

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 **10.00 am** on **THURSDAY, 8 JULY 2021** in **BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

Yours sincerely

G. Williams  
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES**

### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Pages 5 - 6)**

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

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

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

### **4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 7 - 14)**

To receive the minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 May 2021 (copy attached).

10:05am – 10:15am

**5 BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD HEART FAILURE SERVICES IN DENBIGHSHIRE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES (Pages 15 - 18)**

To receive information on the current status of the BCUHB Heart Failure Services provided in Denbighshire and across North Wales (copy attached)

10:15 – 11:00am

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**6 ANNUAL REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS IN DENBIGHSHIRE 1ST APRIL 2020 - 31ST MARCH 2021 (Pages 19 - 32)**

To consider a report by the Team Manager Safeguarding Operational Services (copy attached) which seeks the Committee to review the Council's progress in relation to local safeguarding arrangements and practices during the above period, and their impact on vulnerable adults in the county.

11:15am – 12:00pm

**7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 33 - 54)**

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

12:00pm – 12:15pm

**8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

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

12:15pm – 12:25pm

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Councillors**

Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones (Chair)

Councillor Emrys Wynne (Vice-Chair)

Joan Butterfield  
Ann Davies  
Gareth Davies

Christine Marston  
Melvyn Mile  
Rhys Thomas

Hugh Irving  
Pat Jones

David Williams

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**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

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## PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held via Video conference on Thursday, 20 May 2021 at 10.00 am.

### PRESENT

Councillors Joan Butterfield, Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones (Chair), Hugh Irving, Melvyn Mile, Rhys Thomas, David Williams and Emrys Wynne

**Observer** – Councillor Meirick Lloyd Davies and Councillor Gwyneth Kensler

**Also in attendance** - Councillor Hugh Evans - The Leader, Lead Member for the Economy and Corporate Governance

### ALSO PRESENT

Corporate Director: Economy and Public Realm (GB), Head of Planning and Public Protection (EJ), Chief Digital Officer (BE), Economic and Business Development Lead Officer – Inward Investment and High Growth (JCE), Project Manager (HV-E), Scrutiny Coordinator (RE) and Committee Administrators (SJ).

### North Wales Economic Ambition Board Representatives in attendance -

Alwen Williams – Portfolio Director

Hedd Vaughan-Evans – Operations Manager

## 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ann Davies and Christine Marston.

Apologies for absence were also received from Corporate Director: Communities. Corporate Director: Economy and Public Realm deputised for the meeting.

## 2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Nominations were sought for the office of Committee Vice-Chair for the 2021/22 municipal year. Councillor Emrys Wynne was nominated for the role by Councillor J Chamberlain-Jones and seconded by Councillor David Williams. No other nominations were put forward.

The Committee therefore:

***Resolved: that Councillor Emrys Wynne be elected Vice-Chair of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year.***

The Chair thanked Councillor Wynne for his support to her during the past year and wished him well for the forthcoming year. Councillor Wynne thanked Committee

members for their support and for entrusting him with a further term as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

### **3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were raised.

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

No urgent matters were raised.

### **5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 April 2021 were submitted.

Members were advised that more information would be provided under business item 7 on the agenda, the Committee's Forward Work Programme, in relation to the point raised within the minutes on the holding or pre-meeting briefing sessions ahead of Committee meetings. It was:

***Resolved: - that the minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 April 2021 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.***

### **6 NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

The Leader, Lead Member for the Economy and Corporate Governance introduced the report. The Leader introduced the officers in attendance for the agenda item; Alwen Williams – Portfolio Director and Hedd Vaughan- Evans – Operations Manager from the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB), along with officers from the authority. Members heard the importance of the quarterly meetings attended by officers to work with the portfolio management team to influence and understand the regional work being undertaken.

It was explained the report was an update on the Growth deal that had been agreed by Full Council. It was explained that work had commenced on the delivery phase of the programme of work. Part of the agreement had been to report to Scrutiny twice a year to update members of progress made. The Leader explained to members the level of work and detail which required to be conducted in relation to projects prior to the submission of business cases.

Alwen Williams, Portfolio Director guided members through a short presentation, providing members with background information. It was explained the aim of the Growth Deal was to provide a more vibrant, sustainable and resilient economy in North Wales. Building on existing strengths in the region to boost productivity and addressing long-term challenges and economic barriers. It was explained that in the business cases three key spending objectives had been identified. These were noted as Job creation, Gross Value Added (GVA) and Investment. Members heard the objective was to create up to 4,200 jobs.

