



To: Members of the Partnerships
Scrutiny Committee

Date: 2 March 2012

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2012** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 1 - 12)

To receive the minutes (copy attached) of the meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held on 26 January 2012

5 TOURISM (Pages 13 - 16)

To consider a report (copy attached) from the Strategic Regeneration Manager which outlines the benefits realised from the current Tourism Strategy for North Wales 2010/15 and seeks the Committee to identify any areas of weakness and formulate recommendations for inclusion in the Destination Management Plan for Denbighshire.

9:40am - 10.20am

6 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME CHANGES (Pages 17 - 24)

To consider a report (copy attached) by the Supporting People Manager which seeks the Committee's support for the proposal to participate in a shadow Regional Collaborative Committee for Supporting People Services and draw's Members attention to the cuts to Supporting People Programme Grant and the implementation of a new interim redistribution formula and eligibility criteria from April 2012

10.20am - 10.50am

BREAK 10.50am - 11am

7 PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC HEALTH WALES

To consider a presentation from a representative from Public Health Wales on tobacco and alcohol issues

11am - 11.30am

8 THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCALITY WORKING IN DENBIGHSHIRE

To consider a joint presentation by representatives from the Council and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board on the current position with respect to locality working in Denbighshire, including the roll-out of enhanced care.

11.30am - 12pm

9 NHS STRATEGIC SERVICE REVIEWS

To receive an update from representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board on the current position with respect to the NHS strategic service reviews.

12pm - 12.30pm

10 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

To receive comprehensive response from representatives of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to the questions submitted beforehand by Committee members on health service related matters

12.30pm - 12.50pm

11 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 25 - 44)

To consider a report by the Scrutiny Coordinator (copy enclosed) seeking a review of the committee's forward work programme and updating members on relevant issues.

12.50pm - 1pm

12 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

To receive any updates from Committee representatives on various Council Boards and Groups

1pm - 1.15pm

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Raymond Bartley
Joan Butterfield
Ann Davies
Carl Davies
Christine Evans
Gwilym Evans

Neville Hughes
Gwyneth Kensler
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Glyn Williams
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PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held in the Conference Room 1a, County Hall, Ruthin on Thursday, 26th January, 2012 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillors D. Owens (Chair), J.R. Bartley, C. Davies, J.A. Davies, C.M. Evans, G.C. Evans and G.M. Kensler.

Co-opted Member for Education Mr J. Saxon

ALSO PRESENT

Corporate Director: Demographics, Wellbeing and Planning (SE), Head of Adult and Business Services (PG), Head of Business Planning and Performance (AS), Commissioning and Evaluation Officer (JJH), Planning and Performance Officer (RBM), Scrutiny Coordinator (RhE) and Democratic Services Office (RAH).

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Butterfield, N. Hughes, G. Williams and J. Yorke.

Co-opted Members for Education Ms C. Burgess, Mrs G. Greenland, Ms D. Houghton and Dr D. Marjoram.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No personal or prejudicial interests in any items of business were declared

3. URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

No items were raised which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

4 MINUTES

(i) The minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 3rd November, 2011 were submitted. The minutes had been accepted as an accurate account at the meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on the 15th December, but as that meeting was held in an inquorate capacity, the minutes could only be formally approved at the next quorate meeting of the Committee.

(ii) The minutes of the meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 15th December were submitted

Matters arising: -

Councillor G C Evans highlighted that the minutes of the meeting on 15th December should include reference under the 'Points of Notice' heading that, due to the fact

that the meeting was inquorate, the minutes of the previous meeting on 3rd November could not be validated.

Members requested that a copy of the letter sent to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) regarding the Learning Disability Nurse pilot be sent to the newly appointed Local Authority representative on the BCUHB, other officials at BCUHB and the Chief Executive of the Community Health Council (CHC).

Resolved: *that pending the inclusion of the above point the minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd November and 15th November 2011 be approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.*

5. REGIONAL COMMISSIONING, PROCUREMENT AND MONITORING HUB

The Corporate Director: Demographics, Wellbeing and Planning (CD:DWP) presented to the Committee the draft Final Business Case (FBC) for the establishment of a Regional Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring hub in North Wales. This would allow local authorities and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) to collaborate in the sourcing and provision of high cost, low volume residential placements to attain better quality and a more cost-effective service.

It was explained that the 'Simpson Review' of Local Authority service delivery and the 'Sustainable Social Services for Wales: A Framework for Action' documents published by the Welsh Government (WG) recommended that Councils work together to provide more efficient services. The present arrangements for provision of high cost, low volume residential placements across the NHS and different local authorities were recognised as being disjointed and inefficient, and Councils across North Wales and the BCUHB had resolved to collaborate to provide a more economical and better focused service.

Current spending on high cost, low volume placements across North Wales had been costed at circa £46m, and it was estimated that savings resulting from the regional hub could be up to £1.9m in total over a three year period. The operational cost of running the hub under the proposed model would cost approximately £145k, with Denbighshire County Council contributing £5.5k on top of the £7k that was spent under the present Learning Disabilities Project. If the proposed model was approved Denbighshire CC could realise savings totalling between £51K and £111K. This was less than other authorities but, as each authority's contribution cost would be based proportionately on relative savings, this would mean that DCC's contribution to the Hub would be lower than other authorities.

It was proposed that the Hub be governed by a Management Board, with a balance of representation from each local authority's service area and the BCUHB. The Management Board would be accountable to the Social Services and Health Programme Board. Whilst the Management Board would be made up of officers from all local authorities and the BCUHB, the relevant Lead Member from each local authority would sit on the Social Services and Health Programme Board. The Lead Member would be responsible for taking reports through DCC's scrutiny process. It

was also noted that DCC had put itself forward for consideration as the host authority for the Hub.

Risks associated with the implementation of a new project like this were highlighted, such as difficulty in recruiting the right calibre of staff and the actual delivery of the savings, but the Committee was assured that the Hub would be closely monitored and that DCC was free to exit the arrangement if it is not successful after an agreed period of time. The increase in funding from Denbighshire of £5.5k annually was considered to be a relatively small amount in comparison to the potential savings that could be achieved by the project.

The CD:DWP concluded by recommending that the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee support the FBC, and invited questions from members of the Committee.

