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To: Members of the Partnerships  
Scrutiny Committee

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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, 26 MAY 2016** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

**There will be a pre-meeting briefing for all Committee Members at 9.00 am, immediately before the meeting.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams  
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

## **AGENDA**

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

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

#### **2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR (Pages 3 - 4)**

To appoint a Vice-Chair for the 2016/17 municipal year.

#### **3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

#### **4 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.

**5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 14 April 2016 (copy attached).

**6 WEST RHYL HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** (Pages 11 - 30)

To consider a report (copy attached) to provide an update on progress with delivery of one element of the Rhyl Regeneration Programme – the West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project.

**7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 31 - 50)

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.

**8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Councillors**

Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones (Chair)

Raymond Bartley  
Meirick Davies  
Martyn Holland  
Pat Jones

Dewi Owens  
Pete Prendergast  
Arwel Roberts  
Bill Tasker

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## Swydd Ddisgrifiad Cadeirydd/Is-Gadeirydd Archwilio

### 1. PRIF GYFRIFOLDEBAU

- I'r Cyngor Llawn

### 2. PWRPAS Y RÔL

- Darparu arweinyddiaeth a chyfeiriad.
- Cymryd rhan yn llawn yng ngweithgareddau'r Pwyllgor Archwilio, datblygu a chyflwyno ei raglen waith ac yn unrhyw grwpiau gorchwyl a gorffen cysylltiedig.
- Cynorthwyo wrth ddatblygu a monitro effaith polisi'r Cyngor.
- Gwneud y gweithredwr yn gyfrifol, monitro perfformiad a chyflwyno gwasanaethau a herio penderfyniadau trwy'r trefniadau galw i mewn lle bo hynny'n briodol.
- Datblygu blaenraglen waith y pwyllgor.
- Adrodd ar gynnydd yn erbyn y rhaglen waith i'r Cyngor ac i bobl eraill fel sy'n briodol.
- Rheoli cyfarfodydd yn hyderus ac yn effeithiol i hwyluso cynhwysiant, cyfranogiad a gwneud penderfyniadau clir gan sicrhau bod amcanion y cyfarfod yn cael eu diwallu, ac y glynir wrth y cod ymddygiad, rheolau sefydlog a gofynion sefydliadol eraill.
- Gweithredu fel canolbwynt cysylltu rhwng y cyngor, y gymuned a chyrrff allanol mewn perthynas â'r swyddogaeth archwilio.
- Annog cyfraniadau effeithiol gan holl aelodau'r pwyllgor yn y pwyllgor a'r grwpiau gorchwyl a gorffen.
- Asesu perfformiadau unigol a chyfunol yn y pwyllgor a chysylltu â'r Arweinydd Grŵp perthnasol i symud cyfleoedd hyfforddi a datblygu yn eu blaenau.
- Diwallu cyfrifoldebau rôl yr aelod etholedig.

### 3. GWERTHOEDD a DISGWYLIADAU

- Ymroi i werthoedd Cyngor Sir Ddinbych a'r gwerthoedd canlynol mewn swydd gyhoeddus:
  - Balchder
  - Hygrededd
  - Parch
  - Undod
- Mynychu pob cyfarfod perthnasol.
- Cynnal materion yn electronig, h.y. cyfarfodydd a chyfathrebu, lle bo'n bosibl yn y Cyngor.
- Mynychu hyfforddiant gorfodol fel y dynodwyd yn y cod ymddygiad a'r cyfansoddiad.
- Cymryd rhan mewn adolygiad datblygu blynyddol i wella'n barhaus perfformiad yr aelod a'r Cyngor.
- Esbonio a chyfrif am berfformiad personol fel Cynghorydd Sir yn rheolaidd, yn enwedig trwy gyhoeddi Adroddiad Blynyddol ar wefan y Cyngor.

## **Role Description Scrutiny Chair/Vice-Chair**

### **1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES**

- To Full Council

### **2. PURPOSE OF ROLE**

- Providing leadership and direction
- To participate fully in the activities of the Scrutiny Committee, the development and delivery of its work programme and any associated task and finish groups.
- To assist in the development and monitor impact of Council policy
- To hold the executive to account, monitoring performance and service delivery and challenge decisions through the call in arrangements where appropriate.
- To develop a forward work programme of the committee.
- To report on progress against the work programme to Council, and others as appropriate
- To provide confident and effective management of meetings to facilitate inclusivity, participation and clear decision making ensuring that meeting objectives are met, and the code of conduct, standing orders and other constitutional requirements are adhered to.
- To act as a focus for liaison between the council, community and external bodies in relation to the scrutiny function.
- To encourage effective contributions from all committee members in both committee and task and finish groups
- To assess individual and collective performance within the committee and liaise with the relevant Group Leader to progress training and development opportunities.
- Fulfil the accountabilities of the elected member role.

### **3. VALUES and EXPECTATIONS**

- To be committed to the values of Denbighshire County Council and the following values in public office:
  - Pride
  - Integrity
  - Respect
  - Unity
- Attend all relevant meetings
- Carry out business electronically i.e. meetings and communication, wherever possible
- To attend mandatory training as specified in the code of conduct and the constitution.
- To participate in an annual development review to continually improve the performance of the member and the Council.
- To explain and account for personal performance as a County Councillor on a regular basis, particularly through the publication of an Annual Report on the Council's web site.

## **PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held in COUNCIL CHAMBER, RUSSELL HOUSE, RHYL on Thursday, 14 April 2016 at 9.30 am.

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Raymond Bartley (Vice-Chair), Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones (Chair), Martyn Holland, Pat Jones, Arwel Roberts and Bill Tasker

**Also in attendance:** Lead Member for Social Care, Adult and Children's Services, Councillor Bobby Feeley

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Corporate Director: Communities (NS), Head of Community Support (PG), Service Manager: Strategic Development (GG), Principal Manager (Operational Services) (CCN), Scrutiny Co-ordinator (RE), and Committee Administrator (SLW).

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Meirick Davies, Dewi Owens and Pete Prendergast

#### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No Declarations of Interest.

#### **3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

No urgent matters.

#### **4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of a Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 25 February, 2016 were submitted.

Matters arising:-

Page 4 – Item 5 – Development of a Community Hospital in Rhyl.

The Corporate Director: Communities updated the Committee following a visit from the Health Minister at which the Principal Manager (Operational Services) had been present. Concerns which had been raised by Partnerships Committee were put forward to the Health Minister who confirmed that the Welsh Government was committed to the development of the Community Hospital in Rhyl.

It was confirmed that representatives from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) would attend Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2016.

**RESOLVED** that subject to the above, the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

## **5 SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE OF OLDER PEOPLE - WALES AUDIT OFFICE REPORT**

The Lead Member for Social Care (Adult & Children's Services) introduced the report (previously circulated) for Members to consider the findings and recommendations of the Supporting the Independence of Older People – Wales Audit Office Report.

The Lead Member emphasised the importance for Local Authorities across Wales to support prevention services to aid the independence of older people. Attached at Appendix 1 of the report had been the Council's Action Plan for progressing the recommendations. Officers and the Lead Member informed Members that the study highlighted:

- the fact that there was a need for Local Authorities to take a co-ordinated corporate approach towards supporting the independence of older people, not solely rely on health and social care services
- acknowledged the severe financial constraints that restricted Local Authorities from providing certain advisory and non-statutory support services.

The Committee were advised that:

- the third sector in Denbighshire did receive grant funding from the Council to enable it to deliver advisory and support work. Contracts with the third sector specified that a condition of the grant funding was that they delivered services which did support independence. To date, this had proved very effective
- the Single Point of Access (SPoA) service was a key driver of the Council's aim of improving access to advice and information
- an Ageing Well Plan had been developed
- "Talking Points", had been established, which aimed to reach out to people within their communities, preventing referrals to Social Services
- the focus of social care services was being changed from a reactive/intervention service to being a more proactive preventative service in line with the requirements of the Social Service and Well-being (Wales) Act
- work was now underway to develop a "Supporting Independence in Denbighshire Strategy", which would comply with the vision set out in the Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities – to which the Council was a signatory.

Responding to Members' questions, the Lead Member and officers advised that:

- at present a substantial part of the funding for the SPoA Service came via the Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) grant. The grant funding tended to be

rather piecemeal and was awarded on an annual basis, which made it very difficult to plan for the medium to long-term

- Denbighshire was already delivering a lot of the support and adopting the corporate approach aspired to in the report, as part of its day to day business
- the Council had been in discussion with Conwy County Borough Council with a view to potentially appoint the vacant Older People's Strategy Development Officer post on a joint/shared basis
- work was underway to embed the concept of Denbighshire County Council being a dementia friendly council into council services day to day work and service planning. St. Asaph had recently been awarded the status of being the first Dementia Friendly City in North Wales. Ruthin Rotary Club were at present keen to do more work around dementia friendly communities. The "Talking Points" initiative had been an ideal vehicle for communities, both rural and urban, to develop into dementia friendly communities.

Members felt that libraries were ideally placed and located to be developed into community hubs where both young and old could socialise with a view to eliminating loneliness, social isolation and consequently supporting health and well-being.

