ARTICLE 6 -OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS

The Council will appoint the Overview and Scrutiny Panels set out in the left hand column of the table below to discharge the functions conferred by Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 in relation to the matters set out in the right hand column of the same table.

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL	SCOPE	EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO
SOCIAL WELL-BEING	Private sector housing	Strategic Planning and Housing
	Disabled facilities grants Homelessness Housing grants Housing register/nominations	
	Home Improvement Agency	
	Housing providers/associations Housing strategy/policies	
	Air quality/noise/pollution Animal welfare/pest control Caravan sites Commercial: health and safety promotion/food safety Community initiatives Community safety Corporate health and safety Infectious diseases Sport & Active Lifestyles Smoke free initiatives Diversity and Equalities Safeguarding	Strategic Economic Development, Legal and Healthy Communities
	CCTV Huntingdon/St Neots/ St Ives/Ramsey/Sawtry – One Leisure Sport & Active Lifestyles	Commercial Activities
	Licensing and Protection Communities and Voluntary Groups	Strategic Economic Development, Legal and Healthy Communities

ENVIRONMENTAL	Abandoned vehicles	Operations
WELL-BEING	Cleansing	and
	Emergency planning	Environment
	Grounds maintenance/grass cutting	
	Parks and countryside	
	Recycling	
	Refuse collection	
	Streetscene	
	Vehicle fleet management	
	Waste stream policy	
	Building	
	Control/dangerous structures/acces	
	s for disabled people	
	Business energy conservation	
	Environmental Strategy	
	Home energy conservation	
	Land drainage	
	Renewable energy	
	Residual highways responsibilities/	
	public utilities	
	Street naming and numbering	
	Water Strategy	
	Neighbourhood Plans	Strategic
	Planning Policy/Development Plans	Planning and
	Planning studies/monitoring	Housing
	Site and area planning briefs/master	riodoling
	plans	
	Conservation/Listed Buildings	Supported by
	Development Management/	Development
	Planning enforcement	Management
	Transportation	Panel
	Trees and footpaths	Chairman
	Car Parking (Operations and Policy)	Commercial
ECONOMIC	Business analysis/improvement	Activities
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	Business analysis/improvement	Customer
TALLE-DEING	Freedom of Information ICT Network & Systems	Services
	Local Land and Property Gazetteer	
	Website/intranet	
	Benefits	
	assessments/payments/fraud	
	Call Centre	
	Customer Service Centre	
	Local Taxation	
	National Non Domestic Rates	
	Revenue collection	
	Economic Development	
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Contracts Conveyancing Data protection/Regulation of Investigatory Powers Land Charges Legal advice Planning advocacy Prosecutions and litigation	
Document Centre	Commercial Activities
Audit Budget preparation and Debt recovery Final accounts/financial advice Financial forecasting monitoring Payment of creditors Procurement Risk management Treasury Management (borrowing and investments) Engineering and architectural design Facilities Management Corporate and Operational Estate Project /Contractual management Capital Projects	Resources
Communication & marketing Corporate performance Corporate policy/research Investment Estate Localism management Strategic and delivery Partnerships	Executive Leader & Deputy Executive Leader
Democratic Services Elections/Electoral Registration Member Support	Strategic Economic Development Legal and Healthy Communities

2. GENERAL ROLE

Within their terms of reference, the Overview and Scrutiny Panels will:-

- (i) review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
- make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council and/or the Executive Leader and/or any joint committee in connection with the discharge of any functions;

- (iii) review the performance of the Council and the achievement of performance indicators and targets;
- (iv) consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants; and
- (v) exercise the right of call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive Leader, the Cabinet, an individual member of the Cabinet, a committee of the Cabinet or a key decision made by an officer.

3. SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

(a) Policy Development and Review -

Overview and Scrutiny Panels may:-

- (i) assist the Council, the Executive Leader and the Cabinet in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- (ii) conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- (iii) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- (iv) question the Executive Leader, members of the Cabinet and/or committees and panels and senior officers* about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and
- (v) liaise with other external organisations operating within the area whether national, regional or local to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

(b) Scrutiny

Overview and Scrutiny Panels may:-

- scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Executive Leader, the Cabinet and/or committees and panels and senior officers* both in relation to individual decisions and over a period of time;
- (ii) review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- (iii) question the Executive Leader, members of the Cabinet and/or committees and panels and senior officers* about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period

of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;

- (iv) make recommendations to the Executive Leader, the Cabinet and/or appropriate committees and panels and/or the Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- (v) review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and local people about their activities and performance; and
- (vi) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent).

(c) Finance

Overview and Scrutiny Panels may exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them.

(d) Annual Report

Overview and Scrutiny Panels must report at least annually to the full Council on their workings and working methods if appropriate.

4. **PROCEEDINGS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS**

Overview and Scrutiny Panels will conduct their proceedings in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

5. CO-ORDINATION OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

An advisory group, comprising the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels shall co-ordinate and monitor the overview and scrutiny process and in particular shall determine the arrangements for matters within the remit of more than one overview and scrutiny panel in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of this Constitution.

(* Note: For the purposes of this Article, senior officer means the Head of Paid Service, Managing Director and Heads of Service as defined in Part 4 (Officer Employment Procedure Rules of this Constitution.)