

To: Members of the Communities
Scrutiny Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** to be held at **10.00 am** on **THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2017** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A BRIEFING FOR ALL ELECTED MEMBERS AT 9.30 A.M. IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO 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 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 (Pages 5 - 12)

To receive the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 7 September 2017 (copy enclosed).

5 LESSONS FROM THE RUTHIN PRIMARY AREA REVIEW (Pages 13 - 28)

To consider a report by the Principal Education Support Manager (copy enclosed) outlining progress of the Ruthin Primary Area Review and lessons learnt to date from the work undertaken.

6 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 29 - 46)

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.

7 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No Items.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Huw Williams (Chair)

Graham Timms (Vice-Chair)

Brian Blakeley

Anton Sampson

Rachel Flynn

Glenn Swingler

Tina Jones

Andrew Thomas

Merfyn Parry

Cheryl Williams

Arwel Roberts

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*(*please delete as appropriate)*

Denbighshire County Council

CONFIRM that I have declared a ***personal / personal and prejudicial** interest not previously declared in accordance with the provisions of Part III of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, in respect of the following:-
*(*please delete as appropriate)*

Date of Disclosure:

Committee *(please specify)*:

Agenda Item No.

Subject Matter:

Nature of Interest:

*(See the note below)**

Signed

Date

*Note: Please provide sufficient detail e.g. 'I am the owner of land adjacent to the application for planning permission made by Mr Jones', or 'My husband / wife is an employee of the company which has made an application for financial assistance'.

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COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held in Conference Room 1a, County Hall, Ruthin on Thursday, 7 September 2017 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Brian Blakeley, Rachel Flynn, Tina Jones, Merfyn Parry, Arwel Roberts, Anton Sampson, Glenn Swingler, Andrew Thomas, Graham Timms (Vice-Chair) and Huw Williams (Chair)

Councillor Hugh Evans, Leader and Lead Member for Economy and Corporate Governance was in attendance at the Committee's request.

Observers: Councillors Meirick Lloyd Davies, Martyn Holland and Emrys Wynne

ALSO PRESENT

Corporate Director: Economic and Community Ambition (RM), Head of Highways & Environmental Services (TW), Head of Customers, Communication & Marketing (LG), Countryside and Heritage Services Manager (HR), Team Leader – Tourism, Marketing & Events (PMcD), Senior Countryside Officer (DS), Scrutiny Co-ordinator (RE), and Committee Administrator (SLW)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cheryl Williams

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Merfyn Parry and Graham Timms declared personal interests in item 5, "Denbighshire as a Tourism and Events Location".

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

No urgent matters were raised.

Responding to a query from Councillor Meirick Lloyd Davies on why non-committee members had been excluded from the pre-meeting briefing session, the Scrutiny Co-ordinator advised that the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group had asked the Committee to trial the effectiveness of holding a pre-meeting briefing session for committee members in enhancing the quality of the outcome of the scrutiny process. She agreed to raise with the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group at their next meeting in October whether non-committee members should be permitted to attend such briefings in future.

4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 20 July 2017 were submitted.

Matters Arising – Item 7 – Consideration of Free Parking for Disabled Badge Holders.

Councillor Graham Timms raised the issue of an inaccurate article in the press regarding the charges for parking for disabled badge holders.

The Head of Customers, Communication & Marketing responded by informing Members that the report in the press had been vague but that Denbighshire had published the correct information in the first instance in its press release.

RESOLVED *that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2017, be received and approved as a correct record.*

5 DENBIGHSHIRE AS A TOURISM AND EVENTS LOCATION

The Leader, Councillor Hugh Evans, introduced the report (previously circulated) to detail the work undertaken by the Tourism Team to promote and sell Denbighshire as a tourism and events location with particular focus on partnership work with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the development and refinement of the Events Application process and the innovation and development work undertaken.

The Leader advised the Committee that both he and the staff wanted to hear scrutiny's views on the work undertaken to attract tourists to Denbighshire and the effectiveness of the partnership approach taken with respect of tourism increasing the value of the tourist spend in the county. They were also keen to receive scrutiny's observations on whether the County's Tourism Strategy was sustainable and one that would effectively contribute towards the Council's long-term ambition of developing the economy. Denbighshire was fortunate that it had a wide range of tourist attractions. It also had three 'trunk' roads crossing the county along which thousands of tourists travelled to various holiday destinations in North Wales, the North West of England and the Midlands region. It was, therefore, important for Denbighshire's economy to entice the travelling tourists off the trunk roads to visit the county's towns, attractions, accommodation, eateries etc., to spend their money in the area.

The Team Leader (Tourism, Marketing and Events) outlined to the Committee the benefits to the Council and the county of the partnership work with Flintshire and Wrexham councils in relation to tourism and events work, particularly as Denbighshire only had a small number of officers working in the field. Officers from all three counties, as well as Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) representatives, met as the North East Wales Tourism Partnership on a monthly basis to plan and progress work. In recent months they had:

- successfully secured £40K worth of funding from the Welsh Government (WG) towards promotional work for the 2018 Year of the Sea theme. Having regard to the fact that only a section of the North East Wales area actually

had a coastline the partnership had focussed its bid on 'routes to the sea' emphasising the tourist offer in the area on the way to the shore as well as the offer at the seaside and on the sea itself;

- been working closely with tourist based businesses on the Tourism Ambassador Scheme. They focussed on what various types of tourist businesses could do to promote other businesses which may benefit from tourists. Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding had recently been secured by Cadwyn Clwyd to enhance this scheme further via the development of a web-based model to attract more participants and ensure the Scheme's sustainability for the future;
- been involved with the car parks task and finish group's work exploring how the county's public car parks could be better utilised to signpost and promote the area's tourist attractions and businesses to tourists. This work was continuing.

With a view to supporting event organisers Denbighshire's Tourism Team had developed a new, far less cumbersome, 'events notification process'. Work had taken place recently to refine this process. As a result, event organisers would only be required to complete a two page notification form which would cover all aspects associated with holding an event, including licensing requirements, road closures etc. The use of this single notification process would be trialled from January 2018. It was now apparent that an increasing number of tourists were utilising social media sites for the purpose of obtaining tourist related information and it was therefore crucial that the Council regularly updated social media in an innovative manner. Whilst the use of social media for sourcing tourist information had been on the increase, this did not negate from the value of tourist information centres (TICs) of which there were two in Denbighshire, or Tourist Information Points (TIPs), of which there were three in the county.

