

Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee Members

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POLICE, FIRE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

A Remit and Powers

1. The following business and functions are delegated by the Council to the Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee:
 - To carry out scrutiny of the performance of the Police and Fire & Rescue Services in East Lothian, with specific reference to each organisation's Local Plan
 - To receive and comment on local quarterly performance reports from Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
 - To engage in the development of Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Local Plans and joint working with the Police and Fire & Rescue Services
 - To consider and respond to national and local level strategies and policies of Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
 - To scrutinise and monitor the Service Level Agreement between the Council and Police Scotland
 - To receive and comment on reports on the performance of any other services performing a community safety function in East Lothian.

B Membership

1. The membership of the Police, Fire and Community Services Scrutiny Committee shall include a Convener and a Depute Convener. The Council shall determine the membership of the Police, Fire and Community Services Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the membership reflects the political balance of the Council.
2. In the absence of the Convener and Depute Convener at a meeting the other Members of the Committee shall appoint an alternative Chairperson for the duration of that meeting.

C Quorum

1. Half the membership + 1

D Substitutes

1. There shall be no substitutes.

E Meetings

1. There shall be a minimum of four scheduled meetings in each committee session.
2. Meetings shall take place in accordance with Standing Order 4.

F Reporting Arrangements

1. The clerk shall be responsible for taking minutes of the meetings of the Police, Fire and Community Services Scrutiny Committee.
2. Minutes shall be presented to the Police, Fire and Community Services Scrutiny Committee for approval.
3. The Committee can refer any item of business to the Council, in which case a report shall be placed on the agenda of the next appropriate meeting.

G Miscellaneous

1. The Police, Fire and Community Services Scrutiny Committee will be entitled to appoint ad hoc (short-life) sub-committees. The Committee or its sub-committees will be entitled to undertake reviews of policies and/or performance relating to Community Safety matters, to call upon the Council and Council officials for reports, and to require the attendance for the purpose of questioning, of any Cabinet Spokespersons and/or officials of the Council on any matter relevant to the issue under consideration by them.
2. The Committee will be entitled to invite representatives of other public agencies, local communities, the private and voluntary sectors, trade unions and academic institutions to assist with reviews of policies and/or performance. Also, it will be entitled to call appropriate expert witnesses, commission appropriate research and hold evidence gathering meetings.
3. The Committee will have the power to comment on, and make recommendations on matters insofar as relevant to its authorised remit, where appropriate, to the Council.