

The constitution and operation of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit Committee are governed by the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committee) Order 2016 which shall come into force on 8th May 2017.

The West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Terms of Reference of the West of England Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee (“the Overview and Scrutiny Committee”)

The functions of the Overview and Scrutiny committee primarily relate to scrutinising the work of the West of England Combined Authority and the West of England Joint Committee (“Joint Committee”) and making appropriate recommendations as to the discharge of its function.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have the power to:-

- (i) Review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee;
- (ii) Provide advice and challenge on policy and programme delivery to help ensure the region meets its climate commitments, including monitoring the delivery of the authority’s Climate Emergency Action Plan.
- (iii) make reports or recommendations to the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee (as appropriate) on matters that affect the Combined Authority area or the inhabitants of the area;
- (iv) make reports or recommendations to the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee (as appropriate) with respect to the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee;
- (v) In so far as the business of the Local Enterprise Partnership Business Board (LEP) relates to the discharge of functions of the Combined Authority or the Joint Committee, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have the power to scrutinise the LEP as set out in (i) –(iii) above.

Save for the provision in Section A – Standing Orders (Descriptions and Rules of Procedure), that can only apply to a meeting of the West of England Combined Authority, the rules of procedure will apply to meetings of the West of England Overview and Scrutiny Committee.