Officers from Countryside Services and the AONB then outlined to the Committee how they worked closely with the Tourism Team to deliver the Strategy and sustainable tourism in the area. They referred to a number of initiatives which were being trialled at present in partnerships with local businesses, such as 'Eat, Stay, Do' and the 'Good Grub Club'. Plans were currently underway to try and link the activities associated with the turning on of Christmas lights in various north east Wales towns with Good Grub Club promotions and events.

Responding to members' questions the Leader and officers advised that:

- elected members were ideally placed to draw attention to all events and tourism initiatives taking place across the county. By using social media they could potentially increase the attendance levels at events or footfall in towns and villages etc. Officers would be more than willing to assist members who lacked confidence or experience with social media to familiarise themselves with its benefits and pitfalls;
- at the AONB's next meeting, discussions would commence on how the AONB could work with local villages and businesses to improve their visibility and raise their profile with people visiting the area to increase their income from tourism;
- the new on-line Tourism Ambassador Scheme for businesses was to be officially launched with local businesses. Local businesses would be

encouraged to join and share information, best practice etc. and mentor each other if appropriate;

- a campaign would be run to encourage local businesses to be part of the Tourism Forum. If they could not attend Forum meetings, their willingness to share information about events and initiatives with other local business people would be sought;
- work was currently underway to examine the feasibility of having TIPs located in the county's libraries, as well as Tourism Ambassadors visit libraries periodically. It was anticipated that because all libraries in the county now had free public Wi-Fi access, that tourists would be enticed to visit them to access electronic information;
- with respect to domestic coach tourism, progress had been much slower than anticipated across the county. However, Ruthin, via the Town Council's involvement was now making progress towards gaining Coach-Friendly Status accreditation;
- the county's nature reserves were gauged more towards communal, rather than tourist use. Although tourists were not prohibited from visiting them, these facilities were not advertised alongside tourist areas;
- they agreed with members that more should be done to market Denbighshire and the Prestatyn area as the 'beginning/end' of the Offa's Dyke National Trail with a view to enticing walkers to spend a few days in the area exploring it, visiting other attractions and utilising local businesses;
- preliminary work was underway, although at a very early stage at present, with a view to businesses in the Prestatyn area capitalising on tourists who visited the Gronant area to observe the Little Tern colony;
- the Council and Partnership had, via information received from answers given to the extra questions it had commissioned in the Visit Wales annual visitor survey, a fairly accurate visitor profile for the area. The majority of visitors seemed to be generally older women who had surplus disposable income. On the basis of this knowledge, work was currently underway to try and market the area to a cross-section of age groups;
- it had been extremely difficult to predict future trends in tourism. In the UK the weather was a significant contributor towards the success of the tourist industry in any one year. Another factor that impacted on tourism was the monetary exchange rate. However, at present the Wales and the North Wales tourism brands were regarded as extremely strong products. The North Wales and North East Wales tourism offer benefited greatly from their close proximity to other strong tourist brands, such as Liverpool, Manchester and the Midlands and were therefore attractive to visitors who wanted a mixed urban and rural holiday package;
- whilst the 'staycation' holiday brand had been popular in recent years, there was now an indication that this type of holiday may now have peaked in its popularity;
- that the previous Council's decision to set developing the economy as one of its corporate priorities was based on data which identified a disparity in earnings in Denbighshire compared to other counties. The priority for the economic development work undertaken to date was a combination of providing better support to existing & new businesses, and attraction of new higher value sectors to the county. St. Asaph Business Park was been the

main focus for the latter piece of work. This was because earnings from tourism tended to be lower than from other types of employment, with earnings from tourism in coastal areas also tending to be lower than in non-coastal areas – this issue had been highlighted in a recent national newspaper article;

- schools were regularly used to draw attention to and promote events being held in the county, as was radio marketing;
- officers and Good Grub Club participants were currently liaising with businesses in Liverpool to see if a version of the very successful Independent Liverpool Scheme could be run in the North East Wales area;
- the ‘decorated taxi’ promotion which had taken place in London during the summer, to draw attention to what was on offer in the North Wales area, had been an effective way of raising the area’s profile and had no costs associated with it;
- they were acutely aware of the shortage of overnight accommodation across the county. Consequently the Economic and Business Development Team were working hard to try and support the development of various types of holiday accommodation county-wide i.e. boutique hotels, glamping, affordable reputable hotels etc. However, whilst the AONB was consulted on planning applications, comments were not sought from the Economic and Business Development Team on how proposed applications were likely to impact on economic development in the area. Members cited a current application for a large hotel with proposed ‘lodge’ facilities in the county which in their view would benefit from Economic and Business Development Team’s observations on its economic impact being included in the report to the Council’s Planning Committee;
- gaining WG permission to erect signage next to trunk roads, including tourism signs, was a very complex and costly process. Permission had recently been granted to erect signs directing tourists to the Vale of Clwyd, the Council was now in the process of designing the scheme and sourcing funding for the signs;
- the Council did have a clear protocol with respect of the erection of temporary / unauthorised signs on the Highway for the purpose of advertising businesses and community events. This protocol had been examined by scrutiny during the term of the previous council. The protocol stated that organisers of community events should contact the appropriate Area Streetscene Coordinator, in advance, to agree suitable locations for any such signs.

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Under Part II business and in response to a question from an elected member the Head of Highways and Environmental Services updated the Committee on the latest position with regards to Bodelwyddan Castle and Bodelwyddan Castle Trust. He advised that the promotion of the tourist facilities on the site were primarily the responsibility of the Castle Trust and the hotel owner, not the Council.

Part I

Prior to concluding the discussion members emphasised the importance of:

- promotion of what was on offer in local towns and villages to people who visit the AONB and the Offa's Dyke path, particularly Council-run attractions i.e. Ruthin Goal, Nantclwyd y Dre and Plas Newydd, Llangollen. Efforts should also be made to support businesses that were located on the periphery of AONB to promote their offer to AONB visitors;
- the need to highlight to all partners, be they local businesses or national bodies such as CADW, the strong Welsh language and culture brand of tourism in the area;
- exploring the feasibility of having town and village name signs that include emblems to indicate which amenities and attractions were on offer there; and
- regular liaison/consultation between the Planning Department and the Economic and Business Development Team with respect of the potential economic impact of proposed developments (both positive and negative) and those comments being communicate to the Planning Committee.