The Growth Deal was based on the delivery of twenty-one transformational projects across five programmes (defined as either high growth or enabling programmes). Two programmes focused on enabling the region, these were digital connectivity and land and property. These programmes were funded by the growth deal. It was hoped that delivery in these sectors would allow businesses to invest in the region and the labour market to take advantage of the new employment opportunities. Emphasis on the partnership work across North Wales being cohesive and efficient was made.

The Portfolio Director provided further guidance on digital connectivity. It was explained the aim was to improve digital connectivity. The project addressed the needs of the customers and citizens. The digital programme had identified a need to balance investment, infrastructure and technology through fixed broadband at key sites and rural areas. It was explained that two main components had been included in the digital programme. The components included were digital connectivity project and an innovation project with Bangor University.

Information was provided on the Land and Property Programme. The programme identified a shortage of suitable land and properties for businesses to develop. Members heard several key projects had been agreed, including the Holyhead Gateway, Wrexham Western Gateway site, key strategic site in Bodelwyddan, Bryn Cegin Strategic Site in Bangor, former North Wales Hospital site in Denbigh and Warren Hall in Flintshire.

The other 3 programmes focused on key strengths in the high value sectors within the region. The aim of the programmes was to increase the value and impact of the high growth sector. The first programme was low carbon energy with the aim to unlock economic benefits of transformational low carbon energy projects. The projects included in the low carbon energy programme were Morlais a marine energy project, Trawsfynydd Power station, low carbon centre of excellence working with Bangor University, Smart local energy and transport decarbonisation.

The Innovation in High Value Manufacturing Programme looked at consolidating North Wales' already established position as an innovative, high value manufacturing cluster. The aim was to build on the area's well established specialisms and develop expertise to create a high value, more diverse economic base to support a move to a low carbon economy in manufacturing. Two key projects had been agreed both working with academic partners, one was the development of a Centre for Environmental Biotechnology with Bangor University. The second project was Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre with Glyndŵr University.

The Agri-food and Tourism Programme would support and develop sustainability and optimise opportunities for employment through the environment and landscape. Members were informed that within the programme three key projects would be undertaken. These would be Glynllifon Rural Economy Club, Llysfasi Carbon Neutral Centre and Tourism TALENT Network.

The Operations Manager Hedd Vaughan-Evans guided members through information on the progression of the Growth Deal programmes and projects for

Quarter 4 2021 (Jan – March). It was confirmed that this was the first progress report presented to the Scrutiny Committee. The focus had been moving to the delivery phase, it was noted that all the projects in the North Wales Growth Deal were still in the business case development phase. It was confirmed a review of all projects had taken place to re-confirm timetables. It was explained that each project was developed in line with the Better Business Case guidance. Business cases had been developed through the use of workshops to involve as many stakeholders as possible to discuss and agree delivery models.

Every project was required to go through a gateway review, carried out by an independent panel to evaluate the project at key points in the development of the project. It was confirmed two projects had completed this phase of development. These were the Morlais project led by Menter Môn and the Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre Project led by Wrexham Glyndŵr University.

Members heard that two projects had been identified as 'Red', those projects were the Key Strategic Site in Bodelwyddan and the Holyhead Gateway project. A number of projects were reporting as 'Amber' which was primarily due to the business development timeframe taking longer than originally estimated. The Operations Manager stated in his opinion there were no significant concerns regarding these projects.

It was noted that the most significant achievements during quarter 4, was the receipt of grant award letter from the Welsh and UK Governments and the first instalment of funding in March 2021.

Members were presented with the highlights of the annual report. The report demonstrated the progress made on the Growth Deal and the activities supported by the Portfolio Management Office. Members recognised the difficulties the Board had faced during 2020/21 during the Covid19 pandemic. It was noted that the Final Deal agreements had been signed during a virtual ceremony on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in line with the original timescales. Close working relationships had been established with local authorities and with the UK and Welsh Government and other public sector representatives to co-ordinate the regional response to economic recovery.

The Chair thanked the Board representatives for the detailed presentation and thorough account of the work of the Board to date. In response to members' questions the Lead Member, officers and Board representatives expanded on the following:

- The £16 million received from Government, was the first instalment of growth deal Capital funding allocated to the projects. The £2.9 million secured European Social Fund (ESF) funding was the revenue funding for the portfolio management office over a three-year period. The revenue funding would be matched by the partners to make the total revenue funding just under £6m for the first 3 years.
- The Morlais Project and Glyndŵr Project had been progressed through the gateways at different times. Both projects were moving forward, no concerns had been observed.

