

## 1. Scrutiny Committee

### 11 Members

*Conservative: 6; UKIP: 2; Labour: 2; Liberal Democrat: 1; and (for relevant education items only): Churches: 3; Parent Governors: 2.*

1.1 The Council has appointed this Committee under section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 to:

- (a) review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any executive or non-executive functions.
- (b) make reports or recommendations to the County Council or the executive, requiring them to consider and respond, indicating what (if any) action they propose to take, within 2 months.
- (c) in the case of executive decisions made but not implemented, recommend the decision be reconsidered or refer the review of the decision to the County Council.
- (d) request, but not require, that implementation of a decision be postponed when considering any decision taken by an officer or by a Committee exercising functions delegated by the Council.
- (e) to make reports or recommendations to the County Council or the executive on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of the area.
- (f) require the Leader, Cabinet Members and Senior Managers to attend before it and answer questions. It is the duty of any Member or officer to comply with such a requirement.
- (g) require any other Member to attend before it to answer questions relating to any function which is exercisable by the Member by virtue of **section 236** of the **Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007** (exercise of functions by local councillors in England).
- (h) invite other persons to attend meetings of the Committee to answer questions and gather evidence with their consent.
- (i) appoint one or more sub-committees to discharge any of its functions.
- (j) co-ordinate the programme of Select Committee reviews during the year.

1.2 When exercising the powers in relation to education functions, this Committee will include persons nominated by the Diocesan Boards of Education of the Canterbury and Rochester Dioceses of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Bishop whose diocese includes Kent (paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act), as well as persons elected as representatives of parent governors at

schools maintained by the Council as the local education authority for Kent (paragraph 9 Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act.

## **2. Crime and Disorder Committee**

*11 Members*

*Conservative: 6; UKIP: 2; Labour: 2; Liberal Democrat: 1*

2.1 This committee is responsible for the scrutiny of authorities responsible for Crime and Disorder strategies in accordance with section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Protocol at Appendix 4 Part 4 Annex C.

## **3. Flood Risk Management Committee**

*7 Members*

*Conservative: 4; UKIP: 1; Labour: 1; Liberal Democrat: 1*

3.1 In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (Schedule 2), this committee is responsible for reviewing and scrutinising the exercise by risk management authorities of flood risk management functions or coastal erosion risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area.

3.2 This committee is responsible for:

(a) the preparation monitoring and review (in conjunction with the Flood Risk Management Officer) of a strategic action plan for flood risk management in Kent, taking into account any Select Committee recommendations, the Pitt Review and relevant requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010

(b) reporting annually (and more often if necessary) to the Scrutiny Committee and to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

(c) reviewing and responding to any consultation on the implementation of the Pitt Review and the future development of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010

(d) receiving reports from the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and responding as appropriate

(e) the investigation of water resource management issues in Kent

3.3 A risk management authority must comply with a request from this committee for information and a response to a report.

3.4 The committee may include (non-voting) persons who are not members of the authority, including representatives of District Councils, the Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Boards.

## **4. Select Committees**

### *9 Members*

*Conservative: 5; UKIP: 2; Labour: 1; Liberal Democrat: 1*

4.1 These are time limited, task specific sub-committees of the Scrutiny Committee, appointed to carry out reviews on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee with the same powers as the main committee.

4.2 The general scope of each Select Committee review is agreed by the Scrutiny Committee and endorsed by Cabinet when it is included in the work programme. The detailed terms of reference of each Select Committee Review are developed by a cross party Member group (one from each group), for approval by the Select Committee and endorsement by the Scrutiny Committee.

## **5. Kent Utilities Engagement Sub-Committee**

### *9 Members*

*Conservative – 5; UKIP – 1; Labour – 1; Liberal Democrat – 1; Independent – 1.*

The Scrutiny Committee established the Sub-Committee with the following terms of reference:

1. The sub-committee is responsible for engaging with utility providers and regulators operating in the Kent area.
2. The goal of the sub-committee is to achieve better alignment of utilities planning and connections to developments across Kent and to improve the quality of life of Kent citizens.
3. The sub-committee will highlight examples of good and bad practice and work with utility providers to devise and promote effective utility and development strategies, making suggestions for improvement and engaging with national regulators where appropriate.
4. The sub-committee will use regular engagement with key partners in the utility and development sectors to improve communication, avoid unnecessary duplication and increase transparency.
5. The sub-committee is a sub-committee of the Scrutiny Committee with membership drawn from all members of the council.
6. The sub-committee provides a report to the Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis, or more regularly if required.
7. The sub-committee will meet three times a year, with additional meetings arranged as required.

8. As a partnership meeting, attendance of all external parties is encouraged in the spirit of joint-working but will be on a voluntary basis.
9. A work programme will be maintained by the Growth, Environment & Transport directorate, developed in consultation with Members, partner agencies, utility providers and regulators.