The Leader thanked the Committee for their input and their in-depth examination of the matter.

The Committee:

RESOLVED, *subject to the above observations,*

- (i) to acknowledge the importance of ensuring that the Council's tourism plan and strategy were aligned to its overall economic development strategy in order to make sure that in the long-term maximum economic benefits are realised for the area, businesses and residents; and*
- (ii) that a further progress report be presented to the Committee in twelve months' time detailing the effectiveness of various tourism initiatives in delivering the Tourism Strategy and their contribution towards delivering the Council's ambition in relation to economic development.*

6 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 which provided an update on relevant issues, had been circulated with the papers for the meeting.

A copy of the Members Proposal Form had been included in Appendix 2. The Cabinet 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.

During the discussion on the Committee's Forward Work Programme, a number of members commented on how useful holding a pre-meeting briefing session for the Committee had been. On this basis they asked that the practice continue for the foreseeable future.

***RESOLVED** subject to the above to approve the Committee's Forward Work Programme.*

7 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

None.

The meeting concluded at 11.55 a.m.

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Report to:	Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	19th October 2017
Lead Member/Lead Officer:	Lead Member for Education, Children & Young People/Head of Education and Children Services
Report Author:	Principal Education Support Manager
Title:	Lessons from the Ruthin Primary Area Review

1. What is the report about?

The report seeks to review the progress of the Ruthin Primary Area Review and to consider the lessons learnt to date from the work undertaken.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

This report has been requested by Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1 That the Committee considers the findings arising and comments accordingly.

4. Report details

4.1 Background

4.2 Denbighshire's Cabinet agreed in November 2012 to commence informal consultation regarding a review of Primary Provision in the Ruthin area. It was agreed that the area review will focus on the following objectives:

- Ensuring the sustainability of high quality education provision;
- Improving the quality of school buildings and facilities;
- Providing the right number of places, of the right type in the right location;

4.3 It was agreed that the following 11 schools should be considered to be within the Ruthin area – Ysgol Borthyn, Ysgol Bro Fammau, Ysgol Clocaenog, Ysgol Cyffylliog, Ysgol Gellifor, Ysgol Llanbedr, Ysgol Llanfair D.C, Ysgol Pentrecelyn, Ysgol Pen Barras, Ysgol Rhewl and Rhos Street School.

4.4 Proposals

4.5 Following the informal review six recommendations were considered and approved by Cabinet on the 25th June 2013. These were as follows together with the progress made against the initial six proposals.

Proposal	Progress
1. Creation of new Area School to serve the communities of Clocaenog and Cyffylliog.	The proposal was approved on the 18th of February 2014. The new school was established as of the 1 st September 2014 operating on two sites. Progress has been made towards the building of a new school in Clocaenog, funding has been agreed with the Welsh Government, planning permission has been granted and the main contractor was appointed in October 2017. It is expected the new building will be open in the autumn of 2018.
2. Closure of Ysgol Llanbedr with the transfer of pupils to Ysgol Borthyn, Ruthin subject to parental preference.	The Cabinet agreed the proposal. The closure was referred to the Welsh Government in February 2014. In January 2015 the Welsh Government confirmed that the decision should not be supported due to “procedural flaws”. The Council after careful consideration agreed to undertake further consultation on the future of the school and a second decision to close the school was made in February 2016. The matter was referred to the Welsh Government in March 2016. A decision is awaited by the Welsh Government on the future of the school.
3. Ruthin Town Area - Further detailed feasibility works be undertaken prior to the confirmation of any formal recommendations for Rhos Street School, Ysgol Borthyn, Ysgol Penbarras and Ysgol Rhewl .	Agreed in 2014 to seek funding for replacement buildings for Rhos Street School and Ysgol Pen Barras, for the status quo to remain for Ysgol Borthyn and for Ysgol Rhewl to close. Funding was approved by DCC and WG as part of 21 st Century Schools for the new building in June 2016 and the new building will be completed in Spring 2018. The closure of Ysgol Rhewl was approved and the school will now close in August 2018.
4. To recommend to the Governing Bodies of Ysgol Pentrecelyn and Ysgol Llanfair DC that they form a federation to be in place no later than 1st January 2015*	Initial discussions with both Governing Bodies were progressed but a change in Welsh Government regulations prevented the Federation progressing. The focus switched to an amalgamation of the school. This was approved by Cabinet but referred to the High Court by a former pupil. The High Court quashed the decision on the grounds of “failure to take into account the language and community impact of the creation of a new single site school”. Cabinet subsequently agreed to seek a replacement building for Ysgol Llanfair and for the status quo to remain for Ysgol Pentrecelyn. The project for a new school for Ysgol Llanfair is progressing, a planning application has been submitted, the Outline Business Case has been considered by the Welsh Government and a Contractor is in the process of being appointed to progress the detailed design works. It is hoped that the new school will be completed by Easter 2019.
5. Support for retaining the Federation of Ysgol	The Education department have continued to work with both schools and investment has taken place through the corporate maintenance allocation at both sites. No significant progress

Bryn Clwyd & Ysgol Gellifor and in moving one or both schools along the language continuum.	has been made by the schools in progressing along the language continuum
6. Retention of Ysgol Bro Famau and review current capacity of the school.	Discussions regarding the current use of school space have taken place. As a consequence the school have reviewed how they operate and now undertake split site arrangements between Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2 to enable a greater focus on the respective areas of the curriculum. This has also enabled a review of the capacity with a small decrease in size.