- There were four infrastructure projects in the digital portfolio office. It was confirmed two of the projects had been delayed. Two projects were being prioritised at this stage, the two delayed projects would be picked up and progressed at a later date. It was stressed there were no problems with the projects, although a delay had been observed they were still on track with the projected timescale.
- The portfolio office had created the report against the current timeline. Officers stated as the projects and programmes progressed a separate information table for work not started might have to be included, to illustrate work started separately.
- Very close contact took place with all the local authorities, to work together to support the projects of the Board to ensure that they coincided with the local expectations of each authority.
- Planning policies included a Welsh Government national planning policy, local authorities adopted a Local Development Plan (LDP) and there would soon be a requirement for a regional plan to be developed. Officers stressed the power in planning lay with Local Authorities to develop the LDPs. Members had the control to develop the LDP to address the local need. The Board wanted to develop projects that Local Authorities supported.
- A project with Coleg Cambria, Llysfasi looked at how innovation could aid in an ability to be productive in the agricultural field through the creation of a carbon neutral farm. The project would demonstrate the ability to be more innovative and productive in the agricultural field.
- Decisions in relation to the future of the Bodelwyddan key strategic site were being held in abeyance, pending Denbighshire deciding on its future planning policy for the site.
- Board members thanked members for the information about the former North Wales Hospital in Denbigh and would revise the coding at the next board meeting.

Members thanked all involved in the presentation and response to questions and concerns raised.

The Committee:

***Resolved: - subject to the above comments and observations to receive the Quarter 4 2020/21 Performance Report and the 2020/21 Annual Report of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB).***

## **7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

The Scrutiny Coordinator submitted a report (previously circulated) seeking members' review of the Committee's work programme and provided an update on relevant issues.

Discussion focused on the following –

- Appendix one listed the upcoming meetings and proposed reports. A report from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) on the Capital plans for Services in Denbighshire. An application to the Chair for a deferral of the item was made, as the health officers were awaiting a response from Welsh

Government (WG) on the business plan. The item would be presented to the Committee at the earliest opportunity, once feedback had been received from the WG.

- No items had been added to the FWP following the Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group meeting.
- The Scrutiny Co-Ordinator confirmed the next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July had three proposed reports, with the possibility of the BCUHB report referred to above being added.
- Members were informed on the current difficulty in administrating a pre-meeting briefing. If members felt, there was a need to hold a briefing meeting before a meeting they should contact the Chair and the Scrutiny Co-Ordinator to discuss. At present a briefing would not be arranged for all meetings.
- Members felt a pre meeting would be beneficial before receiving the Health Board reports.
- Members stressed the importance of receiving the BCUHB Capital Plans in Denbighshire report as soon as possible especially to address the project relation to the site of the former Royal Alexandra Hospital at Rhyl. It was understood that the delay with the WG response was due to the Senedd elections.

The Committee:

**Resolved: - subject to the above comments and observations to –**

- (i) confirm the Committee's forward work programme (Appendix 1); and***
- (ii) if necessary, to hold a Special meeting of the Committee to discuss Health Board capital projects in Denbighshire once Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) receive a response from the Welsh Government (WG) to its latest business case for the new North Denbighshire Community Hospital facility.***

## **8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

The Scrutiny Co-Originator had received a report from Councillor Christine Marston following her attendance at meetings of two groups on which she represented the Committee. The Scrutiny Co-ordinator delivered the feedback to the Committee as follows.

The first meeting attended by Councillor Marston had been the Stakeholders Reference Group of BCUHB held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. It was explained to members that the Health Board's the 3-year plan had been delayed due to Covid. It was explained that when the recovery phase commenced they would address the backlog. With regards to planned care BCUHB hoped to create capacity. Members heard the aim was to achieve a 6-8 week window for the Covid Vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> dose with the hope to no longer need the vaccine centres after July.

The digital strategy-engagement had started but had constraints due to Covid, the aim was to implement a single digital patient record. The introduction of Targeted

Intervention Improvement Framework (TIIF) looked at improvements to how BCUHB operated with the aim to improve performance.