Members asked that they be circulated a link to Denbighshire's Ageing Well Plan.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (i) subject to the above observations and comments, to endorse the need for a corporate approach to implementing the recommendations through the range of actions listed in the Action Plan (Appendix 1)*
- (ii) that the Older People Reference Group, which already has responsibility for implementing Denbighshire's Ageing Well Plan, be tasked with addressing and progressing the Supporting the Independence of Older People Action Plan, and*
- (iii) that the draft Supporting Independence in Denbighshire Strategy be submitted to the Committee for consideration at its November 2016 meeting.*

**At this juncture (10.10 a.m.) there was a 10 minute break.**

**The meeting reconvened at 10.20 a.m.**

## **6 SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS (SPOA)**

The Lead Member for Social Care (Adults and Children's Services) introduced the report (previously circulated) to provide members with current information about the Single Point of Access (SPoA) in Denbighshire.

The Lead Member confirmed that the single telephone number for access to Health and Social Care Services had been in operation since 2014.

The Welsh Government Minister for Health and Social Services had recently made specific mention of Denbighshire's Single Point of Access (SPoA) service during the launch of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act at the Senedd.

The Lead Member and Officers advised that:

- at a meeting the previous day with representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) confirmation had been received that funding was now in place for the Service for the 2016/17 financial year
- the Service cost in the region of £660k per annum, the majority of which was funded via the Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) Grant which was awarded on an annual basis
- now that the new locality structures were in place within the Health Board, relevant representatives would be in attendance at meetings discussing joint and collaborative working to enable the work to progress and develop further
- the SPoA approach was now deemed to be very much day to day business in the Denbighshire area and the county was ahead of other Local Authority areas with this approach, which complied with the requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act requirements. Nevertheless, there was always room for improvement and, therefore, work was currently underway in a bid to consolidate and improve the service. More work was required in order to integrate all health and social care support services available via SPoA
- the Service operated on a structure of a single Team Leader, supported by 9 SPoA operators (4 of whom were Welsh speaking, and another 4 who were learning the language). The team were now able to offer a bi-lingual seven day service. There was also a third sector co-ordinator and co-ordinators who specialised in specific areas e.g. falls, carers, Talking Points, adaptations etc.
- whilst the SPoA service operated on a seven day basis, weekends were not as busy as weekdays, therefore, staffing at the weekend usually consisted of one SPoA operator supported by a District Nurse. As a result of the lower volume of telephone enquiries at the weekend, staff were able to process any service requests received from hospitals to avoid any backlog of work
- at present the Denbighshire SPoA was the only one in North Wales that offered access to the Community Nursing Service
- the Service was more than willing to explore the feasibility of working with any service that expressed an interest in working with it
- the Service was based in the Council's Brighton Road offices in Rhyl but confirmation was awaited on where the Service would be located when the Brighton Road offices were vacated. However, the long-term plan was that the Service would eventually be permanently located at the re-developed Royal Alexandra Hospital site in Rhyl.

Responding to Members' questions officers advised that:

- all GP surgeries had been visited at least twice and advised of the SPoA service and information had been left at the surgeries for the attention of members of the public. GP surgeries could be visited again to remind them



of the Service and elected Members were also requested to remind surgeries in their areas of the Service's existence and what it could offer to patients

- the Healthy Prestatyn lach Centre would, in due course, be a "health hub" which could help to promote the SPoA Service
- with respect to social isolation and loneliness, the third sector and the reablement service could also advise service-users of groups or individuals who could help and support them
- enquiries from or regarding people with learning disabilities (LD) were currently classified under "referral route – Social Care", however in the future, those referrals could be classified in a separate LD category
- whilst the majority of the SPoA's work was funded by the ICF grant, any surplus spend would be financed by the Health Board and the Council on an equal basis.

Prior to undertaking a visit to the SPoA Service, Members congratulated the Service on the progress made to date in delivering the joint services.

**RESOLVED** that:

- subject to the above observations, to continue to support and promote the development of SPoA as a way of promoting the independence of citizens and meeting the statutory duty to provide Information, Advice and Assistance Services as required by the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, and*
- that a progress report on the development of the Service be presented to the Committee in 12 months' time, or earlier if funding for the Service becomes a concern.*

## **7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

A copy of a report by the Scrutiny Co-ordinator, which requested the Committee to review and agree its Forward Work Programme and provided an update on relevant issues, had been circulated with the papers for the meeting.

A copy of the "Member's proposal form" template had been included at Appendix 2, Cabinet's Forward Work Programme had been included as Appendix 3, and a table summarising recent Committee resolutions and advising on progress with their implementation had been attached at Appendix 4.

The Committee considered its draft Forward Work Programme for future meetings, Appendix 1, and the following were agreed:-

26 May, 2016:-

West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project – Members agreed to a pre-meeting taking place at 9.00 a.m. followed by the full Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting to commence at 9.30 a.m.

The following representatives were expected to be in attendance:

- Graham Worthington, Clwyd Alyn Housing Association
- Peter James and Carole Weller, Welsh Government

Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group were to meet on Thursday 21 April 2016 from which further items for future meetings could be put forward.

As the next Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting would be the first meeting following Annual Council on 10 May, the Committee would be expected to appoint its Vice-Chair at that meeting. Individuals interested in the role were asked to forward their CV to the Scrutiny Co-ordinator ahead of that meeting. Councillor Raymond Bartley expressed an interest in being nominated as Vice-Chair.

***RESOLVED*** that subject to the above, the Work Programme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

## **8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None.

**The meeting concluded at 10.50 a.m.**

**Report to:** Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 26 May 2016

**Lead Member / Officer:** Cllr Hugh Evans, Leader

**Report Authors:** Rebecca Maxwell (Corporate Director: Economy & Public Realm, Denbighshire County Council)  
Carole Weller (Head of Regeneration North & Mid Wales, Welsh Government)  
Graham Worthington, Chief Executive, Pennaf Housing Group

**Title:** West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project

## 1. What is the report about?

This report provides an update on progress with delivery of one element of the Rhyl Regeneration programme – the West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project.

## 2. What is the reason for making this report?

Scrutiny has asked for an update and reasons for the delays in delivery.

## 3. What are the Recommendations?

Partnerships Scrutiny is invited to consider the progress report provided and comment accordingly.

## 4. Report details

- 4.1. West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project was approved by Cabinet in September 2012. The project was a continuation of work already started under the Welsh Government North Wales Coast Strategic Regeneration Area initiative and was aimed at addressing housing and neighbourhood issues in the West Rhyl area.
- 4.2. The project is led by Welsh Government in partnership with Denbighshire County Council, Pennaf Housing Group, North Wales Housing and latterly West Rhyl Community Land Trust.
- 4.3. All partners have designated delivery roles within the project. Denbighshire County Council has been responsible for development of the Supplementary Planning Guidance covering the West Rhyl Regeneration area, acquisition of the various properties involved (including some Compulsory Purchase processes), agreed demolitions, resettlement of all displaced households, and design and delivery of the Urban Park/Greenspace.

- 4.4. The original aims of the project were to change the image of West Rhyl by enabling a more balanced housing offer – both housing type and tenure, alongside the provision of quality green space. The project involved removing 34 Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) and other properties, and replacing them with a new residential neighbourhood, with a mix of predominantly family homes, delivered through a combination of refurbishment and new build. Requiring significant compulsory purchases and the resettlement of over 130 households, the project is one of the most complex regeneration initiatives undertaken in Wales in recent years.
- 4.5. The project has been governed by a Project Board with representatives from Welsh Government, Denbighshire County Council, Rhyl Town Council, Pennaf Housing Group, North Wales Housing Association and latterly West Rhyl Community Land Trust, a housing cooperative.
- 4.6. The Afallon housing cooperative is an innovative element of the regeneration project. It is the first of its kind within an urban area in Wales. All tenants will be members of the cooperative and will contribute to its management and decision making. The tenants for the West Rhyl homes have been selected following an applications process. Selection criteria included demonstrating a willingness to take an active role in future development of the neighbourhood and the cooperative.

#### Project components

- 4.7. From the outset, the project was broken down into separate zones as follows (see also Appendix 1). Progress across the Zones has been mixed and changes have occurred as the project has developed.
- 4.8. **Zone 1: Area bounded by Gronant Street (even numbers) & Aquarium Street (odd numbers)** – demolition of properties and their replacement with a high quality green space/urban park.
- 4.9. The Urban Park (Gerddi Heulwen) was completed in March 2015. It is now well established and ready to form the backdrop to the new and refurbished houses and neighbourhood. This work was led by Denbighshire County Council and the construction works were delivered by Brenig Construction Ltd.
- 4.10. **Zone 2: Gronant Street (odd numbers)** – refurbishment into family homes by Pennaf Housing Group for shared ownership properties.
- 4.11. These properties were originally intended for refurbishment into single family homes. Early investigations suggested that costs associated with refurbishment were significantly higher than anticipated and the Project Board agreed to change this scheme to demolition and new build. Planning permission was secured by Pennaf Housing Group in November 2014 and the contract for build was awarded to Galliford Try in February 2016.
- 4.12. Construction work took longer than anticipated to start on site but is now progressing well and is due to complete by January 2017. The new build homes will provide affordable sustainable homes with minimal running costs for families, realising a core objective of the Regeneration funding.

