TITLE OF REPORT: **Role and Remit**

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Summary

The report sets out the remit and terms of reference of the Committee as previously agreed by the Cabinet and the Council.

Background

1. Article 6 of the Council's Constitution sets out the aims and objectives of the scrutiny function in Gateshead Council. In particular it should be an integral part of the Council's framework and a constructive process which works alongside other parts of the Council's structure, contributing towards policy development. Importantly it will enhance rather than duplicate activity and it will look to broader issues affecting local people rather than just internal Council issues.

Remit / Terms of Reference

2. Within the above principles, all Overview and Scrutiny Committees will

- Review decisions, holding decision makers to account

- Call - in executive decisions in accordance with the procedure set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee rules

- Contribute to the policy making process through:

  o Policy reviews agreed as part of the service planning cycle
  o Advise Cabinet as part of the Council's performance management framework
  o Examining issues in the Council's Schedule of Decisions

- Ensure other agencies, public and private, play their part in accordance with the Council's protocol achieving a better quality of life for Gateshead residents.

3. This Committee has specific responsibility for performing the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

⇒ The functions of the Council as an education authority
⇒ The provision of social services, and other services to children and young people, including specific health services for children and young people (including the function of reviewing and scrutinising matters relating to the health service as set out on the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and associated regulations).

Recommendation

4. The Committee is asked to note its remit and terms of reference.