Councillor Marston had also attended the Children's Residential Unit Project Board meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. It was confirmed the name of the new unit would be Bwthyn y Ddol, and it would be situated between the Police HQ and Eirias Park Colwyn Bay. The current project spend was £2.6 million. With the on-site construction due to start during June 2021 with a completion date of May 2022. The unit had been designed to accommodate Conwy and Denbighshire children for intensive therapeutic treatment. There would be three areas within the facility: - planned inpatient care, unplanned inpatient care and assessment area.

It was confirmed that multi-disciplinary team members were already in place. Interim plans had been drawn up to accommodate children in need of care currently, with temporary accommodation in Colwyn Bay. Work was also being done on the ongoing running costs of this unit for the future

The Chair thanked the Scrutiny Co-Ordinator for the narrative from Councillor Marston's attendance at meetings.

It was:

***Resolved: - to receive Councillor Marston's update reports on recent discussions at the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) and the sub-regional Children's Residential Assessment Unit (CRAU) Project Board.***

The meeting concluded at 11.40am

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| <b>Report to</b>       | <b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>                                                                   |
| <b>Date of meeting</b> | <b>8 July 2021</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>Lead Member</b>     | <b>Councillor Bobby Feeley</b>                                                                           |
| <b>Report author</b>   | <b>Phil Gilroy and Helen Wilkinson</b>                                                                   |
| <b>Title</b>           | <b>BCUHB Heart Failure Services in Denbighshire and its impact on the Council's Social Care Services</b> |

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

- 1.1 An elected member at Denbighshire County Council had suggested that a change in Heart Failure Services was pending and this would consequently have a negative impact on local authorities through increased demand for community care services. This report will provide reassurance that there have been no impending negative changes within the service provided by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB).

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

- 2.1 To provide information on the current status of the BCUHB Heart Failure Services provided in Denbighshire and across North Wales.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

That Members:

- 3.1 note the contents of the report; and
- 3.2 consider and discuss any potential implications for the citizens of Denbighshire with representatives from the Health Board and Council officers.

## **4. Report details**

- 4.1. Some aspects of the BCUHB Heart Failure Service had temporary funding streams attached to them; we understand that this caused some uncertainty for the public around the future provision of these services. **Funding for this service was made available by Health Board from April 2020.**
- 4.2. BCUHB fully recognise the value of the Heart Failure Services across North Wales, and, continue to support the development of them with no plans to reduce the current provision.
- 4.3. BCUHB is actively working with the services so that we can continue to ensure this service remains available to the population of North Wales. We are striving to provide an equitable service across the whole of North Wales, Denbighshire included.
- 4.4. The Strategic Manager for Cardiac Services is working with the Heart Failure teams to future proof the Heart Failure Service and incorporate succession planning, value based health care and Patient Related Outcome Measures (PROMS).

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

- 5.1. The provision of Cardiac Services contributes to the Corporate Priority relating to working with people and communities to build independence and resilience as it promotes people's health and wellbeing.

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

- 6.1. There are no planned changes to the Heart Failure Service and therefore no direct impact on Council budgets or services.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. There are no planned changes to the Heart Failure Service, therefore a WBIA is not required for this report.

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

8.1. No consultations have been carried out as there are no changes to the service.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. Not applicable as there are no changes being made which would impact on Council budgets.

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

10.1. There are no risks arising from this report.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

11.2. Section 7.4.2(e) of the Council's Constitution.

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| <b>Report to</b>             | <b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>                                                                             |
| <b>Date of meeting</b>       | <b>8 July 2021</b>                                                                                                 |
| <b>Lead Member / Officer</b> | <b>Lead Member for Well-being and Independence/Head of Community Support Services</b>                              |
| <b>Report author</b>         | <b>Team Manager Safeguarding Operational Services</b>                                                              |
| <b>Title</b>                 | <b>Annual Report on Safeguarding Adults in Denbighshire 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b> |

## 1. What is the report about?

This report constitutes the annual performance report for Safeguarding Adults in compliance with statutory guidance and provides an overview of the impact of local safeguarding arrangements and practice

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

To provide Members with an overview of the impact of Local Safeguarding arrangements and practice and to review progress in this key area of work over the last twelve months. To refer to data which reflects figures submitted by the Local Authority on an annual basis to the Welsh Government Data Unit.

## 3. What are the Recommendations?

That members receive and comment on the report and acknowledge the importance of a corporate approach to the safeguarding of adults at risk and the responsibility of the Council to view this as a key priority area.