- 4.13. The later start date was due to Land Transfer delays linked to the original CPO action and lower than expected forecast house values. The disparity between the cost of provision and valuation of the homes is being explored with Welsh Government. The properties remain as single family homes and for Shared Ownership.
- 4.14. **Zone 3: Aquarium Street (even numbers)** – refurbishment/remodelling of properties by private sector partner into family homes for owner occupation.
- 4.15. This zone, together with zone 5, was advertised to private sector developers by Welsh Government in 2015. Following the market test, a preferred development partner was selected to take forward a mixed use scheme. Discussions are still underway in relation to the proposed development agreement and start on site has been delayed as a result. As a fall-back position, Welsh Government and County Council officers are exploring potential alternative development routes. In the interim, the site is operating as a compound for the other development zones.
- 4.16. **Zone 4: John Street 14-24 (even numbers)** – refurbishment/remodelling of properties by a private sector development partner into a mix of family homes and good quality apartments for owner occupation.
- 4.17. After two attempts, this zone has been acquired by a private sector developer (B&W Properties) for refurbishment into a mix of single family town houses and good quality apartments. All properties will be for private rent. Strict requirements on quality standards and a prohibition on use as Houses of Multiple Occupancy have been applied to the sale agreement. Full Title will only transfer on satisfactory completion of the work. Works are on site now and due to be completed by April 2017.
- 4.18. **Zone 5: John Street 1-11 (odd numbers), 18 Aquarium Street & 50-57 West Parade** – mixed use, new build development by a private sector development partner. Potential for hotel, leisure or commercial/retail development coupled with residential provision for owner occupation.
- 4.19. This is now incorporated into zone 3 above.
- 4.20. **Zone 6: Abbey Street 3-41 (odd numbers), 10-24 (even numbers) & 8-12 Hope Place** – mixture of refurbishment, remodelling and new build as appropriate, ideally by a housing association partner with a mix of social rented and shared ownership properties, predominantly family homes.
- 4.21. This zone has been sub-divided into four areas.
- 3-9 Abbey Street are being remodelled by Pennaf Housing Group to provide 5 fully refurbished family homes with private gardens for rent. There have been significant delays due to additional asbestos uncovered during the strip out. The poor integrity of the building fabric has also resulted in delays whilst structural designs were revised.
  - 10 – 24 Abbey Street and 8 – 12 Hope Place have been incorporated into the Zone 2 new build contract outlined above and under way. This scheme will provide 7 new build energy efficient family homes for affordable rent.

- 11-33 (odd numbers) Abbey Street are being developed on behalf of the Afallon Housing Cooperative. The scheme will deliver 7 houses and 4 apartments through refurbishment of existing properties and some new build. The properties will be available as mid-market rental homes. The tenants have been identified and are due to move in by early September. Work has taken slightly longer to complete than planned due to site clearance problems, adverse weather conditions and a shortage of skilled bricklayers.
- 35 – 41 (odd numbers) Abbey Street currently remain in the ownership of Denbighshire County Council and are being held in anticipation of demolition and proactive marketing to the private sector for development.

4.22. Progress with delivery of the overall housing regeneration scheme has been slower than originally set. This is not surprising given the scale and complexity of the works involved. As changes in circumstances have emerged, the Project Board has been mindful throughout to ensure proposed developments continue to be appropriate for the area and meet the underlying regeneration objectives of the initiative. At times, this has meant decisions have taken longer as alternative options for delivery have been considered and acceptable (rather than easy) solutions have been found.

#### Impact and evaluation

4.23. A full project evaluation will be completed once all elements of the project have been delivered. Meanwhile, some preliminary work on early impact has been started against the broad outcomes originally identified for the project, namely:

- Objective 1: West Rhyl provides a neighbourhood where working people choose to live
- Objective 2: Our community lives in good quality well managed and well maintained accommodation
- Objective 3: West Rhyl provides a more balanced offer of housing tenure, type and access arrangements
- Objective 4: West Rhyl is a safer neighbourhood with less crime/anti-social behaviour
- Objective 5: People in West Rhyl live in a settled community

4.24. Initial work suggests positive impacts are already being felt. Recent evidence suggests that the housing market in the area is starting to pick up. There has been a significant reduction (21%) in the number of Houses of Multiple Occupancy in West Rhyl as a whole, and investment in social rented stock has seen the Welsh Housing Quality Standard reached throughout the sector. Whilst still high, unemployment levels in the immediate area appear to be reducing, and crime and anti-social behaviour incidences have reduced substantially. Anecdotally there would appear to be a higher level of private sector investor confidence. Satisfaction for households resettled as a result of the project has been overwhelmingly positive. Further detail is contained in the initial benefits capture report attached at Appendix 2.

#### Next Steps

4.25. For now, the focus of the Project Board is on ensuring delivery of the new housing and its subsequent purchase/occupation. An associated project, funded by contributions from all Partners, under the Rhyl Regeneration programme (Love Rhyl Perceptions campaign) is assisting with proactive marketing and promotion of the

neighbourhood and properties to a wider audience than might traditionally be considered.

- 4.26. The current West Rhyl Housing Improvement activity was always considered to be a first phase, with consideration to be given to other intervention areas at later dates. Early discussions have identified Edward Henry Street as a potential area of expansion but this has not yet been agreed and will be subject to further discussion, both through the Project Board and importantly with local residents and elected representatives.
- 4.27. Independently, Pennaf have however, committed to remodelling their properties at 6 – 12 Edward Henry Street into single dwelling family homes using 100% private finance. These homes are due for completion in July 2016.

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

Regeneration of Rhyl has been a Council priority since 2004 and continues to feature as a priority in the current Corporate Plan. Cabinet recently confirmed its continuing commitment to regeneration in Rhyl, approving the next phase of regeneration activity and priorities at its meeting in March 2016. Continued implementation of the existing West Rhyl housing project and its potential expansion are included.

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

The cost of the project to date has been funded by Welsh Government from its Regeneration and capital funding. Pennaf Housing Group and North Wales Housing Association are also investing resources in delivery of the new homes. Properties retained within Denbighshire County Council ownership (part of zone 6) currently attract Council Tax and maintenance/security costs.

**7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.**

Not applicable

**8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

There was extensive consultation as the original scheme was developed and engagement with local residents has continued during implementation. The project as a whole is overseen by the Project Board, which has local County & Town Council Councillors as members.

**9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

This is a significant regeneration project and the Council has drawn down Welsh Government grant funding of £15m since 2012. This funding has been used for the acquisition of properties which have then either been demolished or passed on to housing associations. The funding has also provided for a green space on an area created through demolitions.

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

Risks were assessed prior to start of the project and are kept under review by the Project Board. The main risks to the council were associated with the CPO process and construction of the green space. Some residual risk remains in relation to the properties still held by the Council pending redevelopment.

**11. Power to make the Decision**

There is no decision required by this report.

Under Article 6.3 of the Council's constitution, scrutiny committees may review and monitor the performance of the Council and other bodies in respect of particular objectives or service areas.





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# West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project

BENEFITS CAPTURE

## **APPENDIX 2**

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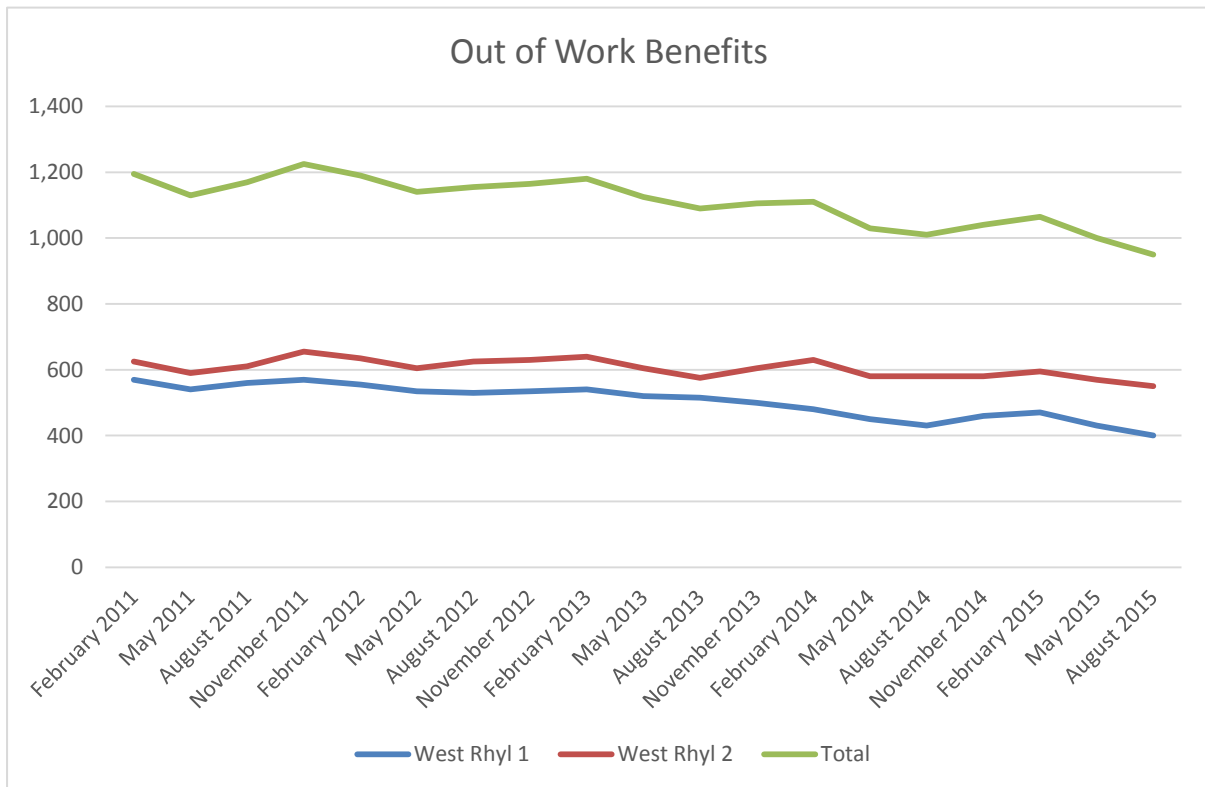
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## Key Findings