Councillor C.M. Evans referenced the financial statistics listed in the report and questioned why Conwy CBC had more adult placements than DCC but that DCC spent more on these placements. The CD:DWP explained that the costs for each placement would vary greatly depending on individual needs and so total costs would not always correlate directly with the total number of placements. She added that if there were unaccounted reasons for a cost imbalance that these would be much easier to identify and remedy under the proposed new arrangements. Councillor G.M. Kensler queried the presentation of the data in the report, asking why health costs were not broken down by local authority. The CD:DWP stated that this data had not been listed but that it could be attained. It was also stressed that a data clean-up exercise had been carried out so the figures presented in the draft FBC were as accurate as feasibly possible.

The Committee questioned the extent of discretion allowed to individuals and their families in determining placement options under the proposed new system. The CD:DWP advised that when the Hub would make recommendations with respect to placements, individual/family's preference would be taken into account where possible, but the determining factors would be the quality of care and value for money of the provision on offer.

Concern was raised about scrutiny and monitoring arrangements for the collaborative Hub. Councillor G.C. Evans suggested that the Management Board should include democratic representation and queried whether the scrutiny of the project should be undertaken on a regional basis rather than separately by individual authorities. The CD:DWP assured the Committee that monitoring arrangements were thorough and that DCC's representatives on the Management Board of the project would ensure that Denbighshire's needs were recognised. However, until the guidelines on the scrutiny of jointly administered bodies were published by the WG joint scrutiny could only be carried out on an informal basis. The FBC was quite clear in that there was an expectation on each local authority's representatives, on either the Management Board or the Social Services and Health Programme Board, to take reports through the scrutiny process at least on an annual basis.

Councillor J.A. Davies asked how often the performance of the Hub would be reported on, suggesting that the service users' opinions of the new arrangements would be an essential gauge to use in measuring the Hub's success. The CD:DWP

said she would clarify the position with regards to this and inform the Committee of the plans for reporting on performance. Following an in-depth discussion it was:

RESOLVED – *that*

a) Cabinet be recommended to commit Denbighshire County Council to the establishment of a Regional Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring Hub in North Wales to serve the six local authorities and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB), initially for the purpose of commissioning local authority (social care and education) and health services high cost, low volume residential placements; and

b) further work is done to strengthen and clarify the role of local government scrutiny, on a regional and local basis, in scrutinising and monitoring the work and performance of this and other regional collaborative projects.

6. FAMILIES FIRST UPDATE

A copy of a report by the Head of Business Planning and Performance, which provided an update on the funding available to support the Families First initiatives following the cessation of funding from the Cymorth projects, and which sought Members' views on the process adopted and its support for this approach, had been circulated with the papers for the meeting.

The Head of Business Planning and Performance (HoBPP) and the Commissioning and Evaluation Officer (C&EO) explained that Cymorth grant funding of approximately £1.2m which has previously been allocated through the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) would cease on 31st March 2012, and will be re-directed to support the Families First Programme in line with the WG's priority of addressing child poverty. This would lead to a change in what funding was provided and how it could be spent with a move away from the informal grant allocation towards a more rigorous commissioning process, with the intention of attaining better focused and more effective services. It was anticipated that revised commissioning arrangements would see a smaller number of large organisations working with vulnerable families, in contrast to the large number of smaller organisations currently involved.

The multi-agency Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Board was managing the transition and specifications had been developed early on in the process to help local providers, in conjunction with Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC), to adapt in order to deliver the services that DCC and the Families First initiative required. Close communication and support had been offered to help ease the transition and workshops on the changes were attended by most of the organisations currently receiving funding, as well as by a number of new organisations. Many services/organisations could continue to receive funding as long as they could adapt their services to target child poverty more directly. It was acknowledged that some providers of non-priority services would lose funding, but that this would be a necessary price to pay to improve service overall. Every effort had been made over the last 12 to 24 months to assist organisations to devise exit strategies and/or adapt their services, which would consequently lessen the impact on their service users.

The HoBPP notified the Committee that the tendering process was approaching the deadline for tenders, due to close on 31st January 2012, and that applicants would be informed of the results of tendering on 22nd February.

The Committee was then invited to pose questions regarding the report and the processes scheduled for implementation.

Councillor J.R. Bartley shared with the Committee the concerns of dissatisfied providers such as Home-Start in Denbigh whose funding was at risk. Such organisations had seen an increase in demand for their services during recent months due to wider economic pressures and Councillor Bartley warned of wider implications if families were not able to get the support that they need. The C&EO advised that Home-Start received funding through the Flying Start programme and a number of other sources and that since the WG had announced its decision to stop Cymorth funding, DCC had worked with a number of organisations to develop exit strategies to mitigate the loss of funding. The HoBPP added that the strict criteria established by the WG for the application of grant funding under the Families First initiative meant that some services would fall outside of the criteria and therefore could not continue to receive this funding, but that these service providers had been notified of the changes and had been given sufficient time to adapt.

Councillor G.C. Evans enquired on the composition of the CYPSP and the HoBPP informed the Committee that its membership reflected a broad range of organisations including local authority, health, 3rd sector and police representatives, and that the Partnership would be robust in its consideration of tenders and would strive to avoid any vested interests.

Councillor G.M. Kensler requested assurances that the tendering process would be open and that the decision making would be justified. The HoBPP confirmed that decisions on the allocation of funding would be fully justified and reasons for opting for one service over another would be explained. There would be no process of appeal for unsuccessful applicants for funding, but the communication and support offered to help services through the process should maximise the chances of services/organisations continuing to receive funding under the new model.

The Chair commended the work done to target funding more effectively, but warned of potential negative media coverage resulting from services/organisations losing funding. The HoBPP explained that DCC had been open in explaining the changes to services and had offered support to facilitate the transition, and that the positive outcomes of the project should be emphasised in public relations. The Committee:

RESOLVED –

- a) to receive and note the report on the impact of the changes from CYMORTH funding to the Families First Programme;*
- b) to support the approach taken in implementing changes to funding streams and the assistance given to help services/organisations to adapt to these changes; and*
- c) that a list of the successful projects to be funded under the Families First Programme be compiled and distributed to the Committee members.*

7. THE BIG PLAN

The HoBPP introduced a report, circulated with the papers for the meeting beforehand, providing an update of recent developments in delivering the outcomes of Denbighshire's BIG Plan. The BIG Plan was explained to be a plan for partnership, led and produced by DCC on behalf of the Local Service Board (LSB), which would co-ordinate actions to achieve the 8 specified outcomes of the plan. Each outcome contained its own complex action plan with DCC's role in the implementation of each of these plans varying, consequently some aspects of the action plans under each outcome would be outside of DCC's direct control.

The Planning and Performance Officer (PPO) went through each of the 8 outcomes of The BIG Plan to update the Committee as to the progress that had been made against their objectives.

