



What's your view?



Overview and Scrutiny in Harrogate

Work Programme and Annual Report

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a work programme, which is constantly monitored to ensure that it reflects the concerns of local people.

Overview and Scrutiny also produces an Annual Report setting out what it has achieved in the previous 12 months and what its future plans are.

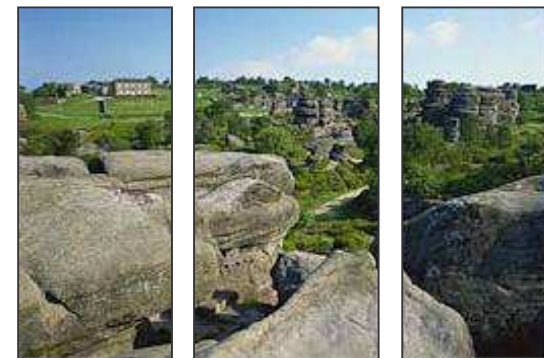
Meetings

All of the Overview and Scrutiny meetings are open to the public and are usually held in the Council Offices, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate.

You can read the agendas and minutes of all meetings on our website or in person at our Council Offices.

To find out more...

If you would like any further information on Overview and Scrutiny at Harrogate Borough Council please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Scrutiny Officer, either by phone **01423 556153**, or through the Council's website www.harrogate.gov.uk/scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny



What is Overview and Scrutiny?

Overview and Scrutiny at Harrogate Borough Council provides the opportunity for Councillors and the general public to review the actions of the council and other local service providers, question how decisions are made and consider ways for improvement.

What can it do?

- ❖ Hold to account those responsible for formulating and implementing policies and delivering services.
- ❖ Encourage good performance and regularly report in public on how the Council and external partners are meeting their promise to local people.
- ❖ Encourage the Council to be more responsive to the needs of local residents.
- ❖ Improve policies and services for the people of Harrogate.
- ❖ Encourage openness and accountability about the way that decisions are made.
- ❖ Exercise the right to ‘Call In’ for reconsideration, decisions made, but not yet implemented by the Cabinet.

What can't it do?

- ❖ Handle individual complaints.
- ❖ Intervene in planning decisions.
- ❖ Act as an appeals mechanism.

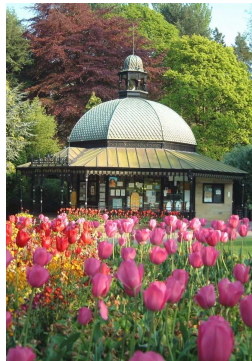
Who gets involved?

Councillors carry out Overview and Scrutiny. They form the Committees that carry out reviews.

Anyone can attend an Overview and Scrutiny Commission meeting and members of the public are invited to raise issues they wish to be scrutinised. Representatives from other organisations are also included in reviews where appropriate.

What has it done?

In the past year the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions have reviewed the following issues:



- » **Car Parking Policy.**
- » **Homelessness and Affordable Housing.**
- » **Restoration of the Valley Gardens.**
- » **Community Policing.**
- » **HBC's Climate Change Strategy.**

Your Ideas

The Overview and Scrutiny Commissions want to undertake reviews that take account of issues of concern to local people.

If you feel there is an issue or service that should be scrutinised, please complete the form below and return it to:

**The Scrutiny Officer
Harrogate Borough Council
Crescent Gardens
Harrogate
HG1 2SG**

Councillors should scrutinise:

Please say why:.....

Name:.....
Address:.....
Email:.....
Contact Number:

An electronic version of this form is available on our website: www.harrogate.gov.uk/scrutiny