5.0 Issues to consider in evaluating the review

- 5.1 In parallel with the commencement of the Ruthin Review the School Organisation process in Wales changed significantly with the introduction of the School Organisation Code in October 2013. This had major implications for the depth of information to be provided during the formal consultation stage. The progression of the Ruthin proposals involved 4 sets of School Organisation Proposals.
- 5.2 Amalgamation of Ysgol Clocaenog and Ysgol Cyffylliog to create a new Area School
- 5.3 This proposal was amongst the first to be published in Wales under the new procedures and subsequently determined. The Statutory Notice attracted 16 objections and the Cabinet determined to implement the proposal in February 2014. Since then the new school of Ysgol Carreg Emlyn has been considered a success; the new area school has successfully harnessed the communities served by the school and has seen a growth in pupil numbers. The proposal for a new school to be located in the village of Clocaenog has attracted support from parents in all areas of the community served by the school.
- 5.4 Proposal to close Ysgol Llanbedr
- 5.5 The initial decision regarding Ysgol Llanbedr was considered “procedurally flawed” by the Education Minister of the Welsh Government due to the absence of evaluation information within the Consultation document regarding Ysgol Llanbedr and alternative schools which it was considered could have impacted on the views of parents. It is important to recall that the initial decision by the Welsh Government was not a reflection on the merits or otherwise of the proposal.
- 5.6 To rectify this the Council in drafting School Organisation proposals have now adopted the methodology devised by the Welsh Government to review the document via a checklist to ensure that all items required within the code are included within the document. This considers whether all the required information is contained. However whether the information is considered to be sufficient is an issue which may be contested by opponents of a proposal and is difficult to be assessed in advance of the proposal in view of the volume of information now required.

- 5.7 A second proposal regarding Ysgol Llanbedr was referred to the Welsh Government in February 2016. As of October 2017 the Council is awaiting determination of the decision by the Welsh Government some 18 months after the referral.
- 5.8 Proposal to close Ysgol Rhewl
- 5.9 The Council published a proposal to close Ysgol Rhewl in June 2015 and a Statutory Notice was subsequently published in June 2016 to which 60 objections were received. The Cabinet subsequently agreed to implement the proposal. The implementation date was amended from August 2017 to August 2018 earlier on this year to allow for the completion of works at Glasdir and to minimise disruption to learners regarding transition. During this time full support has been provided to the school by GwE the North Wales Regional School Improvement Service in partnership with staff in various departments within Denbighshire. As of September 2017, 24 full time pupils remain at Ysgol Rhewl and over the next few months the focus will be on planning the transition to alternative provision for these pupils. To assist with transition, significant events regarding the Glasdir development have involved invitations to pupils from Ysgol Rhewl alongside those from Rhos Street and Pen Barras.
- 5.10 Proposals for Ysgol Llanfair and Ysgol Pentrecelyn
- 5.11 Amendments to the regulations for the Federation of Schools precluded this proposal from being taken forward. This was due to the different status of the 2 schools; Ysgol Llanfair is Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled and Ysgol Pentrecelyn is a community school.
- 5.12 For a period of 8 months the Council held regular discussions with Governors of both schools to seek a consensus on the way forward regarding the future of both schools. Whilst both parties supported an amalgamation as the best way forward educationally for provision in the area there was a difference in opinion on the language status for the new school. At the close of this period of discussions it was the view of officers that an agreement had been made to proceed to consultation, although reluctantly from one party.
- 5.13 The proposal emerged for an amalgamated Category 2 school which would be Voluntary Controlled initially on the two existing sites. At the same time the option of funding for a new school emerged and the concept of a new school on a single site was considered an option.
- 5.14 The proposal for an amalgamated school on two sites went through the School Organisation process. The issue of language designation of the new school, rather than the concept of an amalgamated school, was the main focus of debate during the process of consultation and then Statutory Notice.
- 5.15 Following the decision to implement the notice, a former pupil on behalf of a local pressure group sought dispensation for the decision to be reviewed by the High Court. The Council's decision was subsequently quashed by the High Court. The main element of the claim was the "failure to take into account the language and community impact of the creation of a new single site school" and questioned whether the consultation and the subsequent impact assessment should have taken place on the proposal for a single site school rather than the amalgamated school on

split sites. The findings of the review concluded that the “The Claimant and his supporters should, however, be under no misunderstanding. The effect of this judgment is limited. Although that decision of the Council is quashed, it has been quashed on procedural grounds and not of course on the merits. It is open to the Council to reconsider the matter, lawfully, in the light of the guidance in this judgment; and, of course, the decision the Council might reach on that reconsideration cannot be foretold.” It is important to acknowledge that the review was not based on elements of the debate regarding categorisation and the judgement did not pass comment on this.

6.0 Impact on Pupils

- 6.1 It is difficult to judge the impact of the review on pupils to date as the review is yet to be completed. In the majority of instances the changes from the opening of new facilities will occur over the next 12-18 months. The main physical changes have been to the operation of Ysgol Bro Fammau and Ysgol Carreg Emlyn where changes in the way school operates has seen the consolidation of key stage provision on to single sites to improve the focus on those areas of provision to ensure age appropriate teaching.
- 6.2 As part of the revised evaluation process for the impact of 21st Century Schools Projects revised evaluation methods are to be employed which will provide structure to measuring the impact of change on pupils over the first five years of a new project.

7.0 Points for Learning

- 7.1 The commencement of the Ruthin Review with challenging proposals coinciding with a significant change in legislation with the introduction of the new School Organisation Code cannot be understated. The introduction of the Code across Wales brought about more challenge of proposals and required a significant change in focus in the approach and information required. Many of these proposals were introduced during a learning curve for the new legislation for many parties across Wales.
- 7.2 In developing projects involving change such as new buildings an emerging issue has been around ownership of proposals and an understanding of roles and responsibilities of schools and Governing Bodies in this process. A flow chart has been developed to provide a better understanding of roles and accountabilities and provide clarity within future projects.
- 7.3 Within areas of learning it is also important the achievements which will be delivered following the conclusion of the review. The main driver for the review was to assist in ensuring the sustainability of high quality education provision; improving the quality of school buildings and facilities and providing the right number of places, of the right type in the right location. By 2019 the model for delivery could be considered more sustainable and of the 9 schools remaining, 4 will be delivering from state of the art facilities following nearly £21 million of investment in the school estate in the Primary Sector. Potentially nearly 60% of learners will be housed in new buildings with only temporary classroom remaining in use for learning. The importance of the growth in the demand for Welsh Language provision has been reflected in the future proofing for schools such as Ysgol Penbarras.

8.0 Issues to consider for future reviews

8.1 School Organisation Issues

8.2 Since the establishment of the 21st Century Schools Programme in 2010 there has been a gradual focus away from surplus places as a main driver for change. Indeed the Welsh Government have recently consulted on proposals for a presumption against the closure of rural schools in considering School Organisation Proposals. This definition identified three schools in Denbighshire as rural, namely, Ysgol Bro Dyfrdwy in Cynwyd; Ysgol Caer Drewyn in Corwen and Ysgol Betws Gwerful Goch.