## 4. Report details

- 4.1 The past 12 months has seen a focus on maintaining the improvement in the consistency and quality of safeguarding work, including performance against the Welsh Government performance indicator of enquiries completed within 7 working days.

4.2 The implementation of the Wales Safeguarding Procedures since its launch in September 2020, having been delayed due to Covid19.

4.3 The continued changes in practice since Covid-19 to ensure that Denbighshire citizens are safeguarded and comparing the data from a similar period.

4.4 Adult Protection Activity in Denbighshire 2018 – 2021

| Year        | Reports(referrals) received |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 2018 - 2019 | 622                         |
| 2019 - 2020 | 597                         |
| 2020 - 2021 | 354                         |

#### 4.5 Headlines from 2020 - 21 Statistics

4.5.1 Overall there has been a significant reduction (40%) in numbers of safeguarding reports received in comparison to the same period last year. However there has been an increase in the number of telephone calls to the Safeguarding team to discuss safeguarding issues, which provided some reassurance that it remained very much in focus for providers and other agencies despite the reduction in the number of reports.

4.5.2 Although fewer reports have been received during this year, we have not seen an increase in cases needing to progress to strategy meeting, which appears to be following previous trends of recent years. Section 126 enquiries has become more embedded in safeguarding practice across all agencies and we continue to see only those more serious allegations of abuse or neglect progressing through to these meetings. The preventative actions towards reducing any further risk of harm continues to be at the forefront of the enquiry stage, with the emphasis on the individual's personal outcomes being centre of the safeguarding process.

4.5.3 Physical abuse 37%(167) and neglect 29% (127) were the most common types of abuse reported, again similar to previous years and following national trends. It is important to note that more than one category of abuse can be reported within a safeguarding report. (See Appendix 1 for safeguarding data 2020 – 21)

4.5.4 In September 2020 we saw the implementation of Section 5 of the Wales Safeguarding Procedures: *Safeguarding Allegations / Concerns about Practitioners and Those in a Position of Trust*. These cases have steadily increased over the months .i.e. Q2 there was one referral, Q3 a further seven and in Q4 a total of ten referrals were received. All referrals were taken through to a strategy discussion meeting, with representation

from multi-agencies to determine if the threshold had been met and those that were appropriate were taken to a formal strategy meeting under the Section 5 process.

#### **4.6 Performance Indicators**

We have continued to maintain our performance in relation to the performance indicator, with 99% of enquires completed within the 7 working day timescale for 2020/2021. Whilst there has been a reduction in the overall number of Reports in this period, maintaining and improving on this performance indicator at an unprecedented time, is a good indication of the team's dedication and commitment to safeguarding those citizen of Denbighshire who are deemed to be Adults at Risk.

#### **4.7 Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) activity 2020 - 21**

4.7.1 There has been a slight increase in the number of applications received: 336 compared to 326 last year.

4.7.2 169 authorisations have been granted, an increase from 140 last year. However these overall figures fail to capture the extent of the progress that has been made during the final quarter of this year. Due to changes in practice as result of Covid19, we were having to grant shorter authorisations during the past 12 months, resulting in an increase in the overall DoLS waiting list. However in the final quarter of this year we have seen a 36% (Q3=273, Q4=174) reduction in the DoLS waiting list and 78% (Q3=37, Q4=66) increase in the number of assessments completed within this final quarter. It is hoped that this increase in authorisations and reduction in our waiting list will place Denbighshire in a better place to work towards our preparation for the implementation of Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) in April 2022.

4.7.3 A total of 27 applications have been submitted to Court in relation to Deprivation in Domiciliary Settings. This is ongoing work that's incorporated within routine casework in the Complex Disability team, and will stand the team in good stead once LPS have been implemented.

#### **4.8 Key achievements 2020 -21**

4.8.1 We have maintained the improvements against the Welsh Government performance indicator of completing section 126 enquiries within 7 working days.

4.8.2 The reintroduction of quarterly audits of a sample of safeguarding cases in order to review quality and consistency of work, ensuring this has not been compromised by

the success of the performance indicator. With a further focus on identifying new areas of practice/quality .i.e. s126 enquiry stage during Covid19.

4.8.3 Adapting to new ways of working .i.e. holding strategy meetings and Section 5 strategy discussion meetings via virtual platforms. Maintaining good representation to these meetings has supported good practice and ensured that the process is person centred rather than being process led .i.e. Adult Protection Conferences.