1. Broad comparative measures such as the Welsh Index of Deprivation can mask significant changes that have taken place in West Rhyl during the period since 2011.
2. The number of people claiming out of work benefits in the key areas of West Rhyl 1 and 2 has reduced substantially since 2011.
3. The owner occupation and shared ownership account for around 31% of housing in West Rhyl. The housing market in West Rhyl has historically performed poorly and (like other areas in Wales) has been slow to recover from the housing market crash. Nevertheless, the most recent data show the market beginning to pick-up, although there is still some way to go to reach pre-crash levels.
4. The social rented sector accounts for around 25% of housing in West Rhyl. Substantial investment in the stock has seen the Welsh Housing Quality Standard reached throughout the sector.
5. Compulsory purchase and resettlement of tenants (largely from the private rented sector) has improved the quality of homes for 100 resettled households.
6. Resident feedback has been positive with many life-changing stories.
7. The number of Houses in Multiple Occupation in the West Rhyl Ward has been reduced by 21% as part of an overall reduction in the number of residences.
8. Baseline figures for housing tenure are available from the census but further research is required to estimate change over time.
9. Crime and anti-social behaviour in the West Rhyl Ward has reduced substantially since 2011.
10. A new measure of community stability has been established and data collection will begin following the conclusion of project activity and associated upheaval.

# Outcome 1 – West Rhyl provides a neighbourhood where working people choose to live

In 2011 the Lower super output areas (LSOA) Rhyl West 1 and Rhyl West 2 were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> most deprived in the employment domain of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD). In the 2014 update of the WIMD they remained among the most deprived in the employment domain. However, this broad assessments masked the extent of change in the area, which had taken place in the intervening period.



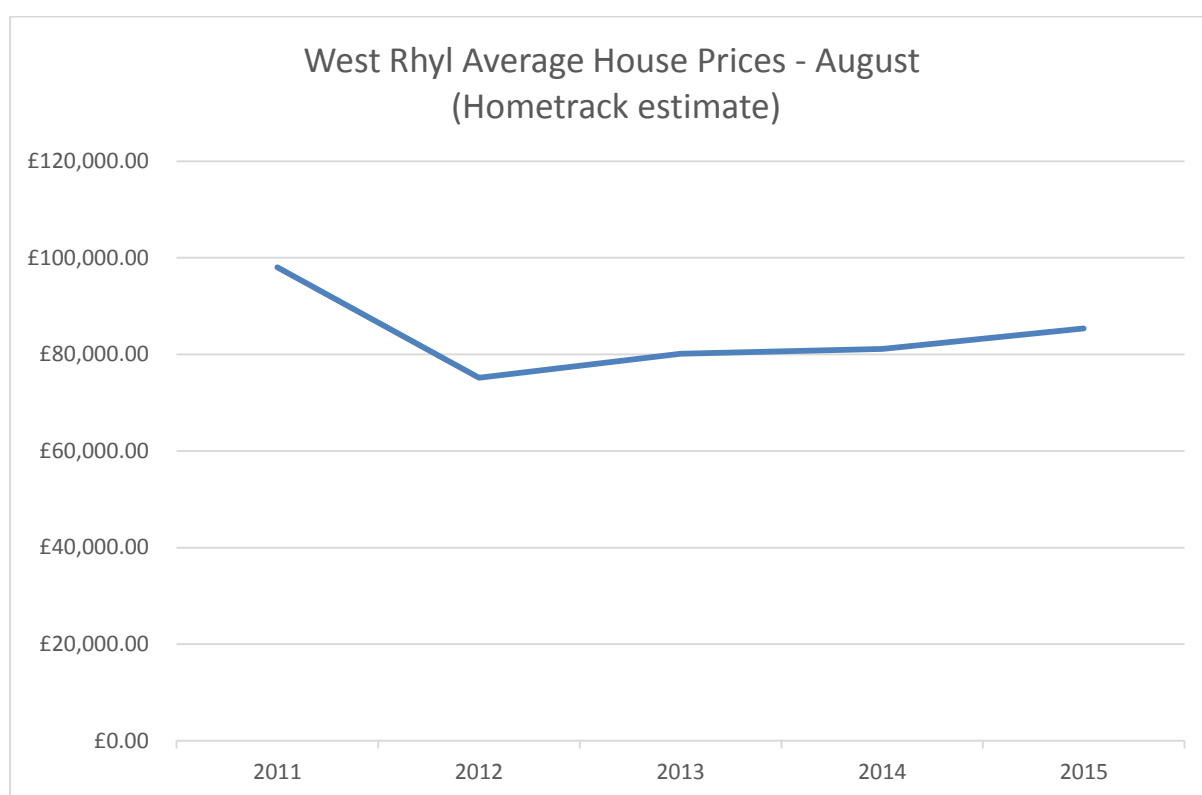
The number of people claiming out of work benefits in the West Rhyl 1 and 2 area reached a peak in November 2011 of 1225 claimants. Since then numbers have fallen steadily (allowing for seasonal variation). By August 2015 this had fallen by 275 to 950. The number of claimants is currently below pre-recession levels and at the lowest levels achieved in a decade.

While this indicates a continuation of high levels of worklessness there has been a 22% reduction in the number claiming out of work benefits.

## Outcome 2 - Our Community Lives in Good quality well managed and well maintained accommodation

Housing market indicators demonstrate that housing market in West Rhyl remains substantially poorer than in other parts of the county or when compared with broader averages. Nevertheless, we have seen change in the market over the period since 2011.

	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>House Sales Annual Turnover as a percentage of stock</b>	0.61%	0.69%	0.61%	1.38%



Like other parts of Wales West Rhyl has been slow to recover from the housing market crash. However, the market does appear to be picking up with strong price growth recently.

In the social rented sector we have seen significant investment in the stock within West Rhyl. 100% of the social housing stock, in the area, meet the Welsh Housing Quality Standard.

In the private rented sector improvement have focused on the compulsory purchase of poor quality or otherwise unsuitable housing with resettlement of tenants in high quality homes. 106 properties have already been purchased and 100 renting households have been successfully resettled, largely within the Rhyl area.

Finally, perhaps the best indicators of the benefits of change in the area come from the comments of residents themselves:

Resident 'A' moved from a two bed terraced house on Hope Place to a three bed detached house with gardens in South East Rhyl.

"When I was first informed of the project I was absolutely devastated - my worst nightmare. I was extremely unhappy as I'd been settled in my house for five and a half years and I'd done it all up to my liking. The thought of upheaval was horrendous and it caused me serious upset and anxiety at the time but having gone through the process, I can't believe the change in me now!

"I've got an absolutely fabulous house, in a nice area and great location. I can honestly say I've never been so happy in my entire life. I'm very surprised that financially this property seems to be very much the same as my previous house, yet the size and location are very different.

"It costs hardly anything to heat which is great considering the house still has the old feature stained glass and wooden frame windows. There don't seem to be any drafts at all and it holds heat well; obviously well insulated. On the whole, I've gone from being traumatised in the beginning to now having a life that is fantastic thanks to the West Rhyl project."

Resident 'B' and her two young children moved from a two bed 3rd floor flat on Aquarium Street to a two bed 1st floor flat with shared garden in South West Rhyl.

"When I lived in the old flat my son was always stuck indoors because we were on the third floor, but now he plays out in the shared garden area and on the street with the other kids. He definitely couldn't have done that on Aquarium Street.

"We really are much happier here. I am very grateful to Denbighshire County Council for all the help and I'm so glad the Welsh Government decided to improve and regenerate West Rhyl. If they hadn't, I would still be stuck in that horrible flat and my children wouldn't be as happy as they are today."

