

## **5. Overview and Scrutiny**

There are six Overview and Scrutiny Committees, known as sub-committees which support the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Executive and the Council as a whole. They have statutory powers to report and make recommendations which advise the Executive and the Council as a whole on its policies, budget and service delivery. Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees also monitor the decisions of the Executive. The Overview and Scrutiny Board can “call-in” a decision which has been made by the Executive but not yet implemented. This enables it to consider whether the decision is appropriate. It may recommend that the Executive reconsider the decision. It may also be consulted by the Executive or the Council on forthcoming decisions and the development of policy.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board also deal with Councillor Calls for Action and sub-committees have power to scrutinise a number of partner agencies in relation to matters concerning the National Health Service and crime and disorder.