

High Peak Borough Council

Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

24 February 2020

Terms of Reference

1. A politically balanced sub-committee (comprising 7 councillors for which substitutes will be permitted), chaired by the Leader of the Council, to conduct a review of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function performed by its current select committees (the present terms of reference for each of the Council's three select committees are provided in Appendix A). The review will consider the following aspects:
 - To ensure that the Council continues to make the best use of its resources
 - The revised guidance published by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (provided in Appendix B) and the "Good Scrutiny Guide" issued by the Centre for Public Scrutiny.
 - The changing environment in which the Council operates.
 - To investigate ways that the scrutiny process can better involve and engage local residents as part of the policy development and decision-making process.
 - Enable the Council to better support the role of ward members and its representatives on outside bodies by considering options around:
 - how scrutiny considers ward issues
 - how members appointed to outside bodies can better feed-in information from those bodies
2. Any revised arrangements to be proposed to Council and implemented following Annual Council on 14 May 2020.