8.3 A difficult balance is always required when considering proposals for change, particularly where it involves the closure of schools. The main driver for change in any proposals will always be the educational benefit for the individual learner. In instances where change has occurred anecdotal evidence from communities suggests that many parents acknowledge the educational benefits arising from change, particularly where pupils were educated in small schools where pupils across an entire key stage are educated in a single class of low numbers.

8.4 The number of small schools has reduced across Wales which together with a general rise in pupil numbers in the Primary sector may see a different focus in Band B towards condition of buildings and the need to meet the demand for education in areas where deficit places occur as a consequence of demographic change.

8.5 School Building Works

8.6 The main lessons learnt around the Ruthin Primary Proposals have been a greater understanding associated with complexities of developing new sites. In the majority of sites proposals have occurred where land has not been previously allocated for educational provision. This is an issue that will need to be considered for the future review of the Local Development Plan to ensure a stronger link between school planning and future population growth.

8.7 Linked to this has been the requirement to consider infrastructure improvements for such sites to accommodate new school developments. This has had an impact on timescales and costs for delivery. Again where new sites may be required, advanced discussions with utility providers to ensure potential upgrades are included within their long term asset management plans are required.

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

The proposals progressed for the Ruthin area contribute to the 2012 – 2017 Corporate Plan priority to improve performance in education and the quality of our school buildings. The recommendations reflect the success measures of the Corporate Plan as approved by Councillors, namely the significant improvement in the quality of school buildings and facilities; a significant reduction in the number of mobile classrooms used and a reduction in the number of empty spaces in schools, and fewer oversubscribed.

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

The overall capital costs of the Ruthin Review are currently forecast to be approximately £21m. This funding is a mixture of Welsh Government funding via

21st Century Schools Programme and funding from Denbighshire via the Corporate Plan priority funding.

Additional costs have been identified as projects have been progressed and these have been met by the savings associated with the progression of the review.

11. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

The report has been produced for information. Individual projects are required to produce individual impact assessments.

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

This report has been requested by Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group.

13. Chief Finance Officer Statement

No decision sought within the report.

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

The progression of projects include the establishment of risk registers for individual projects. These are reported to the Project Sponsors on a regular basis.

15. Power to make the Decision

No decision is associated with this report.

Section 7.4.1(e) of the Council's Constitution specifies that Scrutiny can "consider the impact of policies to assess if they have made a difference."

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Appendix - Lessons Learnt from Ruthin Review

Project Progress

Ysgol Carreg Emlyn, Clocaenog

New Welsh Medium School to be built in Clocaenog to replace the existing sites in Clocaenog and Cyffylliog

Scheduled to be completed in Autumn 2018 and will be funded in partnership between Denbighshire County Council and the Welsh Government as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

Current Stage – Main Contractor appointed to complete detailed design prior to commencing construction

Artists Impression as per Planning Documents



Ysgol Llanfair

New Dual Stream School to be built in Llanfair to replace the existing site.

Scheduled to be completed Spring 2019 and subject to approvals will be funded in partnership between Denbighshire County Council and the Welsh Government as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

Current Stage – Planning Application submitted for determination, Strategic Outline Case / Outline Business Case approved by Welsh Government and main contractor appointed to progress detailed design and subject to approvals commence construction

Artists Impression as per Planning Documents



3D View - From Playing Field



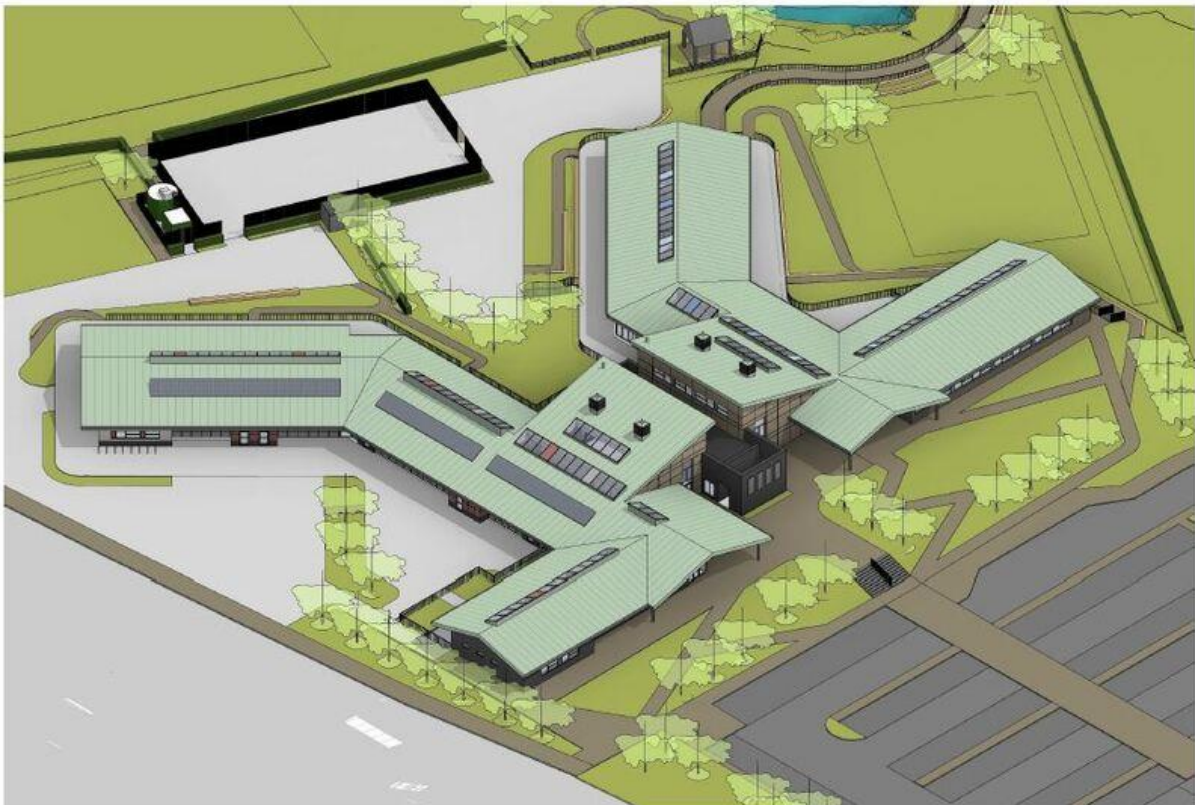
Glasdir Project – New School Buildings for Ysgol Penbarras and Rhos Street School

New School Buildings to be completed for Ysgol Penbarras, Welsh Medium community school and Rhos Street School, English Medium community schools in Ruthin.