Outcome 1: Older people – Performance against all actions was progressing well. Locality Leadership Teams have been developed, prioritising prevention and promotion, enhancement of care in the community and at home and shifting services to the community (action 1) and a draft Carers' Strategy for North Wales was being developed by the BCUHB which would be available in the near future (action 2).

Outcome 2: Regeneration in Rhyl – Status updates were given for various regeneration projects taking place in Rhyl. Nearly all held a delivery confidence rating of green or amber, but the Neighbourhood Management project and the Foryd Bridge and Harbour project were rated 'red/amber'. A Health Impact Assessment of the Rhyl Going Forward delivery plan was planned for 2nd March 2012.

Councillor C.M. Evans asked what plans were in place to deal with poverty in Rhyl. The PPO explained how the work done in conjunction with DCC's Welfare Rights Unit, the Anti-Poverty Network and the Citizens Advice Bureau was helping many people out of poverty, but also cautioned that the wider economic environment was presently forcing more people into poverty. Councillor G.C. Evans asked whether these organisations were working together on the project, and the CD:DWP assured the Committee that the various services and organisations involved were working well together in an effort to combat poverty and provided distinct but complimentary services.

Outcome 3: Children and young people's skills – Actions were being taken forward through both the Early and Extending Entitlement actions plans, which were progressing well. The finer details of the action plans would be finalised shortly as would the methods for measuring the achievement of the outcomes.

Outcome 4: Vulnerable families – Actions 1-7 were being taken forward through the Families First Action Plan, Team Around the Family (TAF), Genesis and the Cordis Bright Mapping of Vulnerable Families Report. Action 8 aiming to reduce re-offending came under Priority Area B of the Community Safety Plan developed by the Community Safety Partnership, which was on-track and showing reductions in the last reporting quarter.

Outcome 5: Rural areas – Action 1 was being led by DVSC through the Denbighshire Advocacy Service for Older People and was progressing well. Actions 2-7 required further co-ordination of activity which was scheduled to begin between February and June 2012.

Councillor C.M. Evans expressed concern that, firstly, recent improvements to rural transport would be restrained due to a reduction in funding and, secondly, that the identification in the plan for improved broadband provision in rural areas was actually less of a concern than the lack of reception for mobile phones in rural areas. The concern about inadequate telephone coverage was shared by the Committee and it was agreed that this needed addressing directly. Councillor G. Kensler suggested that the Lead Member for Modernising the Council should be asked to contact the major telephone companies to explore how mobile telephone coverage could be improved.

Councillor G.C. Evans commented that while The BIG Plan looked good on paper, there was currently little interaction between DCC and Community Councils in comparison to interactions with Town Councils, and in order for the Plan to be implemented effectively it was vital to ensure that rural communities were not overlooked. The HoBPP agreed that the Plan needed to be pushed forward to ensure that its objectives were realised and stated that where it was identified that DCC was not delivering adequate services to rural areas that better consultation must be carried out to improve services.

Councillor J.R. Bartley requested that action 1 be extended to include people with learning disabilities. The HoBPP advised that as the Plan was a product of a lengthy agreement process with multiple partners that such modifications may not be possible, but that such suggestions for improvement would certainly be taken forward.

Outcome 6: Healthy lifestyles – Actions were being progressed through the Early Entitlement, Extending Entitlement, Health Social Care and Well Being (HSCWB) and Community Safety action plans. The HSCWB action plan would address adult sexual health (action 3) once finalised; the Healthy Schools and Pre-schools scheme was contributing to the progression of action 4; and the Emotional Mental Health and Well Being Steering Group was identified as having potential to become a valuable multi-agency vehicle in addressing action 5.

Councillor C.M. Evans suggested that the HPV vaccinations given to female school pupils should be extended to males. The CD:DWP and the HoBPP agreed that this could be taken forward and the Chair requested that Councillor C.M. Evans and the Scrutiny Coordinator prepare a letter to the WG expressing the Committee's recommendations in this area.

Members also requested that the latest version of the general immunisation programme for children, including take-up rates, was made available to the Committee.

Outcome 7: Keeping people safe – Actions were being led by the work of the Community Safety Partnership and were progressing. After a gap had been

identified in reducing childhood injuries action 3 was being prioritised through the Early Entitlement, Extending Entitlement and HSCWB action plans. Action 5 was being progressed through Denbighshire's Adult Protection Committee (DAPC) and action 8 was being taken forward by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

Councillor J.R. Bartley identified that dog fouling had not been cited in the plan and that this was a concern as he considered that the current procedures to address dog fouling were not working and that the issue should be escalated. The HoBPP agreed that it was a problem but that the plan could not be amended without consultation with the other partners involved with producing The BIG Plan.

Councillor J.A. Davies added that she had concerns about the consideration being given to victims when developing community safety plans. There was help available from Victim Support, but she also suggested that a telephone helpline would be beneficial to victims of crime. The HoBPP said that he would raise this suggestion with the Community Safety Partnership.

Outcome 8: Denbighshire's economy workforce – Actions 1-3 were being addressed under the Extending Entitlement action plan but progress could not be accurately measured with currently available data. Actions 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were identified as needing further development which would commence in the new financial year. Action 5 was progressing well at 97% above target. The Committee was advised that funding through the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) would cease at the end of March 2013. but that other avenues were being explored via the Wales European Funding Office (WEFO).

The Committee expressed concern for the attainment of action 7, the development of work placements for people with learning disabilities or physical/sensory impairment. The goal was commendable, but doubts were raised regarding its realisation due to the wider jobs market being so constrained. Councillor C.M. Evans argued that employment opportunities would only arise from external investment in the area and was dissatisfied that nothing seemed to be happening. The CD:DWP agreed that DCC needed to be proactive in attracting investment. The HoBPP said that the issue was something that would have to be addressed through working with other bodies and that the Conwy and Denbighshire Local Service Board was considering how to promote external investment. The PPO agreed to provide the Committee with information on the New Work Connections programme, including present take-up levels, as well as figures detailing the number of external investors and the value of economic investment in Denbighshire and the number of jobs created since the implementation of The BIG Plan.