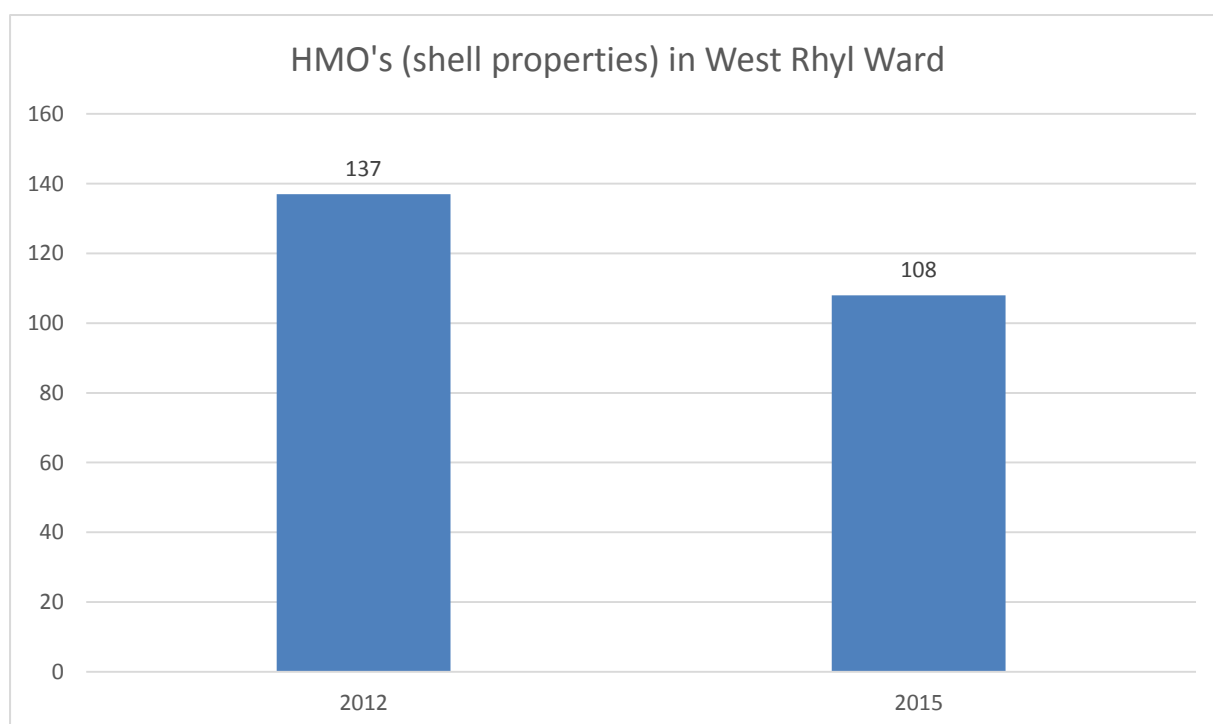


## Outcome 3 – West Rhyl provides a more balanced offer of housing tenure, type and access arrangements

Unfortunately we currently only have a baseline comparator for tenure type. This information comes from the 2011 census. Further research is required to provide estimates of change in the balance of tenures. New data is expected towards the end of the 2015 calendar year that will enable an understanding of tenure change within the area since 2012.<sup>1</sup>

	Owner occupied outright	Owner Occupied with Mortgage	Shared Ownership	Private Rented	Council	Other Social Landlord
<b>2011</b>	12%	18.60%	0.50%	40.50%	3.40%	21.80%

The demolition of 74 shell properties (comprising 147 units) and refurbishment of 10 shell properties (comprising 37 units) in the project area has made a substantial impact on the balance of housing offer in the whole area. A further 8 shell properties (comprising 18 units) are scheduled to be demolished.



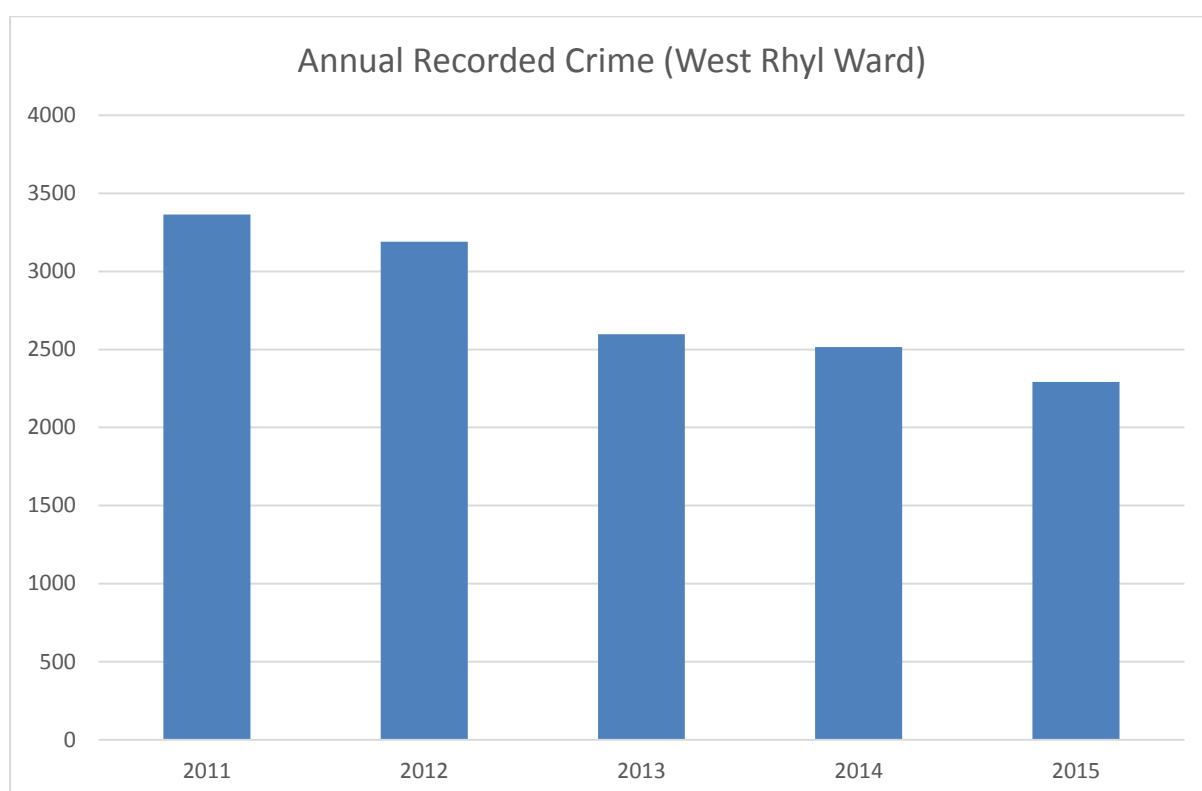
Across the ward as a whole we have seen a 21% reduction in the number of HMOs (shell properties) and a 52% reduction in the number of known individual units<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> This will be provided through the bulk purchase of EPC data to support energy efficient homes projects throughout the count.

<sup>2</sup> Individual Units are more difficult to measure as in some cases the number of units within an identified HMO is unknown.

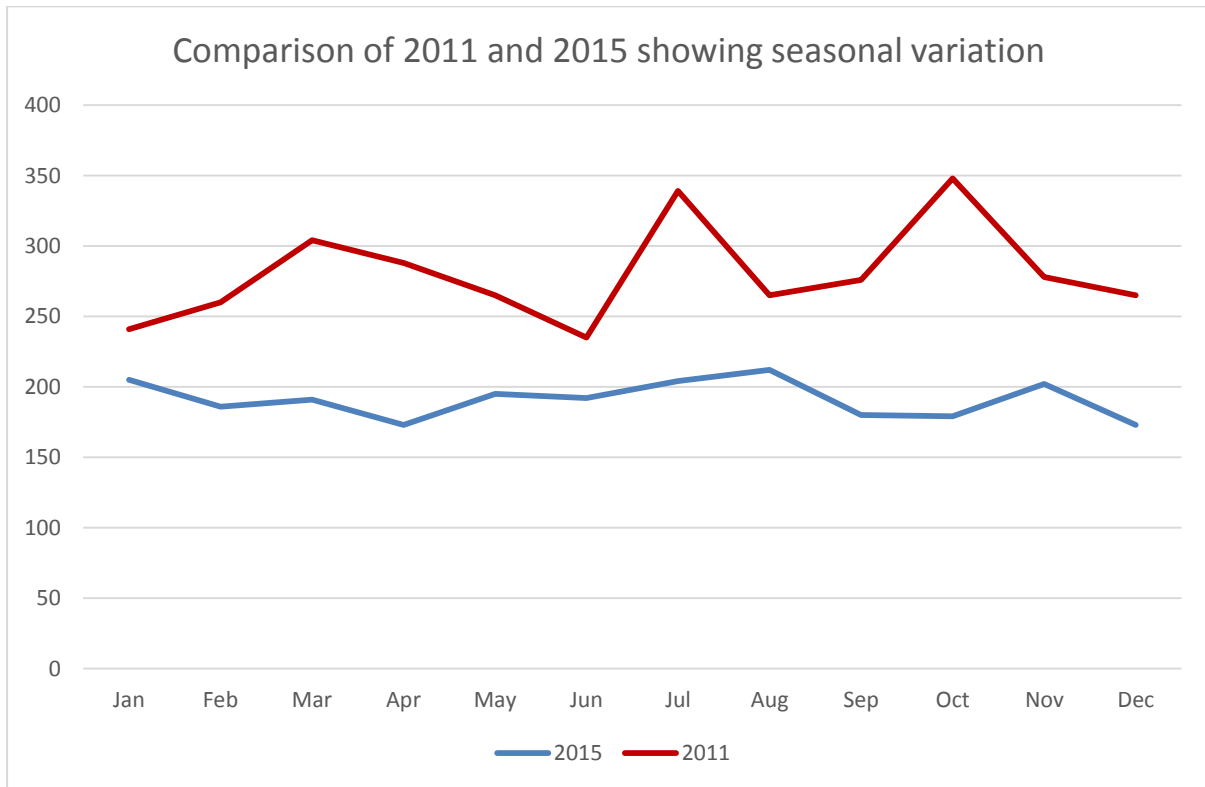
## Outcome 4- West Rhyl is a safer neighbourhood with less crime / anti-social behaviour

In 2011 the Lower super output areas (LSOA) Rhyl West 1 and Rhyl West 2 were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> most deprived in the community safety domain of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD). In the 2014 update of the WIMD they remained among the most deprived in the community safety domain. However, this broad assessments masked the extent of change in the area, which had taken place in the intervening period.

