon service delivery. Its remit will include service delivery across the Local Government family Devon-wide, achieving savings through remote working with neighbouring authorities (Mid Devon, Exeter, West Dorset, AONBs/Blackdown Hills), working with parish councils, Police, Fire, and the Primary Care Trust, Comprehensive Area Assessment issues and Local Strategic Partnership service commissioning. It will also be the Council's statutory crime and disorder committee.

1.2 Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

to include:

- recession recovery,
- town services, high street future,
- skills and training, school provision for leavers and achievers, Further Education provision,
- property based decisions
- Local Government Association issues.
- Sustainability

1.3 Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

to include

- affordable housing, housing availability,
- urban, rural and Safe Communities.
- developing, reviewing and monitoring the effectiveness of the Council's work on equality and diversity
- developing and implementing the community empowerment vision
- Scrutinise community engagement and empowerment initiatives and governance arrangements, with input from communities to drive improvement

1.4 Service Delivery and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Remit to include: right sized establishment, systems thinking and on-target delivery.

1.5 The Housing Review Board remains a Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee and no changes are proposed to its terms of reference.