Councillor C. Davies stated that many of the issues in The BIG Plan stemmed from economic problems in the area and that these would not be overcome without attracting investment. He observed that companies would be put off investing in the area due to a lack of skills in the potential workforce, but that this was attributable to many skilled people having to leave the area in search of work and that this cycle could only be broken through positive intervention from local bodies. The Chair advised that a lot of work was being done to help develop skills, and Councillor G.C. Evans enquired whether a representative from Coleg Llandrillo should be invited to a

Scrutiny Committee meeting to explore opportunities for developing and targeting skills locally. Following an in-depth discussion the Committee:

RESOLVED: -

- a) to receive the report and note the progress to date with the implementation of The BIG Plan;*
- b) that the comments and observations provided be acknowledged and actioned;*
- c) that the Lead Member for Modernising the Council be requested to raise with the appropriate telecommunication companies the problems encountered with mobile telephone coverage in a number of the County's rural areas;*
- d) that a letter be sent to the Welsh Government on behalf of the Committee formally recommending the extension of the HPV vaccination to males; and*
- e) to approach the Community Safety Partnership to seek the establishment of a victim support helpline to assist and support victims of crime.*

8. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

A copy of a report by the Scrutiny Coordinator, which asked the Committee to review its programme of future work and which provided an update on relevant issues, had been circulated with the papers for the meeting.

The Scrutiny Coordinator notified the Committee of a special meeting that had been organised for Thursday, 9th February, in order to consider the final business case for a Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service, which was unavailable for consideration at the Committee's current meeting. As this would be the only item on the agenda the Committee was asked if a report on the Implementation of the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure 2012 (as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report) could also be discussed at this meeting, which was consented to. Members were advised that another proposal relating to a request for a report on the changes to the regional and national supporting people programme had been tabled at the meeting. Due to the financial implications to the Council and its partners of the changes to the grant funding for this programme the Committee agreed to consider the report at its meeting on 8 March.

The Committee was notified of a second joint informal meeting that had been arranged between Denbighshire and Conwy's Partnerships Scrutiny Committees which would take place on the afternoon of Thursday, 8th March, following DCC's Partnerships Scrutiny Committee's normal meeting which would take place in the morning.

The Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group (SCVCG) had requested that an item on the Provision of Music within Schools be accepted on to the agenda of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled for 19th April, instead of being considered by Communities Scrutiny Committee as originally intended, in order that education items requiring the attendance of education the co-opted members be scheduled together where reasonably possible. The Committee agreed to accept the item for their April meeting.

The SCVCG had also observed that the Rhyl Going Forward project should be the subject of future scrutiny. Consequently it was requesting that Partnerships Scrutiny Committee consider scheduling items relating to this Project into its forward work programme. As the project was so large and diverse the Chair asked the Scrutiny Coordinator to source further details on the project, its objectives, progress, risks and costs prior to the Committee determining how and when to scrutinise it.

The SCVCG had also requested the Committee to consider scrutinising aspects of the Council's Regeneration Corporate Priority and possibly the Police and Fire and Rescue Services. With regards to the emergency services Committee members were of the view that, as both these services were governed by their own respective Authorities which were standalone bodies which had their own governance structures and scrutiny arrangements, it would not be appropriate for the Committee to scrutinise them as well. Members were of the view that it would be better if the Council's representatives on both authorities reported back to full Council on their activities on a periodic basis. The Committee agreed to the request to scrutinise aspects of the Regeneration Corporate Priority and in order to facilitate this it requested that enquiries be made with respect to the progress achieved in developing and Economic Development Strategy.

The Scrutiny Coordinator informed the Committee that notification had been received that the public consultation on the outcomes of the NHS Service Reviews had been delayed until approximately July 2012 and so the special joint meeting of the Communities and Partnerships Scrutiny Committees scheduled for 17th February would be postponed. Consultation could now potentially take the form of a presentation to full Council, but this would be clarified closer to the time.

Councillor G.C. Evans requested that information be obtained on the current status and position of the Agricultural Estate's Advisory Group, which Cabinet had established following the review of the Agricultural Estate, as he had concerns that the Group had not met for some considerable length of time although maintenance and upgrading work was underway on a number of the County's agricultural holdings. Members supported the request and recommended that the issue be raised at the next SCVCG meeting.

RESOLVED – *that, subject to the above amendments, requests and observations to approve the forward Work Programme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.*

9. FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor J.A. Davies reported from a meeting of the Cross Party Stroke Group which she had recently attended on behalf of the Community Health Council. Councillor Davies also provided a written report on the meeting to members and informed the Committee that there were currently only 2 hospitals in Wales that provided a full stroke service that included thrombolysis available around the clock. Councillor Davies asked whether the Committee should write to the Health Minister to highlight the problem but caution was given that this could be stepping outside of the Scrutiny Committee's remit. Councillors emphasised the importance of receiving reports on what other Committees/Groups were doing, but that it would not be

worthwhile to get too involved with issues that were already being scrutinised by other bodies.

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm.

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Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 8th March 2012

Lead Member / Officer: Head of Environment and Head of Planning,
Regeneration & Regulatory Services

Report Author: Strategic Regeneration Manager

Title: Tourism

1. What is the report about?

Scrutinising the benefits to Denbighshire of its involvement in the Tourism Strategy for North Wales 2010-15

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To evaluate the benefits realised from the current strategy and identify any areas of weakness or shortcomings which will assist the Committee in formulating recommendations for inclusion in the Destination Management Plan for Denbighshire which is currently being developed

3. What are the Recommendations?

To identify items to be addressed through the Destination Management Plan for Denbighshire which would ensure that visitors to the county enjoy a brilliant experience from as soon as they arrive in the county until they leave

4. Report details

Tourism Partnership North Wales (TPNW) is one of the four regional tourism partnerships in Wales and is set up as a company limited by guarantee. The County Council is represented on TPNW by the Cabinet Lead Member for Regeneration, Councillor David Thomas, who is a director of the company.

A Tourism Strategy for North Wales 2010-15 was prepared by TPNW and was launched by the former Minister for Heritage at Caernarfon on 22nd January 2010. The document sets out:

- the challenges for the future
- a strategy for tourism
- the region's distinctive strengths and how they might be projected
- the need for investment in product excellence

- the importance of providing an outstanding experience for visitors
- arrangements for working together in partnership
- priorities for North West Wales and North East Wales, and
- an action plan to deliver the strategy.

One of the priority actions for each local authority was to draw up a Destination Management Plan for its area. This is a framework for an integrated approach to managing tourism and the general environment in the area and prioritising investment accordingly. As there was no county wide association for the tourism trade in Denbighshire, part of the process for developing the plan involved establishing a shadow executive with membership drawn from businesses and others with an interest in the tourism sector to guide this work. Following an open forum which took place in September 2011, a shadow executive was formed with representation drawn from across the county and from different types of tourism business. An application was made for funding from TPNW to meet the costs of developing the Plan and now that this has been approved, work can get under way.