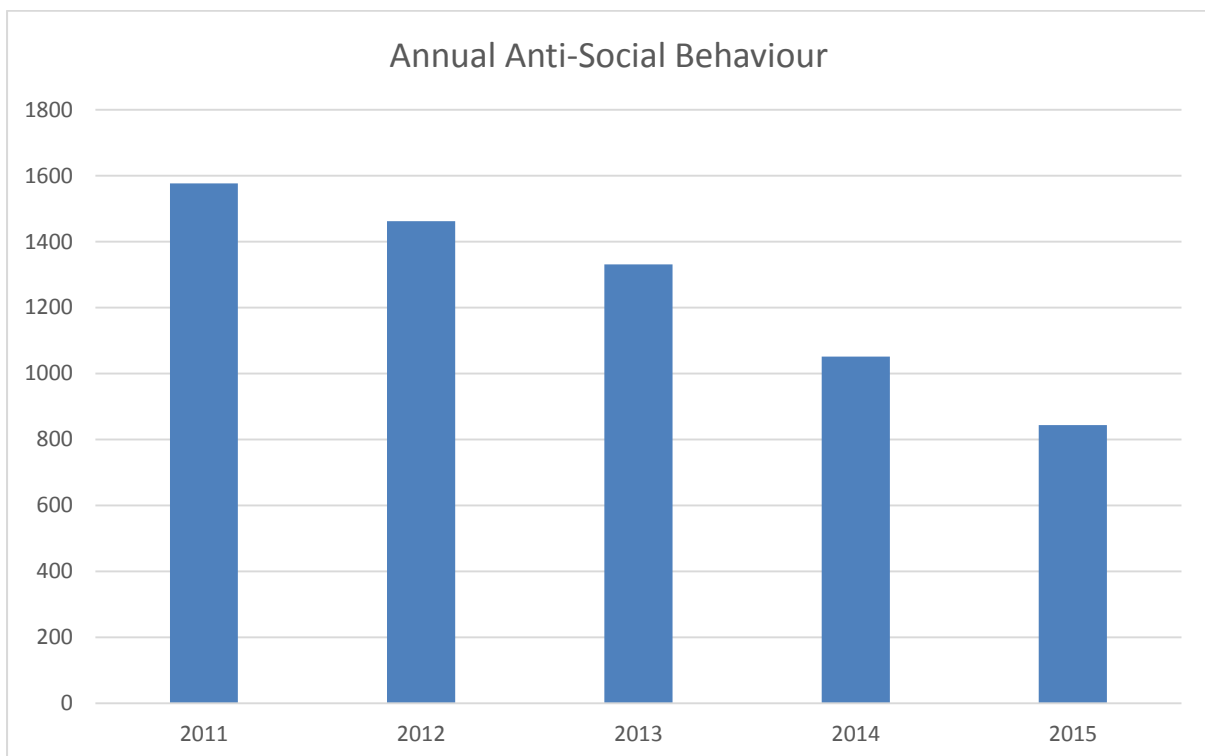


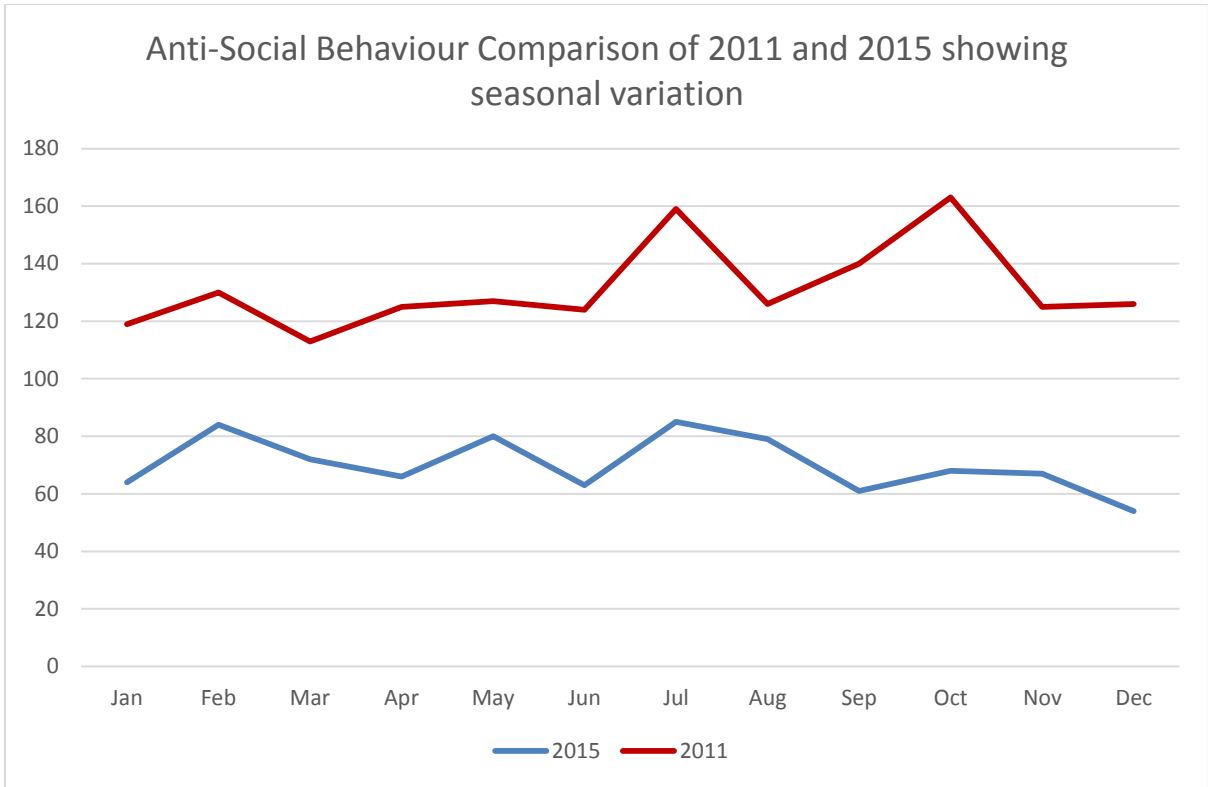
During 2015 there were 1072 fewer recorded crimes in the West Rhyl ward than during 2011.

In addition to the lower levels of recorded crime in the ward we also see less variation from month to month than has traditionally be the case. The comparison between 2011 and 2015 is an example of this.



During 2015 there were 734 fewer recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the West Rhyl ward than during 2011.





## Outcome 5 – People in West Rhyll live in a settled Community

Instability in the community caused by a transient population was identified as a negative factor by project officer and residents in the area. During the course of the project some degree of resettlement and disruption has occurred but once complete a new opportunity arises to monitor the stability of the community in future.

When all potentially disruptive project activity has been completed we will monitor the property reference and occupation date from council tax records to produce an anonymous aggregate measure providing figures for the following measures quarterly:

- The number of properties where there has been a change in occupation of properties within the area
- The number of properties where there has been **no change** in occupation of properties within the area

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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>26 May 2016</b>
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Scrutiny Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Scrutiny Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Scrutiny Work Programme</b>

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## **1. What is the report about?**

The report presents 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:

- 3.1 considers the information provided and approves, revises or amends its forward work programme as it deems appropriate; and
- 3.2 appoints/re-appoints representatives to serve on the Council's Service Challenge Groups.

## **4. Report details**

- 4.1 Article 6 of Denbighshire County Council's Constitution sets out each Scrutiny Committee's terms of reference, functions and membership, whilst the rules of procedure for scrutiny committees are laid out in Part 4 of the Constitution.
- 4.2 The Constitution stipulates that the Council's scrutiny committees must 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.
- 4.3 For a number of years it has been an adopted practice in Denbighshire for scrutiny committees to limit the number of reports considered at any one meeting to a maximum of four plus the Committee's own work programme report. The aim of this approach is to facilitate detailed and effective debate on each topic.
- 4.4 In recent years the Welsh Government (WG) and the Wales Audit Office (WAO) have highlighted the need to strengthen scrutiny's role across local government and public services in Wales, including utilising scrutiny as a means of engaging with residents and service-users. Going forward scrutiny will be expected to engage better and

more frequently with the public with a view to securing better decisions which ultimately lead to better outcomes for citizens. In future the WAO will measure scrutiny's effectiveness in fulfilling these expectations.