Scheduled to be completed Spring 2018 and has been funded in partnership between Denbighshire County Council and the Welsh Government as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

Current Stage – Construction stage progressing according to Programme

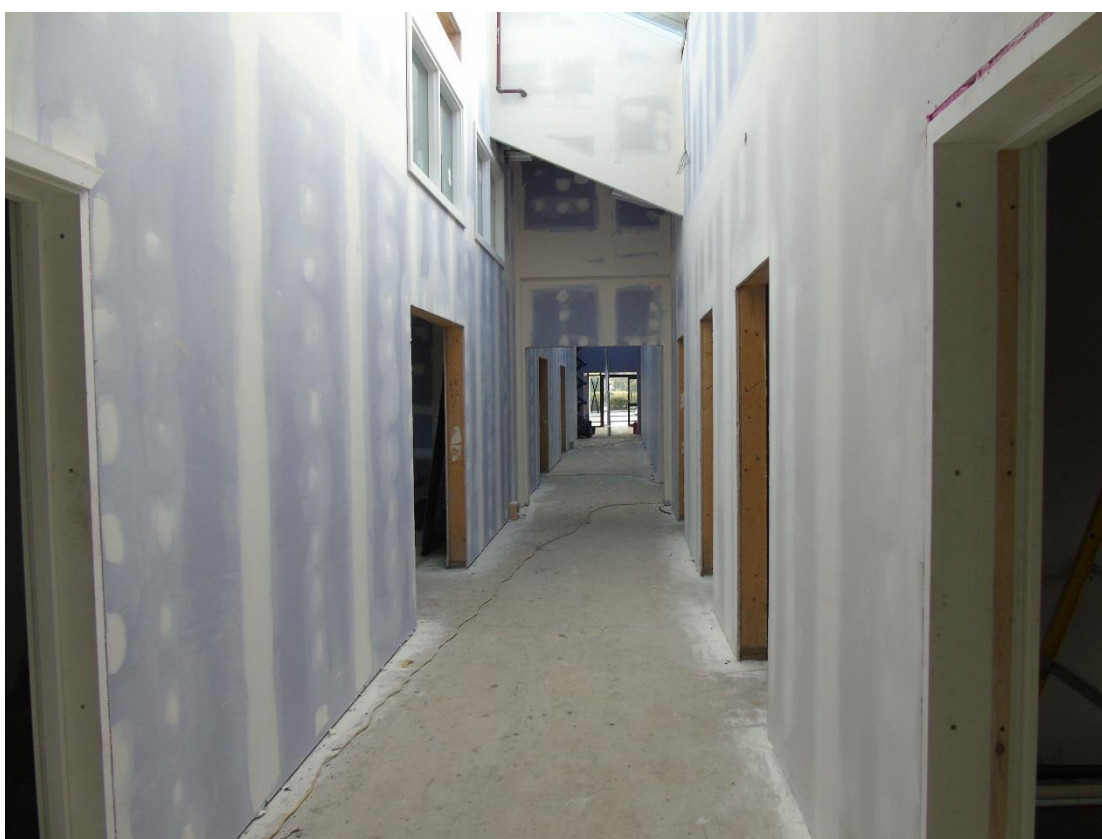
Artists Impression of Building



Aerial Photo of Progress on Site as of July 2017



Building Progress



Lessons Learnt

Extract from Minister for Education – January 2015

The Minister feels he has no alternative other than to reject this proposal, notwithstanding the educational merits of the proposal. The Minister has concluded that the consultation was flawed and the flaws were significant. The Minister considers that because of the limited coverage of standards and quality in the consultation document, he cannot satisfy himself to the requisite high degree that he would inevitably have approved the proposal as a more comprehensive document in this respect could have elicited a different response from that which ensued.

The Minister however recognises that there are a number of arguments in favour of his approving the proposal, and he is generally satisfied that it would:

- maintain the standard of education provision and ensure the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum
- allow pupils who attend Ysgol Llanbedr access to education at an alternative English medium Church in Wales school which is within a reasonable distance and which is more sustainable for the future.
- provide a choice of other schools should parents prefer a smaller school
- deliver education more equitably and more cost effectively.
- make savings that will be retained in the education budget.
- reduce surplus places by 54 places

The Minister is concerned about the future of Ysgol Llanbedr in the light of the relatively low number of children on roll, and the temporary nature of current leadership. He expects the local authority to consider the future of the school carefully and if it decides that it should be retained, believes that it should be provided with support. If the local authority decides, on the other hand, that other arrangements would be in the educational interests of all pupils in the area, the Minister expects it to carefully comply with the mandatory requirements of the School Organisation Code in respect of any changes it proposes.

Lessons Learnt

Extract from High Court Ruling – August 2016

The Grounds of Claim: Introduction

Mr Lewis submits that the decision is unlawful on four grounds. One ground is that the Council failed to take into account a material consideration; the others contend that the consultation process was flawed in three distinct ways.

The grounds are as follows.

Ground 1: Contrary to the general public law requirement to take into account all relevant matters, and contrary to the Code, in making the decision to implement the Phase 1 proposal to close the two schools and open a new school on the same two sites, the Council failed to take into account a material consideration, namely the language and community impact of the Council's preferred option, i.e. the creation of a new school ultimately on a single site. This failure is reflected in the Council's deliberate exclusion of consideration of Phase 2 in the Impact Assessment used for the purposes of the consultation and decision in respect of implementing Phase 1.

Ground 2: The Consultation Document was inconsistent and unclear about the scope of the consultation exercise, so that consultees could not respond intelligently to it.

Ground 3: The Consultation Document failed properly to explain what was meant by a "dual stream Category 2 school", which, it was proposed, the new school would be. Again, this meant that consultees did not have the information to make a proper response.

Ground 4: Contrary to the requirement of the Code, the response form in the Consultation Document did not give the consultees an opportunity to suggest alternative options to that which was proposed.

Conclusion

For the reasons we have given, Grounds 1, 2 and 4 are made good. In the circumstances, although we shall consider submissions on the precise form of the order, we propose to allow the judicial review, and quash the decision of the Council through its Cabinet on 27 October 2015 to close Ysgol Pentrecelyn and Ysgol Llanfair DC, and establish a new school on the two sites of those schools, as from 1 September 2017.