Members of the committee are invited to suggest items which could be addressed through the Destination Management Plan for Denbighshire and which would ensure that visitors to the county enjoy a brilliant experience from arrival to departure.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Contributes towards the corporate priority of Regenerating our Communities by improving the local environment and supporting the sustainable growth of the tourism sector

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There is no cost implication arising directly from this report.

7. What consultations have been carried out?

A tourism workshop was held for County Councillors on 17th May 2011.

An open meeting took place on 29th September 2011 at Theatr Twm o'r Nant in Denbigh at which an explanation of the concept of destination management was provided for tourism businesses and anyone else with an interest in the sector.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

Not applicable

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The risk of not implementing improvements identified in the Destination Management Plan which would enhance the experience of visitors to the county has been mitigated by the establishment of an internal board involving the services which impact on visitors.

10. Power to make the Decision

Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the County Council the power to encourage persons to visit its area for recreation

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Report To: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 8th March 2012

Lead Officer: Corporate Director Demographics, Wellbeing and Planning

Report Author: Supporting People Manager

Title: Regional and National Supporting People Programme Changes

1. What is the report about?

The report explains proposals for establishment of a shadow Regional Collaborative Committee for Supporting People (SP) Services and the context for this. The report also draws the Committee's attention to the cuts to SP Programme Grant (SPPG), the implementation of a new interim redistribution formula and eligibility criteria from April 2012.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To raise awareness of the potential impact of funding changes and new partnership arrangements from April 2012.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That the Committee:

- 3.1 considers the implications of proposals for the Council to participate in the shadow regional collaborative committee for Supporting People services to undertake the functions in paragraph 4.4 and with the membership set out in paragraph 4.5 of this report; and
- 3.2 considers the potential financial impact of the proposed Supporting People cuts for the Council and planned mitigation measures

4. Report details.

- 4.1 An independent review of the Supporting People programme was commissioned by the Welsh Government (WG) and reported in November 2010. This report made 25 recommendations, including a specific recommendation to introduce regional collaborative, multi-sectorial committees (RCC). The WG subsequently accepted all 25 recommendations. (The vast majority of Supporting People services are currently planned through local Supporting People Planning Groups).

- 4.2 Draft guidance to implement the recommendations was issued on 11 November 2011 and although specific detail has yet to be finalised the guidance is very clear that each area in Wales is expected to establish a Regional Collaborative Committee to provide the governance of the Supporting People Programme for the group of administering local authorities. Final guidance is anticipated in March 2012.
- 4.3 The establishment of Regional Collaborative Committees by June 2012 was also an aim of the WLGA/WG Compact which was agreed in December 2011.
- 4.4 In line with draft WG guidance and to meet the aspirations of the Compact, it is proposed to establish a **shadow** Regional Collaborative Committee for Supporting People services across North Wales. The function of the shadow Committee will be to develop a terms of reference for the Regional Collaborative Committee, which will include purpose, roles and responsibilities, membership, governance arrangements and operating procedures. These will be subject to agreement by partner agencies.
- 4.5 The membership of the shadow Committee will mirror the suggested membership set out in the WG draft guidance:
- Local Authority (LA) Cabinet Members.
 - Appropriate officers from each LA.
 - Health.
 - Probation.
 - Two providers (one of long term and one short term services).
 - Community Housing Cymru.
- Although the draft guidance states that each Regional Collaborative Committee should have two Cabinet Members, it is proposed that given the scale, breadth and diversity of the region that an elected member from each local authority should be on the North Wales Regional Collaborative Committee. It is proposed that the Regional Programme Board for Social Care and Health, which already has Executive member, local authority senior officer and BCU representation should act as the shadow board, with additional membership from probation, providers and Community Housing Cymru.
- 4.6 All six councils in North Wales are major losers in the national redistribution of Supporting People funds across Wales. It is estimated that by 2017, North Wales will have approximately £8M. less to spend on Supporting People services. A regional strategy for commissioning and delivering services will contribute towards managing the downsizing of the grant and the protection of front-line services.
- 4.7 Regional working on the Supporting People programme is already well-established in North Wales. A Regional Supporting People Planning

Group was established in 2009 to support, oversee and advise on the regional and cross boundary work and to evaluate the suitability of regional and cross boundary service provision. Work completed to date includes the development of a regional contract providing service provision for people suffering from HIV/AIDS, an Information Sharing Protocol, a Regional Domestic Abuse Policy and Working Group and a Regional Supply Map. This work has been supported through the employment of a Regional Development Officer.

- 4.8 Aspects of the proposals for Regional Collaborative Committees have caused concern to local government. These particularly concern governance and accountability, especially in relation to the respective roles, powers and responsibilities of local authorities and the Regional Collaborative Committee. Discussions are still ongoing between the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Welsh Government in relation to final details of the SP governance structure proposals and the role and functions of the RCC. These may not be resolved to enable the establishment of regional structures in accordance with original timelines.
- 4.9 Other changes to the SP programme from April 2012 include:-
- Mandatory report of outcomes for all SP funded services
 - Changes to eligibility criteria which will prohibit the use of SP grant to fund services which discharge a statutory duty of social services. This has potential major financial implications for Denbighshire's Adult & Business Services Department as set out in appendix 1 [Appendix 1 is currently exempt from public disclosure by virtue of Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972].
 - The beginnings of redistribution of Supporting People resources to achieve a "fairer" distribution of resources across Wales. It is expected that Denbighshire will see a reduction of grant over the next five years at a rate of 4%, 4%, 5%, 5%, 5%, totalling approximately £1.5m over the period.
 - Two current SP grants (Supporting People Revenue Grant (SPRG) & Supporting People Grant (SPG)) will become one SP Programme Grant (SPPG).
 - Administrative responsibility for the full SPPG to be handed over to each local authority. Current administrative arrangements are split between Local Authorities & WG. This will result in increased contract management work for the SP team in Denbighshire.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Regional collaboration and a regional strategy for commissioning and delivering services will contribute towards managing the downsizing of the grant and the protection of front-line services.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

The estimated reduction in SP grant over the next 5 years is projected to be approximately £1.5m for Denbighshire.

The changes to the SP grant also mean that some services currently funded will be ineligible in the future.

The consequences of this are explained in general terms in sections 8 and 9 below. These, and proposed mitigation measures, will be explained in more detail at the meeting.

7. What consultations have been carried out?

The Welsh Government has undertaken extensive consultation on the establishment of Regional Collaborative Committees across Wales.

The North Wales Regional Supporting People Planning Group and Regional Partnership Board have been consulted on the proposals to introduce the shadow RCC.

A joint Communities and Partnerships scrutiny SP seminar was delivered on 22nd February 2012 to enable members to seek clarification on the changes.

