

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2020/21

Overview and Scrutiny Board

To discharge the functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 or Regulations under section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000 in relation to the matters set out below:

1. To manage and lead the development of the overview and scrutiny process in Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council;
2. To be responsible for Member development with regard to overview and scrutiny;
3. To decide upon issues for overview or scrutiny having regard to the Prioritisation Framework (significant policy/service change or underperformance, or an area of public or local interest). Such issues may relate to:
 - a) Wholly owned Local Authority Companies
 - b) Strategic Partnerships
 - c) Oldham MBC
 - d) Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA)
 - e) Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)
 - f) Education (ensuring there is appropriate statutory representation of co-opted members)
 - g) Health and Well-being
 - h) Community issues which would include crime and disorder, cohesion, housing and environment and regeneration issues etc
 - i) Area based issues
 - j) City Regional developments.
4. To assign overview and scrutiny work as it considers appropriate to the Performance and Value For Money Select Committee;
5. To hold to account the Performance and Value For Money Select Committee;
6. To establish and monitor Task & Finish groups;
7. To scrutinise Oldham's overview and scrutiny function (including Member participation in all overview and scrutiny constituted bodies and at Project Panels);
8. To consider requests for scrutiny of issues from the Oldham Healthwatch (and any potential successor bodies) and assign them to the appropriate place for scrutiny;
9. To consider all Call-Ins (In the event a call-in related to an education issue, the statutory co-optees would be invited to participate in that matter at the meeting);
10. To make recommendations to the Cabinet or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies, and where appropriate, direct to Council;
11. To scrutinise a policy/service delivery change directly.

Overview and Scrutiny Performance and Value for Money Select Committee

1. To monitor and hold to account the performance of service delivery within Oldham MBC (OMBC), and its partners such as Oldham Community Leisure Limited (OCLL), Oldham Partnership, etc with particular reference to the Corporate Plan and all other strategic plans
2. To monitor and hold to account those responsible for implementing scrutiny recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet;
3. To monitor the performance of the host organisation supporting the Oldham Healthwatch;

4. To monitor the efficiency of OMBC to assess whether efficiency savings are achieved;
5. To scrutinise the annual budget setting and monitoring process;
6. To identify areas for in depth scrutiny for referral to the Overview and Scrutiny Board where performance is weak and to require the Board to scrutinise policy/service delivery change;
7. To scrutinise issues identified as requiring improvement by external assessors (eg Ofsted, Care Quality Commission (CQC) etc) and on education matters, ensuring that there is appropriate statutory representation of co-opted members;
8. To make recommendations to the Cabinet or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies.

Health Scrutiny Committee

The Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the undertaking the statutory scrutiny of health across Oldham. The role includes:

1. To discharge all responsibilities of the Council for health overview and scrutiny, whether as a statutory duty or through the exercise of a power, including subject to formal guidance being issued from the Department of Health, the referral of issues to the Secretary of State.
2. To review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area and to make reports and recommendations on any such matter it has reviewed and scrutinised.
3. To comment on or make recommendations about or report to the Secretary of State in writing about such proposals as are referred to the Authority by a relevant NHS body or relevant service provider.
4. To develop and agree the annual health scrutiny work programme.
5. To scrutinise the development and implementation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy developed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
6. To provide the membership of any joint committee established to respond to formal consultations by an NHS body on an issue which impacts on the residents of more than on Overview and Scrutiny Committee area.
7. To consider Councillor Calls for Action for health and social care matters.
8. To respond to proposals and consultations from NHS bodies in respect of substantial variations in service provision and any other major health consultation exercises.
9. Liaise with "Oldham Healthwatch" to respond to any matters brought to the attention of Overview and Scrutiny.
10. To refer recommendations relating to health, care and wellbeing to Oldham Healthwatch for further monitoring.
11. Undertake inquiries related to health and wellbeing issues in Oldham.