4.8.4 An agenda and referral template for Section 5 *Safeguarding Allegations/Concerns about Practitioners and Those in a Position of Trust* have been developed and used, to allow for any additional information to be shared with the Local Authority, when information is minimal within the adult safeguarding report. Also the process on Paris for recording Section 5 work has been aligned with practice within Children's Services.

4.8.5 Reduction in the DoLS waiting list as a result of additional staff resources instigated to support the safeguarding duties within Denbighshire as part of business continuity.

4.8.6 Developing closer links within other teams such as Contracts & Monitoring and Single Point of Access (SPoA), has ensured that any safeguarding themes or trends are identified more quickly. Improving our communication and sharing of relevant information has supported good practice and further embedded the implementation of the Wales Safeguarding Procedures.

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

The Safeguarding Adults arrangements contribute directly to the corporate priority Resilient Communities: the Council works with people and communities to build independence and resilience.

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

This service is already featured within existing budgets

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

A Well-being Impact Assessment is not required as this report makes no changes to policy.

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

Not applicable.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

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

- 10.1 The delegation of s126 enquiries to other agencies is still to be implemented and there is a risk this could have a direct impact on the 'Performance Indicator.' Work is ongoing on a regional basis, with a pilot planned between Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB), Anglesey and Wrexham Local Authorities to explore what support will be required to those who undertake duties on behalf of the Local Authority.
- 10.2 There continues to be some uncertainty in preparation for the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). Whilst the date for implementation has been confirmed as April 2022, there has still been no consultation on the Codes of Practice or the content of the training required to implement. However, we continue to manage the volume of work and have systems in place prioritising the applications received. We have supported 5 Social Workers and 5 Occupational Therapists to access the remote Best Interest Assessor (BIA) module made available through Chester University. Staff have also accessed BIA Legal Updates through use of Webinar via Edge Training. These on-line options for learning have made these opportunities for updating knowledge and practice more accessible and easier to fit into busy work schedules. We hope to introduce Learning Groups over the next 12 months around specific topics.
- 10.3 With the easing of restrictions, Providers are looking to reintroducing access for families and paid Relevant Person's Representatives (RPRs) into care homes. The previous risk that was highlighted last year regarding an individual's right to challenge could be missed/compromised, should now be alleviated. There is still the possibility that during the winter months, we may well see Providers needing to review access again. It is therefore likely that we will need to grant shorter authorisations placing added pressure on the DoLS waiting list, which could further impact on our preparation for LPS in 2022.

