

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference**

The Overview and Scrutiny committee shall, within the scope of its remit, exercise the overview and scrutiny functions set out in Schedule 5A of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 and the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 (“the Scrutiny Order”) and in particular shall have the following powers and responsibilities (to be exercised in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4, Section 2):

- a) to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the LCCA;
- b) to make reports or recommendations to the LCCA with respect to the discharge of any functions that are the responsibility of the LCCA;
- c) to make reports or recommendations to the LCCA on matters that affect the LCCA's area or the inhabitants of the area;
- d) when exercising the power under (a) or (c) above, to have the power to:
  - direct that a decision is not to be implemented while it is under review or scrutiny by the overview and scrutiny committee; and
  - recommend that the decision be reconsidered;
- e) to publish details of how it proposes to exercise its powers under (d) above and its arrangements in connection with the exercise of those powers, having obtained the consent of the LCCA to the proposals and arrangements;
- f) to consider matters referred to the committee by one of its members, by a Member of the LCCA or a member of a Constituent Council, in accordance with Article 6 of the Scrutiny Order;
- g) to consider matters referred to the committee by the LCCA;
- h) to require the Members or officers of the LCCA to attend before the Overview and Scrutiny committee to answer questions;
- i) to invite other persons to attend meetings of the overview and scrutiny committee; and
- j) to appoint one or more Overview and Scrutiny sub-committees and arrange for the discharge of any of the overview and scrutiny committee’s functions by any such sub-committee.