8. Chief Finance Officer's Statement

The reductions in SP grant funding have been on the agenda for several years and the Council has prudently established a reserve to dampen the financial impact. The proposed reductions to the grant in Denbighshire are almost £1.5m over five years. This coupled with the changes to eligibility criteria present a significant financial challenge. The strategy proposed is to apply the funding reductions against those service areas that are now ineligible under Supporting People rules. In this case, the reserve the Council has established would be applied to deal with the consequences of the changes to Supporting People funding by dampening the impact on the Adult Services budget of having to fund the services that are now ineligible - which appear initially to be concentrated in Learning Disability Services.

Based on current service levels and costs, the reserve would be used by the end of 2016/17, however between now and 2016, both

the Adults and Supporting People budgets will have to be continually reviewed to reduce the ongoing impact of the changes. Work must continue to ensure that the council is able to maximise eligible schemes to reduce the longer term impact on service budgets, while at the same time adhering to Supporting People requirements contained within guidance and grant conditions.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The changes to SP funding and eligibility present significant challenges financially. However, prudent planning means the impact can be dampened over a period of time. The key risk however is that both SP and Adult & Business Services budgets are left with a funding gap in 2017. To address this, the budget position and relationship between services provided under SP and those provided by Adult Services will be continually reviewed alongside Supporting People commissioning requirements contained in guidance and grant conditions, to ensure that SP funding is maximised where possible and applied so as the impact on Adult Services budgets is reduced.

10. Power to make the Decision

To determine the content of any plan, strategy or other policy document requires approval by the Lead Cabinet Member in accordance with Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2291 (W,179) Regulation 4 (3)(c) + (d).

Article 6.3.2(c) of the Council's Constitution states that the Council's scrutiny committee may consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants.

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Report To: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 8 March 2012

Report Author: Scrutiny Coordinator

Title: Scrutiny Work Programme

1. What is the report about?

The report presents the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee with its draft forward work programme for members' consideration.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To seek the Committee to review and agree on its programme of future work, and to update members on relevant issues.

3. What are the recommendations?

That the Committee considers the information provided and approves, revises or amends its forward work programme as it deems appropriate.

4. Report details.

4.1 The Constitution of Denbighshire County Council requires scrutiny committees to prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work. By reviewing and prioritising issues, members are able to ensure that the work programme delivers a member-led agenda.

4.2 The Committee is therefore requested to consider its draft work programme for future meetings, as detailed in appendix 1, and approve, revise or amend it as it deems appropriate taking into consideration:

- issues raised by members of the Committee
- matters referred to it by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group
- relevance to the Committee's/Council's/community priorities
- the Council's Corporate Plan and the Director of Social Services' Annual Report
- meeting workload
- timeliness
- outcomes
- key issues and information to be included in reports
- officers and/or lead Cabinet members who should be invited (having regard to whether their attendance is necessary or would add value)

- questions to be put to officers/lead Cabinet members
- 4.3 When considering future items for inclusion on the forward work programme members may also find it helpful to have regard to the following questions when determining a subject's suitability for inclusion on the work programme:
- what is the issue?
 - who are the stakeholders?
 - what is being looked at elsewhere
 - what does scrutiny need to know? and
 - who may be able to assist?
- 4.4 As mentioned in paragraph 4.1 above the Constitution of Denbighshire County Council requires scrutiny committees to prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work. To assist the process of prioritising reports, if officers are of the view that a subject merits time for discussion on the Committee's business agenda they have to formally request the Committee to consider receiving a report on that topic. This is done via the submission of a 'proposal form' which clarifies the purpose, importance and potential outcomes of suggested issues. Two such proposal forms have been received for consideration at the current meeting. These requests, which can be seen at Appendices 2a and 2b, relate to the Partnerships Governance Toolkit and the New Work Connections project. Members are asked to consider these requests.
- 4.5 The Committee's next meeting on 19 April is its last scheduled meeting of the current municipal year, and of the present Council's term of office. If the Committee accepts the item on the Partnerships Governance Toolkit onto its work programme it will have three items of business listed for consideration at that meeting. The Committee is asked to consider whether there are any subject areas or topics which it feels would benefit from scrutiny prior to the conclusion of the municipal year and the current Council's term of office.
- 4.6 Cabinet Forward Work Programme
A copy of the Cabinet's forward work programme is attached at Appendix 3. The Committee may find this document useful when considering items for inclusion on its programme of future work.
- 4.7 Progress on Committee Resolutions
A table summarising recent Committee resolutions and advising members on progress with their implementation is attached at Appendix 4 to this report.

- 4.8 Joint Meeting with Conwy County Borough Council
Unfortunately, due to a regional event having been arranged by the Home Office for 8 March on Police and Crime Commissioners, the second joint informal meeting of Denbighshire and Conwy's Partnerships Scrutiny Committees had to be cancelled. Due to the proximity of the local authority elections the next joint informal meeting of the Committees will not now take place before early summer 2012.

5. Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group

- 5.1 Under the new scrutiny arrangements the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group (SCVCG) has assumed the role of a coordinating committee and can thus seek individual committees to accept topics onto their forward work programmes or recommend that certain topics are re-allocated to another scrutiny committee if agenda pressures are identified, or if it is deemed that the topic is better aligned to another committee's remit.

Regional Collaboration on Economic Development

- 5.2 At its meeting on 16 February the SCVCG considered a request from officers that a scrutiny committee receive a report outlining the potential for regional collaboration in the area of economic development. Due to the topic's close link to the Council's regeneration corporate priority the Group was of the view that this item did merit scrutiny's time and input. It has therefore asked that Partnerships Scrutiny Committee accepts the item onto its forward work programme for July 2012 (see entry 2 under July 2012 on Appendix 1). The Committee is asked to confirm its acceptance of this request.

6. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Effective scrutiny will assist the Council to deliver its corporate priorities in line with community needs and residents' wishes. Continual development and review of a coordinated work programme will assist the Council in monitoring and reviewing policy issues.

7. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

Services may need to allocate officer time to assist the Committee with the activities identified in the forward work programme, and with any actions that may result following consideration of those items.

8. What consultations have been carried out?

None required for this report. However, the report itself and the consideration of the forward work programme represent a consultation process with the Committee with respect to its programme of future work.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

No risks have been identified with respect to the consideration of the Committee's forward work programme. However, by regularly reviewing its forward work programme the Committee can ensure that areas of risk are considered and examined as and when they are identified, and recommendations are made with a view to addressing those risks.

10. Power to make the decision

Article 6.3.7 of the Council's Constitution stipulates that the Council's scrutiny committees must prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work.