The Claimant and his supporters should, however, be under no misunderstanding. The effect of this judgment is limited. Although that decision of the Council is quashed, it has been quashed on procedural grounds and not of course on the merits. It is open to the Council to reconsider the matter, lawfully, in the light of the guidance in this judgment; and, of course, the decision the Council might reach on that reconsideration cannot be foretold.

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Report to:	Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 October 2017
Lead Officer:	Scrutiny Co-ordinator
Report Author:	Scrutiny Co-ordinator
Title:	Scrutiny Work Programme

1. What is the report about?

The report presents Communities 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 Section 7 of Denbighshire County Council's Constitution sets out each Scrutiny Committee's terms of reference, functions and membership, as well as the rules of procedure and debate.
- 4.2 The Constitution stipulates that the Council's scrutiny committees must set, and regularly 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. From now on 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. 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) 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 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). No items should 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.

4.8 Draft Tree Maintenance Policy

The Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group at its July meeting asked Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider the above draft policy when available. The item was provisionally scheduled into the Committee's work programme for the current meeting. However, as further work is required on the draft policy before it is ready to be presented to the Committee for observations the Chair has permitted a request from officers for its presentation to be deferred until the meeting in January 2018.

Future Issues

- 4.9 An entry appears on the Committee's forward work under the above section for a report to be presented on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This is a historical entry. Having checked recently on when it would be appropriate for the report to be presented it transpires that the CIL was never introduced. Since April 2017 responsibility for the CIL falls under the remit of Welsh Government (WG) rather than the UK Government and they are currently reviewing it with the aim of introducing something different for Wales. At present there is no indication on when proposals in relation to CIL are likely to be published. The Committee is therefore asked whether it wishes for the topic to remain on its forward work programme.

Cabinet Forward Work Programme

- 4.10 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

- 4.11 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 is scheduled to hold its next meeting on 12 October. A verbal update will be given to members at the meeting on 19 October on any matters referred by the Group to this Committee for consideration.

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

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 are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment? The completed Well-being Impact Assessment report can be downloaded from the [website](#) and should be attached as an appendix to the report

A Well-being Impact Assessment has not been undertaken in relation to the purpose or contents of this report. However, Scrutiny through its work in examining service delivery, policies, procedures and proposals will consider their impact or potential impact on the sustainable development principle and the well-being goals stipulated in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Power to make the decision

Section 7.11 of the Council's Constitution stipulates that scrutiny committees and/or the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group will be responsible for setting their own work programmes, taking into account the wishes of Members of the Committee who are not members of the largest political group on the Council.

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Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan

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
30 November						
18 January 2018	Cllr. Huw Hilditch-Roberts	1. Procedure for schools wanting to amend current cluster arrangements [Education]	To consider the draft procedure for schools which want to change their current cluster arrangements	To formulate an effective procedure which schools can follow if their governing body determines they wish to amend their current cluster arrangements in order to deliver the best possible outcomes for pupils	Karen Evans/Geraint Davies/Ian Land	June 2017
	Cllr. Brian Jones	2. Draft Tree Maintenance Policy	To examine the draft policy in relation to tree maintenance in Denbighshire	To provide observations and formulate recommendations with a view to developing a clear and robust policy in relation to tree maintenance across the county	Tony Ward	July 2017 (deferred September 2017)
22 March	Cllr. Brian Jones	1. Car Parks in Denbighshire	To report on the: (i) progress made in implementing the Car Park Asset Management Plan; and (ii) findings of the cross service Car Park Task and Finish Group's	(i) Ensuring that the Car Park Asset Management Plan is being delivered in line with the expected timescales and to budget for the purpose of improving the condition of the county's car park and users' experiences of using them; and (ii) To formulate recommendations in relation to improving visitors'	Graham Boase/Mike Jones	July 2017

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				work in exploring potential options to improve the visitor experience in terms of parking etc.	experience of using the county car parks, their development as gateways into the county and consequently developing the local economy		
	Cllr. Tony Thomas	2.	Seagull Management	To consider the progress made in implementing the Seagull Action Plan and its effectiveness in mitigating the nuisance caused by seagulls in areas of the county	To determine the effectiveness of the methods included in the action plan in reducing the nuisance caused by seagulls across the county and determine whether further action is required in order to address the problems caused	Graham Boase/Emlyn Jones	By SCVCG July 2017
<i>WAST and BCU GP OOH Service reps to attend (WAST can't make any of the committee's dates in 2017 or Jan 2018. Once WAST reps have confirmed their</i>	Cllr. Bobby Feeley	3.	<i>Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) and the GP Out of Hours (OOH) Service (TBC)</i> <i>(date to be confirmed based on all parties' availability)</i>	<i>To brief the Committee on:</i> <i>(i) WAST's performance in reaching targets in the North Wales region and on the findings of recent pilot schemes in Denbighshire and North Wales; and</i> <i>(ii) the GP OOH Service's work and how its work complements the WAST's work</i>	<i>To explore potential areas where the Council can help support the delivery of preventative and intervention services across the county</i>	<i>WAST/BCUHB</i>	<i>By SCVCG February 2017</i>

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Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
availability contact Sefton Brennan, BCUHB to see if he's also available)			<i>and reduces pressures on WAST</i>			
17 May						
12 July						
6 September	Leader	1. Tourism, Events & Destination Management	To detail the progress achieved to date with various tourism initiatives and their contribution towards delivering the Council's overall ambition in relation to economic development	Effective and appropriate support to the county's businesses and communities in relation to developing a sustainable tourism economy that aligns and contributes towards the delivery of the Council's overall ambition in respect of economic development	Peter McDermott	September 2017
25 October						
13 December						
Jan/Feb 2019						

Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan

Future Issues

Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
<i>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)</i>	<i>To outline the proposals for implementing the CIL in Denbighshire</i>	<i>The development of an appropriate and effective CIL scheme for the County</i>	<i>Graham Boase/Angela Loftus</i>	<i>February 2013</i>

