

Additional Paragraphs for Possible Inclusion

Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)

In accordance with the provision within the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, any member may submit a CCfA using the appropriate form. The CCfA is intended to be a process of last resort and therefore a member must demonstrate that reasonable steps have been taken to resolve the matter including a response from the relevant Cabinet member and Service Director. In the first instance the relevant area board will consider the CCfA and will then be placed on the agenda of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee should the member remain dissatisfied.

It is for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to determine how it wishes to respond to the CCfA and in the case of refusal to undertake a review then reasons must be provided.

Further guidance on the operation of CCfA is available from the Head of Democratic Services.

Area Boards

The relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider referrals from area boards on issues which have been the subject of local challenge or are cross-boundary or have budget, policy or contractual implications for the council which have first been debated at an area board. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will have full discretion in how it wishes to respond to such referrals.

Further information on local challenge referrals is contained in the Area Boards Handbook.

Local petitions

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee will act as the appeal body for local petitions where the petitioners consider that the council did not respond adequately.

Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

The main overview and scrutiny committees will scrutinise performance of the Partnerships relevant to their activities under the provisions of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006. The Overview and Scrutiny Management and Resources Select Committee will take the lead in determining how this is most effectively achieved.