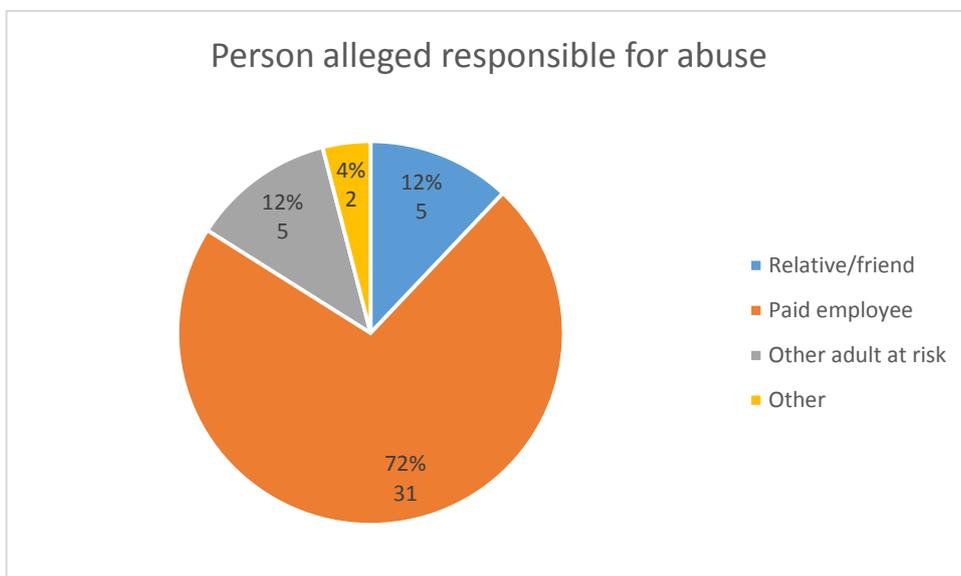
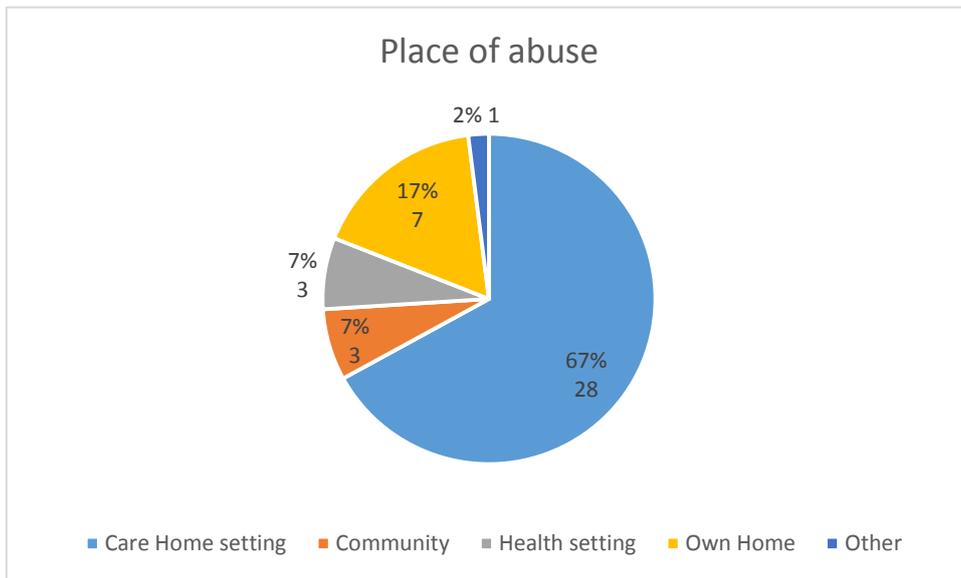
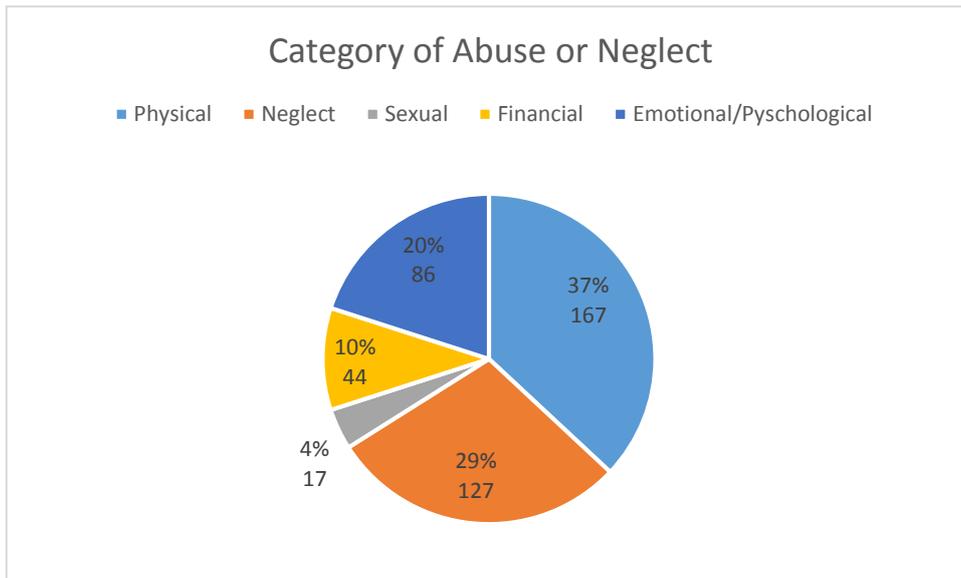
## **11. Power to make the decision**

Scrutiny's powers with respect to this matter are set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 7.4.2(b) of the Council's Constitution.

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## **Appendix 2 – Case examples**

### **Case A**

#### **Overview of case**

A DoLS referral was submitted by the EMI nursing home (the Managing Authority) following the admission from hospital of A.

A's first language was Cantonese. To support a safe discharge from hospital, BCU had involved a registered Cantonese interpreter. At the time of this assessment it recorded that A had capacity to make decisions in relation to care and support needs and was consenting to going into a care home.

