

## **Children's Services and Culture Scrutiny Committee**

- (1) To monitor and review and make recommendations to the Council and/or to the Cabinet , Deputy Leader or Leader with regard to all policy and operational matters falling within the purview of the portfolios relating to Children's Services including Looked After Children, Schools and Skills, Early Years and Sports, Youth, Libraries and Culture.
- (2) To consider matters referred to the Committee by members of the Committee in accordance with Standing Order 36.
- (3) To recommend to the Council a programme of reviews to be undertaken by the Committee with regard to matters falling within the purview of the portfolios (namely Children's Services including Looked After Children, Schools and Skills, Early Years and Sports, Youth, Libraries and Culture) and to recommend the Council accordingly on the outcome of such reviews.
- (4) To make recommendations to the Council as to such additional/occasional reviews which the Committee wishes to consider outside the annual programme.
- (5) To receive performance reports and Inspectors reports thereon, relating to the functions of the Children's Services and Chief Executive's Department.
- (6) The Committee shall have the power to summon the the Deputy Leader of the Council or the Leader of the Council (and relevant support members) and the relevant Chief Officer(s) to attend its meetings to consider, provide information and give evidence on matters before the Committee.
- (7) To set up Scrutiny Panels to undertake in-depth reviews of current policies and practices with a view to identifying areas for future policy development.
- (8) The Quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be five.