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Note: Items entered in italics have not been approved for submission by the Committee. Such reports are listed here for information, pending formal approval.

Meeting	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
19 April	1. Annual Audit of Safeguarding Children in Education – Quality Assurance Framework [Education item]	To provide a detailed report on the referral activity of schools to Children Services over the last school year. Update on the Safeguarding Action Plan relating to procedures in education. Detailed report of training offered to schools.	To have a clear overview of the current actions relating to safeguarding procedures in education and schools. To be aware of the activity of safeguarding termly in the county schools. Be appraised of the level of training provided to schools and services with numbers of personnel trained across the county.	Wayne Wheatley	by SCVCG November 2011
	2 Provision of Music within Schools [education]	To consider the progress of the collaborative Task and Finish Group in developing proposals in respect of the provision of music education within schools, or alternatively Denbighshire's proposals for the provision of music education	Development of proposals to ensure equitable funding of music education within schools	Karen Evans/David Phoenix	September 2011 - Communities Scrutiny Committee (rescheduled by SCVCG Jan 2012)
	3 <i>Partnership Governance Toolkit</i>	<i>To scrutinise the Partnership Governance Toolkit and implementation schedule</i>	<i>The development of a coherent and robust partnership framework for the Council and associated monitoring processes</i>	<i>Carol Evans</i>	<i>February 2012</i>
31 May (provisionally)	1 Collaborative Domiciliary Care Project with Conwy	To outline the potential for establishing a collaborative	The delivery of better quality services to residents in a more	Phil Gilroy/Anne Hughes-Jones	October 2011

Meeting		Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
		County Borough Council [tbc]	domiciliary care service, including services for people with learning disabilities, with Conwy in rural areas along the county boundaries	effective and efficient manner		
12 July	1	<i>New Work Connections</i>	<i>To scrutinise the delivery of the collaborative project from the perspective of the lead sponsor</i>	<i>Recommendations for effective service delivery of the project across Denbighshire and with respect to exit strategies</i>	<i>Melanie Evans</i>	<i>March 2012</i>
	2	<i>Regional Collaboration on Economic Development</i>	<i>Pre-decision scrutiny of the anticipated benefits of collaborative arrangements for the purpose of economic development</i>	<i>Formulation of recommendations with respect to entering into formal regional collaboration arrangements with regards to economic development</i>	<i>Mark Dixon</i>	<i>By SCVCG February 2012</i>
<i>July (date to be confirmed)</i> <i>Potential Special Joint Meeting with Communities Scrutiny Committee</i>	1	<i>NHS Service Reviews</i>	<i>To consider the proposals for the reconfiguration of the delivery of NHS Services in North Wales</i>	<i>Evaluation of the impact of the reviews on the residents of Denbighshire will assist the Council to commence its planning for future public service health and care provision in the county and identify future budgetary pressures</i>	<i>Sally Ellis/BCU</i>	<i>By SCVCG November 2011 (rescheduled January 2012)</i>
Joint Meeting with Conwy	1.	Community Safety Partnership (tbc)	To consider the progress in improving the areas identified within the CSP's Action Plan	Safer and better communities	Siân Taylor	May 11

Meeting		Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
		8 Ways Project	11/12 (minutes of meeting 26/5/11 refer)			
	2	Conwy and Denbighshire Mental Health Partnership [possible deferment to a future joint meeting due to proximity of elections]	To assess the effectiveness and quality of the service delivered by the Partnership	An evaluation of the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements in delivering the required services to service-users in both areas	Sally Ellis and Heads of Adult Services/Helena Thomas	May 11 (rescheduled Nov 11)
27 September						
8 November						
Nov? Joint Meeting with Conwy CBC	1	Review of Joint Adoption Panel ? (request from Conwy)			Tbc [check with Leighton Rees]	January 2012
	2.	Planning and Public Protection (tbc)	The Committees to scope the purpose and expected outcomes		Wyn Jones/ Graham Boase	May 11
20 December						
31 January 2013						
14 March						
25 March						

Future Issues

Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
Children and Adolescent Mental Health	To consider the progress achieved in	Early intervention and preventative	BCUHB	March 11

Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
Progress (CAMHS) (Dr Peter Gore-Rees from BCU to be invited)	addressing CAMHS assessment delays and further progress in relation to CAHMS services	work will ease pressures on the Council's education and social services in the long-term		(rescheduled January 2012)

Future Issues for Joint Scrutiny

Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
<i>Street Lighting</i>	<i>The Committee to scope the purpose and expected outcomes</i>		<i>Stuart Davies/Andy Clark</i>	<i>May 11</i>
<i>TAITH</i>	<i>The Committee to scope the purpose and expected outcomes</i>		<i>Peter Daniels</i>	<i>May 11</i>

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Information/Consultation Reports

Information / Consultation	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Author	Date Entered
Information [February 2012]	Implementation of the Children & Families (Wales) Measure	To consider how the Measure will be implemented following WAG guidance and to receive clarity about how the Measure will be implemented within Denbighshire	Diane Hesketh	Jan 10
Information [February 2012]	Rhyl Going Forward Project	Inform members of the Rhyl Going Forward Strategy, including the projects associated with the Strategy, the funding allocated to each project and their sources, progress to date with each project, any slippages to date and the reason for them. The report to include a list of all projects registering Red or Amber RAG status	Tom Booty	January 2012

Information	POVA Case Study Update	To inform Members of the conclusions of the CSSIW's investigation into the case of a nursing home resident and any recommendations and actions resulting from the review	Alaw Pierce	October 2010
Information	North Wales Procurement Arrangements	Information on the progress in developing regional procurement arrangements	Arwel Staples	May 11

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Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
19 April	5 April	31 May	17 May	12 July	28 June

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PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES					
NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Partnership Scrutiny Committee				
DATE OF MEETING / TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION	Prior to 30 April 2012 (end of Consultation and Feedback period which commenced 20 February).				
TITLE OF REPORT	Partnerships Governance Toolkit				
P U R P O S E	1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf)	For the Partnership Scrutiny Committee to comment on the Partnership Governance Toolkit and accompanying Implementation Schedule			
	2. What issues are to be scrutinised?	Contents of the documentation and Implementation schedule.			
	3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts?	Alan Smith / Carol Evans			
	4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report?	An input into and understanding of the proposed Partnership Governance Framework / Toolkit			
	5. Score the topic from 0 – 4 on aims & priorities and impact (see overleaf)*	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Aims & Priorities</th> <th>Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Aims & Priorities	Impact	2
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	A key priority for the governance documentation is to ensure there is a coherent partnership framework in Denbighshire, there are improved processes for monitoring partnerships, which in turn will improve the Council's performance.				
REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny's recommendations to be reported elsewhere?	N / A				
AUTHOR	Carol Evans, Assistant Planning and Performance Officer				

PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES					
NAME OF COMMITTEE		Partnerships Scrutiny Committee			
DATE OF MEETING/TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION		July 2012			
TITLE OF REPORT		New Work Connections			
P U R P O S E	1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf)	Denbighshire County Council are the Lead Sponsors for the regional New Work Connections project involving Conwy, Anglesey, Gwynedd and Denbighshire. This is a major project which totals £ £20.5 million ESF funding (including match). The project in Denbighshire has a total of £7,067,204 (including match) £3 million of which £2,754.575 (including match) has been used to procure external service provision. Cabinet have to date received reports on the procurement of these external services. Sally Ellis, Corporate Director Demographics, Wellbeing and Planning has suggested that the project is at a point where it needs to provide an update to Partnerships Scrutiny regarding the outcomes it has achieved so far and also attempt to begin to lay the ground for the post grant period which will be used to inform the development of an exit strategy for the project.			
	2. What issues are to be scrutinised?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with Denbighshire County Council policies and procedures • Compliance with Welsh European Office Terms and Conditions • Appropriate governance arrangements • Adequate alignment to Denbighshire County Council priority areas • Monitoring and evaluation and risk management processes • Effective and efficient use of funding • Achievement of Targets and Indicators • Exit Strategy for the Project 			
	3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts?	It would be necessary for the Lead Officer, Gwynfor Griffiths and Regional Manager, Melanie Evans to be in attendance to respond to any questions raised at the meeting			
	4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report?	Recommendations for effective service delivery of the project across Denbighshire and the project's exit strategy.			
	5. Score the topic from 0 – 4 on aims & priorities and impact (see overleaf)*	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Aims & Priorities</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Aims & Priorities	Impact	3
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS					
REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny's recommendations to be reported elsewhere?		These will be reported to NWSSIC and also the New Work Connections Regional Partnership Board and the Local Delivery Groups within each authority.			
AUTHOR		Melanie Evans, Regional Manager, New Work Connections			

CABINET: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

20 MARCH 2012	
Finance Report 2011 -2012	Councillor J Thompson Hill P McGrady
Corwen Town Plan	Councillor D A J Thomas M Dixon
Llangollen Town Plan	Councillor D A J Thomas M Dixon
Monitoring Performance Against the Corporate Plan	Councillor H H Evans T Ward
Scala Cinema & Arts Centre, Prestatyn	Cllr P.A. Dobb / P McGrady
Prestatyn Town Plan	Councillor D A J Thomas M Dixon
Regional Collaboration on Economic Regeneration Purpose: Approval for the governance arrangements for priority collaborative activities	Councillor David Thomas / Mark Dixon
Regional Collaborative Committees. Purpose: Formal consideration of participation in shadow and finalised Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC) for the Supporting People Programme. Awareness of financial implications of Supporting People programme changes.	Cllr P A Dobb / Sally Ellis / Jenny Elliot
Supporting People Strategy Update and Operational Plan 2012 – 13	Councillor P A Dobb Gary Major
Tender Exemption – Seashells Supported Housing Contract	Gary Major / Cllrs P A Dobb & J Thompson Hill
Tender exemption for Supporting People Service contract transfers from the Welsh Government to Denbighshire County Council. Purpose: to agree the transfer of contracts to Denbighshire from Welsh Government and exempt from tender to facilitate transfer.	Councillor Pauline Dobb Sally Ellis / Jenny Elliot / Gary Major
Approval for NEWTRA Partnership Agreement	Bethan Jones
The Honey Club Site, Rhyl – Developer Interest	Cllr P.J. Marfleet /Chris Davies
North Wales Safer Communities Board	Councillor Frobisher Alan Smith
Recommendations from Scrutiny Committees	Scrutiny Coordinator
24 APRIL 2012	
Finance Report 2011 -2012	Councillor J Thompson Hill P McGrady
ABBA Floating Support Project – Contract Award	Gary Major / Cllr P A Dobb
Mental Health Homeless Supported Housing – Contract Award	Gary Major / Cllr P A Dobb
The Proposed Denbighshire Community Endowment Fund.	Councillor H H Evans / Hywyn Williams

Purpose: To receive Cabinet approval for a new approach to deal with the dormant trust funds.	
Recommendations from Scrutiny Committees	Scrutiny Coordinator

FUTURE ISSUES

JUNE 2012	
Regional CCTV	Councillor Sharon Frobisher / Graham Boase
DECEMBER 2012	
Welsh Housing Quality Standards	Councillor David Thomas / Peter McHugh

Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
26 January 2012	5. Regional Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring Hub	<p>RESOLVED – that</p> <p><i>a) Cabinet be recommended to commit Denbighshire County Council to the establishment of a Regional Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring Hub in North Wales to serve the six local authorities and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB), initially for the purpose of commissioning local authority (social care and education) and health services high cost, low volume residential placements; and</i></p> <p><i>b) further work is done to strengthen and clarify the role of local government scrutiny, on a regional and local basis, in scrutinising and monitoring the work and performance of this and other regional collaborative projects.</i></p>	Cabinet considered the final business case at its meeting on 21 February
	6. Families First Update	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p><i>a) to receive and note the report on the impact of the changes from CYMORTH funding to the Families First Programme;</i></p>	

		<p><i>b) to support the approach taken in implementing changes to funding streams and the assistance given to help services/organisations to adapt to these changes; and</i></p> <p><i>c) that a list of the successful projects to be funded under the Families First Programme be compiled and distributed to the Committee members.</i></p>	Awaiting confirmation
	7. The BIG Plan	<p>RESOLVED: -</p> <p><i>a) to receive the report and note the progress to date with the implementation of The BIG Plan;</i></p> <p><i>b) that the comments and observations provided be acknowledged and actioned;</i></p> <p><i>c) that the Lead Member for Modernising the Council be requested to raise with the appropriate telecommunication companies the problems encountered with mobile telephone coverage in a number of the County's rural areas;</i></p> <p><i>d) that a letter be sent to the Welsh Government on behalf of the Committee formally recommending the extension of the HPV vaccination to males; and</i></p> <p><i>e) to approach the Community Safety Partnership to seek the establishment of a victim support helpline to assist and support victims of crime.</i></p>	Detailed information on these actions are contained in the 'Information Brief' document circulated to Committee members under separate cover, including a copy of the letter sent to Welsh Government on HPV vaccinations

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