

ARTICLE 6 - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6.1 Functions

The Council will appoint one Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This Committee will discharge the scrutiny and review functions conferred by regulations made under Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2000 in relation to the matters set out in the right hand column of the table below.

Function	Scope
Democracy and governance	Local democracy and the achievement of effective, transparent and accountable decision making by the Council.
Lifelong learning and culture	The provision, planning and management of education, training and culture in the Ryedale District in so far as the Council is responsible for this.
Public accounts	The Council's budget, the management of its budget, capital, revenue borrowing and assets and its audit arrangements.
Regeneration and housing	The physical, social and economic environment and regeneration of the Ryedale District; enabling the provision, planning and management of its housing and the rural and built environment.
Services	The provision, planning, management and performance of Council services, including support services, the community plan and any other Council functions not otherwise addressed by any other Committee.
Social inclusion	Policies and strategies of the Council and other bodies which affect the economic, social and political resources available to individuals to enable them to participate fully in society, especially in the context of the national strategy for neighbourhood renewal.

6.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also ensure that the Council complies with its duty concerning Best Value, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999.

6.3 The Committee may sit to consider issues of particular significance, e.g. to comment on the Draft Community Plan; and also the draft “State of the District” annual report, if the Council adopts that approach.

6.4 **Terms of Reference**

The terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set out in Part 3 of this Constitution entitled “Responsibility for Functions”.

6.5 **Finance**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them.

6.6 **Annual Reports**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to full Council on its workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

6.7 **Officers**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall exercise overall responsibility for the work programme of those officers whose function is wholly to support their work, and of other officers in so far as they support their work.

6.8 **Proceedings of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

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