

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:****COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

1. To implement the work programme agreed by the Scrutiny Management Committee by:
  - (a) undertaking the Council's statutory scrutiny role in respect of scrutinising and reviewing Crime and Community Safety;
  - (b) scrutinising the planning and provision of housing services in Milton Keynes and the Council's role as landlord, to ensure that these services provide good quality, affordable accommodation for the Council's tenants and to create a sense of place for all citizens of Milton Keynes
  - (c) reviewing the availability and provision of housing in Milton Keynes;
  - (d) reviewing and assessing measures to address homelessness and rough sleeping in Milton Keynes;
  - (e) seeking to ensure that the anticipated needs and aspirations of future Milton Keynes' residents are met in the planning and delivery of new housing developments;
  - (f) scrutinising the planning and provision of leisure and cultural services provided by the Council and its partners;
  - (g) scrutinising the involvement of the Council in regional and national organisations operating within the remit of the Committee to ensure that the involvement provides value and benefit to Milton Keynes;
  - (h) appointing a planning group to oversee the implementation of the Committee's work programme;
  - (i) appointing, subject to the agreement of the Scrutiny Management Committee, co-opted persons in a non-voting capacity, to add to the expertise, breadth of knowledge and understanding of the work of the Committee; and
  - (j) inviting expert witnesses in respect of particular items to be considered by the Committee.
  
2. To establish a sub-committee to consider all called-in Cabinet, individual Cabinet member or officer decisions, as referred by the Scrutiny Management Committee in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules