

# How Scrutiny Works - Scoping

## Scoping Scrutiny Reviews in Nottinghamshire

### 1. OSC

The County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) manages the programme of scrutiny work, identifying and prioritising issues for review. For each review the OSC will set a key question, appoint a chair and vice-chair, a suggested period of time for the review and the number of Members to sit on the select committee.

### 2. Chair and vice-chair

The chair and vice-chair will meet with the lead officer to the review and other identified officers to draft a scope for the review using the scoping document template. This process provides the select committee with an initial outline of the review and will include suggested witnesses and evidence.

### 3. Service departments

If the review includes consideration of county council services then the draft scope will be sent to the service directors responsible for those services so that they are aware that the review is taking place. The service director will be invited to comment on the proposed scope of the review. In any review Members will want to ensure that the provision of services is fair. To enable the review to determine this, service directors will be asked to provide all relevant equality service diversity reviews (SDRs) which will be listed on the scope. If no SDRs are available this will also be recorded on the scope.

The draft scope will be shared with the Corporate Communications Team to look at how the review will be communicated with the public.

### 4. Select Committee

At the first meeting of the select committee Members will usually be provided with an introduction to the review. The select committee will receive the draft scope and also a copy of all relevant service diversity reviews. Where no SDRs are available the select committee should consider whether any SDRs should be completed and provided as part of the review.



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# Overview and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Review Title

**Community Policing**

Chairman

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Start date

9th March 2009

Completion date March 2009 (one off meeting)

Reason for review

Area of concern identified by Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee – especially changes in resourcing of community policing.

Objectives

To improve the flow of information to local people and Members regarding policing priorities and to enhance the setting of those priorities via greater community engagement.

Risks and issues

- Police communication with local Members
- Levels of consultation when resources are to be permanently reduced
- Continuity of police staffing (i.e. 'Churn' of officers allocated to local roles)
- Levels of service – the community expectation that levels of local policing should not be reduced to nil in order to meet other operational requirements
- "Safer Neighbourhoods" – this national police initiative allows local people direct influence over determining local priorities. How do local Members fit into this picture/what influence do they have? How is the initiative progressing in Nottinghamshire?
- Levels of Police involvement with youth diversionary schemes e.g. Oz Box



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| Theme                     | Safer and Stronger  |  |
| Witnesses                 | Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police and/or a senior officer with strategic responsibility for community policing. |  |
| Proposed visits           | None.   |  |
| Public Involvement        |   |  |
| Communications            | Press release   |  |
| Equalities issues         | No relevant Equality Impact Assessments are held by Nottinghamshire County Council.                                     |  |
| Service Director comments | None.   |  |