For future years

Information/Consultation Reports

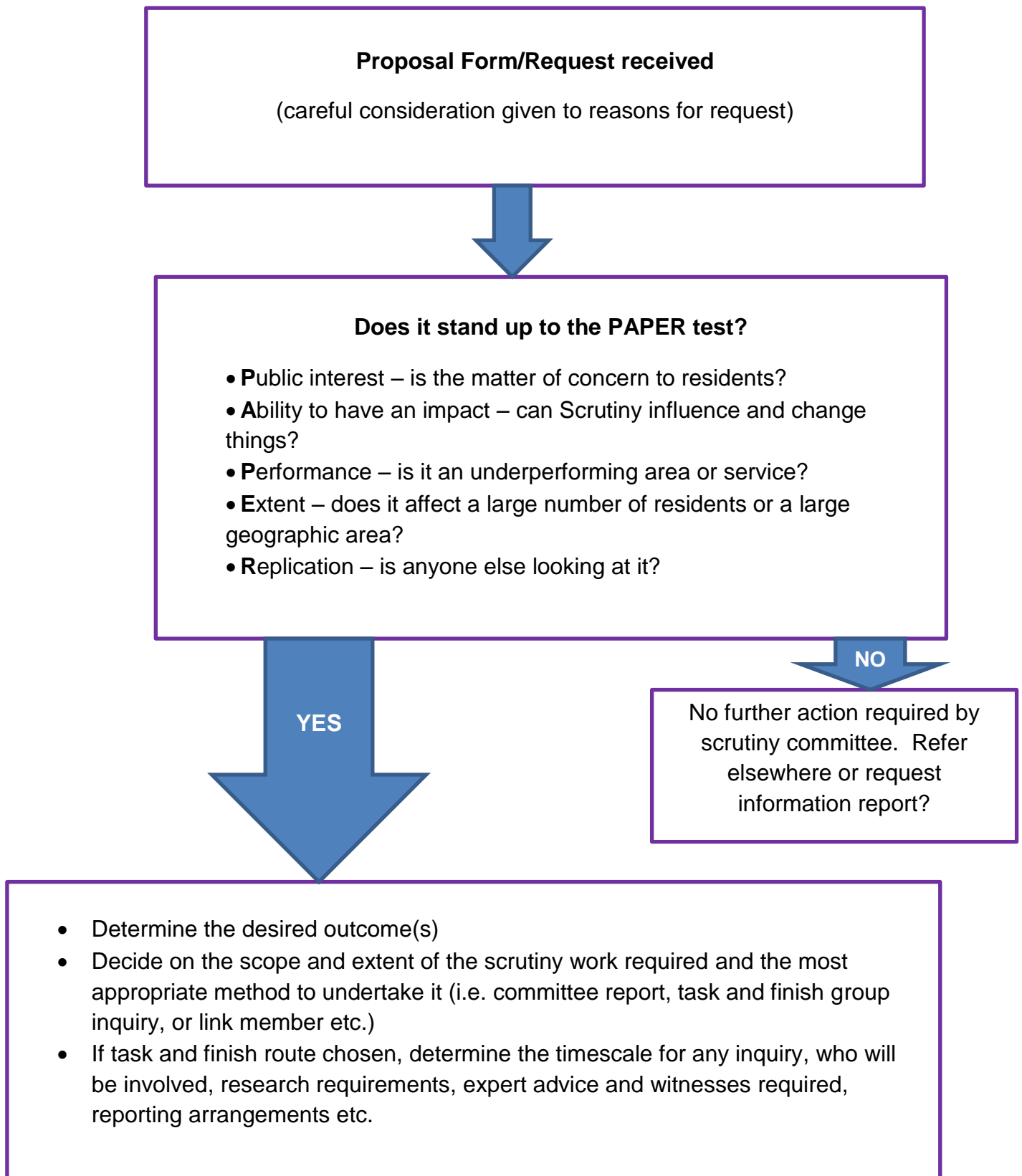
Information / Consultation	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Author	Date Entered

Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
30 November	16 November	18 January 2018	4 January 2018	22 March	8 March

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

Consideration of a topic's suitability for scrutiny



Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
24 Oct	1	Denbighshire Learning Disability Community Living – Extensions to existing contracts	To award 17 contracts to existing providers pending the completion of a regional tender for the procurement of domiciliary care	Yes	Councillor Bobby Feeley / Alison Heaton / Katie Newe
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
21 Nov	1	Eisteddfod yr Urdd	To agree investment in the county's presence on the Eisteddfod Maes	Yes	Councillor Richard Mainon / Gareth Watson
	2	Rhyl Town Centre Masterplan	For Cabinet to agree the broad principles within the Masterplan as a means of bidding for WG Regeneration funding 2018/19 and beyond	Yes	Councillor Hugh Evans / Graham Boase

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Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
	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
12 Dec	1	DCC Homelessness Strategy 2017-21	To approve the Homelessness Strategy	Yes	Councillor Bobby Feeley / Liana Duffy
	2	Supporting People/Homelessness Prevention Plan 2018/19	To approve the annual plan.	Yes	Councillor Bobby Feeley / Liana Duffy
	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
23 Jan	1	Housing Rent Increase / Housing Revenue Account Business Plan	To seek approval for the proposed rent increase for council housing and to approve the Housing Revenue Account Capital	Yes	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh / Geoff Davies

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Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
			and Revenue Budgets for 2018/19		
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
27 Feb	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
20 Mar	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		Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
24 Apr	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh

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Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
	2	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator
22 May	1	Rhyl and Prestatyn Business Improvement Districts	To consider the full business case relating to the establishment of business improvement districts	Yes	Councillor Hugh Evans / Mike Horrocks
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Richard Weigh
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Scrutiny Coordinator

Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
<i>September</i>	12 September	<i>October</i>	10 October	<i>November</i>	7 November

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Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
7 September 2017	5. Denbighshire as a Tourism and Events Location	<p>RESOLVED, subject to the above observations,</p> <p>(i) to acknowledge the importance of ensuring that the Council's tourism plan and strategy were aligned to its overall economic development strategy in order to make sure that in the long-term maximum economic benefits are realised for the area, businesses and residents; and</p> <p>(ii) that a further progress report be presented to the Committee in twelve months' time detailing the effectiveness of various tourism initiatives in delivering the Tourism Strategy and their contribution towards delivering the Council's ambition in relation to economic development.</p>	<p>(i) Lead Member and relevant officers advised of the Committee's recommendation; and</p> <p>(ii) See Appendix 1 – progress report scheduled for presentation to the Committee at its meeting on 6 September 2018</p>

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