- 4.5 Having regard to the national vision for scrutiny whilst at the same time focussing on local priorities, the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group (SCVCG) has recommended that the Council's scrutiny committees should, when deciding on their work programmes, focus on the following key areas:
- budget savings;
  - achievement of the Corporate Plan objectives (with particular emphasis on the their deliverability during a period of financial austerity);
  - any other items agreed by the Scrutiny Committee (or the SCVCG) as high priority (based on the PAPER test criteria – see reverse side of the 'Member Proposal Form' at Appendix 2) and;
  - Urgent, unforeseen or high priority issues

#### 4.6 Scrutiny Proposal Forms

As mentioned in paragraph 4.2 above the Council's Constitution 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 subjects. No officer proposal forms have been received for consideration at the current meeting.

- 4.7 With a view to making better use of scrutiny's time by focussing committees' resources on detailed examination of subjects, adding value through the decision-making process and securing better outcomes for residents, the SCVCG has decided that members, as well as officers, should complete 'scrutiny proposal forms' outlining the reasons why they think a particular subject would benefit from scrutiny's input. A copy of the 'member's proposal form' can be seen at Appendix 2. The reverse side of this form contains a flowchart listing questions which members should consider when proposing an item for scrutiny, and which committees should ask when determining a topic's suitability for inclusion on a scrutiny forward work programme. If, having followed this process, a topic is not deemed suitable for formal examination by a scrutiny committee, alternative channels for sharing the information or examining the matter can be considered e.g. the provision of an 'information report', or if the matter is of a very local nature examination by the relevant Member Area Group (MAG). In future no items will be included on a forward work programme without a 'scrutiny proposal form' being completed and accepted for inclusion by the Committee or the SCVCG. Assistance with their completion is available from the Scrutiny Co-ordinator.

#### Cabinet Forward Work Programme

- 4.8 When determining their programme of future work it is useful for scrutiny committees to have regard to Cabinet's scheduled programme of work. For this purpose a copy of the Cabinet's forward work programme is attached at Appendix 3.



## Progress on Committee Resolutions

- 4.9 A table summarising recent Committee resolutions and advising members on progress with their implementation is attached at Appendix 4 to this report.

### **5. Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group**

Under the Council's scrutiny arrangements the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group (SCVCG) performs the role of a coordinating committee. The Group met on 21 April 2016 and requested that this Committee consider a report on the development of the North Wales Regional Safeguarding Boards at its meeting on 7 July and a progress report on the Denbighshire Well-being Plan at its meeting on 6 October (see Appendix 1 attached).

### **6. Service Challenge Groups**

As Annual Council was held on 10 May scrutiny committees are asked, in line with normal procedures, to appoint/re-appoint members to serve on the Council's Service Challenge Groups. Attached at Appendix 5 for members' information is the current list of committee representatives. Members will note that some of the service names have changed during the last year.

### **7. 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 to deliver its corporate priorities, improve outcomes for residents whilst also managing austere budget cuts.

### **8. 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.

### **9. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.**

No Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the purpose of this report as consideration of the Committee's forward work programme is not deemed to have an adverse or unfair impact on people who share protected characteristics.

### **10. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

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.

### **11. 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.

**12. 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	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
7 July	<b>Cllr. David Smith</b>	1. Community Safety Partnership <b>[Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee]</b>	To detail the Partnership's achievement in delivering its 2015/16 action plan and its progress to date in delivering its action plan for 2016/17. The report to include financial sources and the progress made in spending the allocated funding.	Effective monitoring of the CSP's delivery of its action plan for 2015/16 and its progress to date in delivering its plan for 2016/17 will ensure that the CSP delivers the services which the Council and local residents require	Alan Smith/Liz Grieve/Sian Taylor	July 2015
	<b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b>	2. North Denbighshire Community Hospital/Health Facility Project	To consider an update report from BCUHB on the progress to date in bringing this project to fruition	Firms dates and assurances with respect to the projects delivery to assist the Council with the forward planning of its social care and integrated services	BCUHB	February 2016
	<b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b>	3. Healthy Prestatyn Iach Primary Healthcare Project	To receive a progress report on the project	Assurances that the project is progressing within the anticipated	BCUHB	April 2016

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
					timescale and all proposed services are on target to join the service and occupy the former Ty Nant building. The delivery of this project will support the delivery of the corporate priority of protecting vulnerable people and assisting them to live as independently as possible		
	<b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b>	4.	North Wales Safeguarding Boards	To consider the development of the Regional Safeguarding Boards, ensuring that they are undertaking appropriate activities in an efficient and effective manner	Assurances that the partnership arrangements are established and functioning effectively to ensure that the Council is fulfilling its statutory duties in relation to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	Nicola Stubbins	By SCVCG April 2016

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
6 Oct	<b>Cllr. Julian Thompson-Hill</b>	1. Commercial Partnership for the Revenues and Benefits Service	To review the Partnership's progress and in particular the new business element of the proposal and the Welsh Language service provision	An evaluation: (i) of whether the financial and commercial benefits of the partnership agreement have been realised; and (ii) that the service is delivering the level of service expected which conforms to the Council's relevant policies in lines with the Heads of Terms Agreement	Rod Urquhart/Jackie Walley	December 2014 (by County Council in line with Cabinet's recommendation – allocated to the Committee by the SCVCG January 2015)
	<b>Leader (Denbighshire Strategic Partnership Board – rep to attend?)</b>	2. Denbighshire Well-being Plan	To monitor the progress to date with the delivery of the Well-being Plan for Denbighshire	Recommendations with respect to improving performance and effective partnership	Alan Smith/Emma Horan	By SCVCG April 2016

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
				working with a view to improving the well-being of the county's residents, and informing the development of the new Well-being Plan in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.		
24 November	<b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b>	1. Protection of Vulnerable Adults Annual Report 2014/15	To consider the POVA annual report, and information in place to meet the statutory requirements of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 and an evaluation of the financial and resource impact of the Supreme Court's 2014 Judgement on deprivation of liberty on the Service and its work	An evaluation of whether the Authority is meeting its statutory duty with respect to adult safeguarding and has sufficient resources to undertake this work along with the additional work in the wake of the Supreme Court's judgement	Phil Gilroy/Alaw Pierce/Nerys Tompsett	November 2015

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
	<b>Cllr. David Smith</b>	2. CCTV Partnership	To detail the governance arrangements for the partnership and the partnership's effectiveness in delivering the service since its establishment, including its impact in fighting crime (report to include Police statistics on crime incident numbers, no of views by them and the outcomes of them viewing footage)	Assurances that the partnership has appropriate governance arrangements to safeguard all member organisations, to deliver an effective service and to be fully self-funding and sustainable in the long term	Graham Boase/Emlyn Jones/Graham Smith	January 2016
	<b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b>	3. Strategy for Supporting Independence in Denbighshire	To present the draft strategy for consideration by members	A robust corporate approach for supporting independence that will ensure that vulnerable people are supported to live independently and safely in their communities	Phil Gilroy/Gwynfor Griffiths	April 2016
19 January 2017						
2 March						
6 April	<b>Cllr. Bobby</b>	1. Single Point of	To detail progress in	Supporting	Phil Gilroy/Cathy Curtis-	April 2016

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
	<b>Feeley</b>	Access (SPoA)	developing the service, identifying any areas of concern and funding streams	seamless joint working with a view to increasing prevention activities to protect and support vulnerable people to live independently and safely within their communities	Nelson	
22 June						
14 September						
2 November						
14 December						



**Future Issues**

<b>Item (description / title)</b>	<b>Purpose of report</b>	<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date Entered</b>
GP Out of Hours Service [next scheduled meeting with BCUHB – item originally discussed by communities in December 2015]	To detail the responsiveness of the service – caller waiting times when telephoning, appointment waiting times, effectiveness of the service in keeping patients away from A&E and in referring people to the district general hospital if necessary. Also information on staffing levels, any problems identified and measures put in place to address them	Ensuring residents are protected and have access to required health services when they need them with a view to improving their life outcomes and easing pressures on social care services	BCUHB	By SCVCG March 2016
HASCAS Report on Tawelfan (Spring 2016 date tbc dependent upon the report's publication)	To consider HASCAS' findings with respect to the failings in care and treatment of patients on the ward	The identification of lessons learnt from what happened at Tawelfan for the purpose of safeguarding the Council and residents against such failings in care in future	HASCAS/BCUHB/Nicola Stubbins	By SCVCG October 2015
Citizens Panel (spring 2016)	To outline the proposed composition of the Panel and the recruitment and appointment process for appointing its members	The formation of a fair and equitable Panel which will form part of the governance arrangements for the Social Service and Health Programme Board and ensure that citizens and service-users views are heard and acted upon	Nicola Stubbins/Wendy Jones (CVSC)	November 2014
Update following conclusion of inquiry undertaken by the National Crime Agency in to historic abuse in North Wales Children's' Care Homes	To update the Committee of the outcome of the National Crime Agency (NCA) investigation in to the abuse of children in the care of the former Clwyd County Council, and to determine whether any procedures require revision.	Determination of whether any of the Council's safeguarding policies and procedures need to be revised in light of the NCA's findings	Nicola Stubbins	November 2012

