



Community Select Committee

“Bite Size Briefing”

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Community Select Committee

- Council's Decision Making Process
- Role of Scrutiny
- Role of Community Select Committee
- Developing a Work Programme
- Role of Officers



Council

Sets the budget and policy framework

Executive
Decision
Making

Overview &
Scrutiny

Committees

The Executive
& Individual
Executive
Decisions

Select
Committees

Devt. Control
Licensing
Standards
Audit and Reg

Support

Scrutiny



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Forward Plan

- Key Decisions due to be made by the Executive in the next three month period & updated monthly.
- “Key Decision” criteria:
 - Changes or additions to the budget and policy framework
 - A report likely to result in expenditure or savings which are significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.
 - Decision which affects communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards



Overview & Scrutiny

- Local Government Act 2000
- Overview & Scrutiny (Select) Committees:
 - Help shape Council policy
 - Hold the Executive to account
 - “Call in” decisions of the Executive or individual Executive members within 3 days of decision being issued – three members of any Select Committee
 - Consider matters affecting the Council’s area or its inhabitants
 - Scrutinise services provided by our partners, such as Police, Fire & Rescue Service - invited to give evidence at Committee
- Select Committees do not have decision-making role
- Questions may be put to an Executive Member at Committee (advise at least 5 days prior to the meeting).



Community Select Committee

- Remit includes:
 - Parks and open spaces
 - Sport, recreation facilities & the arts
 - Refuse collection & recycling
 - Street care
 - Environmental management
 - Public health
 - Public toilets
 - Community safety
 - Grants to voluntary organisations
 - Social inclusion & equalities
 - Car parking



Work Programme

- Select Committee work programme to be developed further
- Focus on corporate priorities
- Link to Forward Plan of Decisions
- Develop further following priority setting day: 16 July 1 pm in the Octagon Lounge



Task and Finish Groups

- Facility to establish “task and finish” groups
- Appointed to investigate, research and advise on a specific issue
- Report back to Committee with recommendations
- Constitution allows for maximum of two (per Committee) in any year and no more than one at a time



Role of Officers

- Executive Director allocated to each Select Committee – close working with Chairman & Vice-Chairman, agenda planning etc
- Officers from service areas help provide research and information for topics on agendas
- Democratic & Community Services team support each Committee



Conclusion

“By demonstrating a commitment to improvement, scrutiny can become a partner of the executive – a critical and challenging partner that shares a commitment to make life better for local people.”

Councillors' Guide
Local Government Group



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