

Overview and Scrutiny

June/July 2017



The Role

- Overview and Scrutiny:
 - § provides the role of critical friend to decision makers within the Council – e.g. the Cabinet
 - § made up from Members who are not on Cabinet
 - § provides the opportunity to influence decisions
 - § helps to drive improvement in services,
 - § enables the voice of local people to be heard

Principles (1)

- Overview and Scrutiny is Member led
- Its should not be political
- Overview and Scrutiny should add value
- It carries out research, including engagement with communities, to make evidence based recommendations to Cabinet/sometimes Council
- Cabinet Members and officers can be required to provide evidence and answer questions.
- Representations of external organisations and members of the public can be invited to give evidence.

Principles (2)

Overview and Scrutiny does not deal with:

- items for information
- minor matters or individual concerns
- individual problems and complaints
- decisions of a planning committee or licensing committee
- matters that are subject to legal proceedings
- individual disciplinary or grievance matters appropriate for the Standards Committee

Member Development

- John Cade – INLOGOV
 - 18 July – 09.30 to 12.30
 - 19 July – 13.30 to 16.30
 - Autumn – third session
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- Centre for Public Scrutiny - CfPS
<http://www.cfps.org.uk/>