**For future years**


**Information/Consultation Reports**

<b>Information / Consultation</b>	<b>Item (description / title)</b>	<b>Purpose of report</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date Entered</b>
Information	Communities First Update	To report on the progress of the Communities First programme of work in Denbighshire detailing how the programme is working to lift people out of poverty and support individuals into to employment	Co-op Group	July 2015

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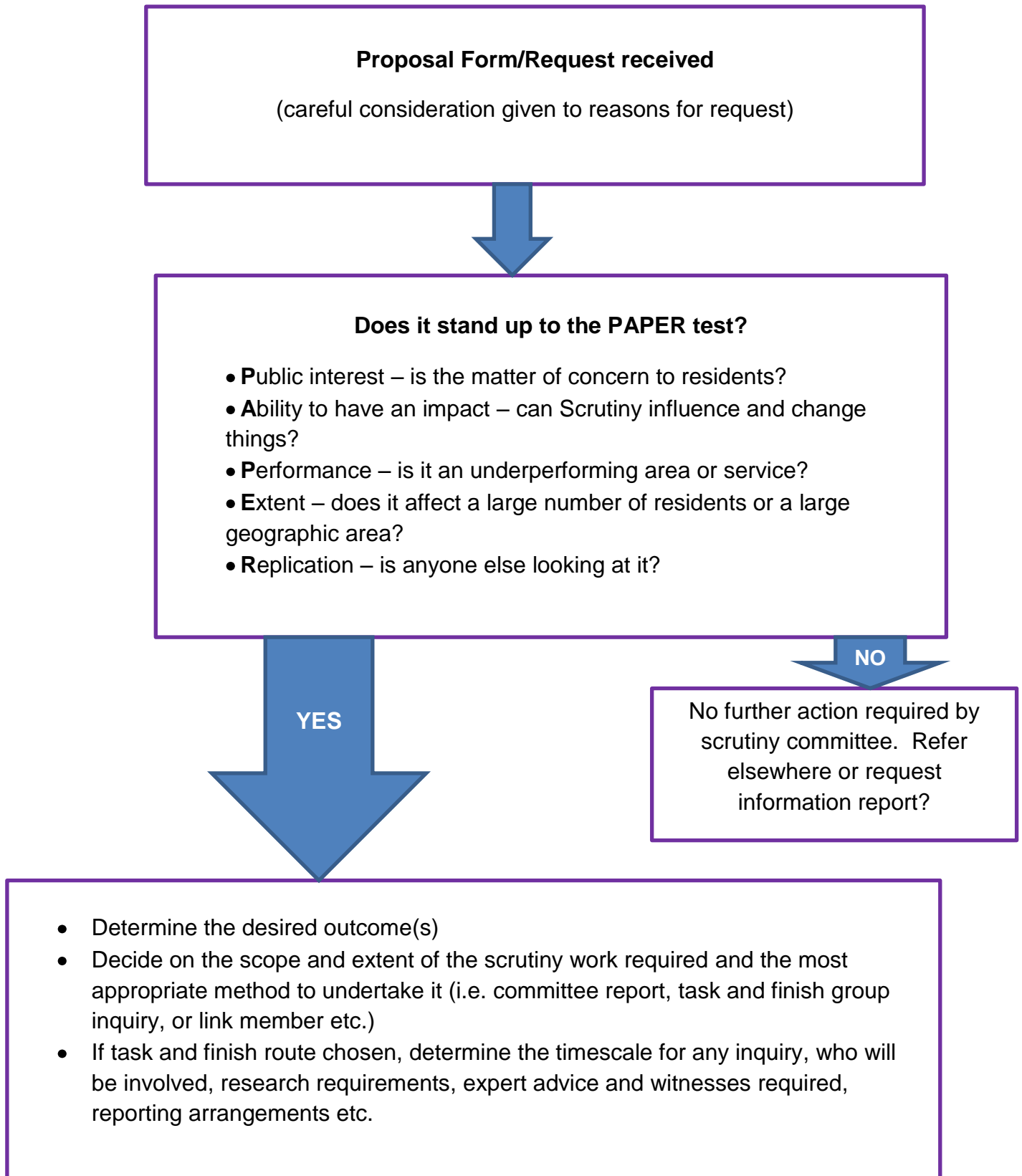
**Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
7 July	<b>23 June</b>	6 October	<b>22 October</b>	24 November	<b>10 November</b>

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<b>Member Proposal Form for Scrutiny Forward Work Programme</b>	
<b>NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION</b>	
<b>TOPIC</b>	
<b>What needs to be scrutinised (and why)?</b>	
<b>Is the matter one of concern to residents/local businesses?</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Can Scrutiny influence and change things?</b> (if 'yes' please state how you think scrutiny can influence or change things)	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Does the matter relate to an underperforming service or area?</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Does the matter affect a large number of residents or a large geographical area of the County</b> (if 'yes' please give an indication of the size of the affected group or area)	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>Is the matter linked to the Council's Corporate priorities</b> (if 'yes' please state which priority/priorities)	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>To your knowledge is anyone else looking at this matter?</b> (If 'yes', please say who is looking at it)	<b>YES/NO</b>
<b>If the topic is accepted for scrutiny who would you want to invite to attend e.g. Lead Member, officers, external experts, service-users?</b>	
<b>Name of Councillor/Co-opted Member</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

## Consideration of a topic's suitability for scrutiny



Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Appendix 3

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
<b>28 June</b>	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	2	Corporate Plan Performance Report 2015/16 Q4	To consider progress against the Corporate Plan	Tbc	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Liz Grieve
	3	Reactive Maintenance Framework	To approve the maintenance framework	Yes	Councillor Julian Thompson Hill / Elaine Rizzi
	4	Final Revenue Outturn 2015/16	To report the final revenue position.	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson Hill / Richard Weigh
	5	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
<b>26 July</b>	1	Tyn y Celyn, Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd, Rhuthun	To declare surplus to the requirements of the Agricultural Estate and thereafter to dispose	Yes	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Mair Jones
	2	Lodge Farm, Denbigh	To declare surplus to the requirements of the Agricultural Estate and	Yes	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Mair Jones

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			thereafter to dispose to the sitting Tenant		
	3	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	4	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
<b>27 Sept</b>	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	2	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator

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Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

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<i>May</i>	<b><i>10 May</i></b>	<i>June</i>	<b><i>14 June</i></b>	<i>July</i>	<b><i>12 July</i></b>

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## Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
14 April 2016	5. Supporting Independence of Older People – Wales Audit Office Report	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:-</p> <p>(i) <i>subject to the above observations and comments, to endorse the need for a corporate approach to implementing the recommendations through the range of actions listed in the Action Plan (Appendix 1)</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>that the Older People Reference Group, which already has responsibility for implementing Denbighshire’s Ageing Well Plan, be tasked with addressing and progressing the Supporting the Independence of Older People Action Plan, and</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>the draft Supporting Independence in Denbighshire Strategy be submitted to the Committee for consideration at its November 2016 meeting.</i></p>	<p>Lead Member and officers advised of the Committee’s recommendations</p> <p>Consideration of the draft Supporting Independence in Denbighshire Strategy has been scheduled into the Committee’s forward work programme for its meeting on 24 November (see Appendix 1)</p>
	6. Single Point of Access	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <p>(i) <i>subject to the above observations, to continue to support and promote the development of SPoA as a way of promoting the independence of citizens and meeting the statutory duty to provide Information, Advice and Assistance Services as required by the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, and</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>that a progress report on the development of the</i></p>	<p>Lead Member and officers informed of the Committee’s recommendations.</p>

		<i>Service be presented to the Committee in 12 months' time, or earlier if funding for the Service becomes a concern.</i>	A progress report has been scheduled into the Committee's forward work programme for consideration at its meeting on 6 April 2017 (see Appendix 1)
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Service:	Communities	Partnerships	Performance
Education and Children’s Services	Cllr. Anton Sampson/Cllr. Huw Hilditch-Roberts	Cllr. Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones/Cllr. Martyn Holland	Cllr. Arwel Roberts
Community Support Services – Phil Gilroy	Cllr Bob Murray	Cllr. Ray Bartley	<b>vacancy</b>
Legal, HR & Democratic Services – Gary Williams	Cllr. Brian Blakeley	Cllr. Meirick Lloyd Davies	Cllr. Dewi Owens
Business Improvement & Modernisation – Alan Smith	Cllr. Cheryl Williams	Cllr. Peter Prendergast	Cllr. Dewi Owens
Customers, Communications, & Marketing	Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts	Cllr. Dewi Owens	Cllr. Geraint Lloyd Williams
Facilities, Assets & Housing	Cllr. Huw Hilditch-Roberts	Cllr. Dewi Owens	Cllr. Colin Hughes
Finance	Cllr. Peter Evans	Cllr. Dewi Owens	Cllr. Colin Hughes
Highways & Environmental Services – Steve Parker	Cllr. Rhys Hughes (sub: Cllr. Cefyn Williams)	Cllr. Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones	Cllr. Meirick Lloyd Davies (sub: Cllr. Arwel Roberts)
Planning & Public Protection – Graham Boase	Cllr. Cllr. Cefyn Williams (sub: Cllr. Bill Cowie )	Cllr. Raymond Bartley	Cllr. Meirick LI Davies

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