The Safeguarding team were required to undertake further assessments in relation to this DoLS referral. The first mental capacity assessment recorded that A lacked capacity in regards to her residency, care and support. The S12 doctor had involved a family member to act as interpreter, in order to complete his assessment. It was the family's wish that A was placed in a care home as they could not meet her needs at home, they identified that this care home needed to be close enough for them to visit, when restrictions would allow.

#### **Action taken**

There were changes in A's capacity, the first assessment that was completed a few months earlier in hospital, concluding that A had capacity with regards to residency, care /support needs. It was agreed that a more robust assessment with an appropriate interpreter for A was required, rather than relying on family to communicate the questions relevant to completing the mental capacity assessment.

There were many attempts in trying to identify a Cantonese speaking s12 doctor who would be available to go to the home to carry out these assessments, but none were identified. Further action was required to source a Cantonese interpreter within a timely manner. At this point A was objecting to the current restrictions and was attempting to self-harm.

A face to face assessment was completed in the care home by the S12 doctor, by adhering to the necessary precautions during lock down, with the involvement of the

interpreter via a video call. This was the same interpreter that had been used several months previously in hospital. A remembered the interpreter and was very pleased to be able to speak in her own language. The outcome of this second assessment, supported that A had capacity for her residence and care needs. She understood that she needed assistance and these needs could not be met at home. She was very unhappy at the current home as she was not able to speak to anyone and the food was foreign to her and not to her taste. She was unable to make her needs and wishes known and due to Covid-19, all visits by family were severely restricted.

### **The difference/impact to the Citizen**

There are now plans in place to move A to a Nursing Home in the Chinese Quarter in Liverpool where she can speak in her native tongue and have access to familiar diet. Whilst it acknowledged that the family did not want their relative to be so far away due to visiting, it was the wishes and views of A that needed to be at the centre of all these decisions. As A had the mental capacity to make a decision about being accommodated at this Care Home and was able to consent to her care plan, she was not eligible for consideration under the deprivation of liberty safeguards and the referral was closed.

### **Case B**

B is a 22 year old female with learning difficulties and mental health issues who was discharged from a psychiatric inpatient unit, to the address of a man whom she had befriended on the internet.

### **Overview of concern raised**

B had refused offers of temporary accommodation by the homelessness service. There was concern regarding the nature of the relationship between B and the man with whom she was staying, and the potential risks she may be exposed to.

B was deemed to lack mental capacity to form relationships over social media.

**Action taken**

- Multi -Agency meeting convened under the Self -Neglect Procedures which including representation from mental health, legal, homelessness prevention, police, probation and adult social care services.
- Checks were carried out in relation to the individual B was residing with, and he was found to be in breach of a license agreement. He was also deemed a specific risk to vulnerable women.
- Actions taken by the probation serve and police ensured that he was arrested and returned to prison immediately.
- B was enabled to access safe accommodation with a family member

**The difference/impact to the Citizen and or the service**

Following subsequent meetings under the Adults who self-neglect Procedure, B was able to access more suitable accommodation with a significant package of support from adult services

### **Appendix 3 - Section 5: Safeguarding Allegations/Concerns about Practitioners and Those in a Position of Trust Practice Guide**

#### **OVERVIEW: WALES SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES – SECTION 5**

The procedures set out arrangements for responding to safeguarding concerns about those whose work, either in a paid or voluntary capacity, which brings them into contact with children or adults at risk. It also includes individuals who have caring responsibilities for children or adults in need of care and support and their employment or voluntary work brings them into contact with children or adults at risk.

It is intended that the procedures support internal disciplinary procedures and provides guidance to deal appropriately with any concerns or allegations of professional abuse, neglect or harm and to ensure that all allegations of abuse made against staff or volunteers working with children, young people and adults at risk are dealt with in a fair, consistent and timely manner.

The main factor to consider when applying the procedures is whether the individual subject to the allegation or concern, occupies a position of trust; this is where a member of staff / volunteer is in a position of power or influence over a child or adult at risk, by virtue of the work or nature of activity being undertaken.

Every Council has a duty to manage allegations and concerns about any person who works with children and young people and adults at risk in their area. This includes Council staff, staff or partner agencies and volunteers.

Managing cases under these procedures applies to a wider range of allegations than those in which there is reasonable cause to believe a child or adult at risk is suffering, or is likely to suffer harm. It also applies to concerns that might indicate that a person is unsuitable to continue to work with children or adults at risk in their present position or in any capacity. It should be used in all cases in which it is alleged that a person who works with children or adults at risk has:

- Behaved in a way that has harmed or may have harmed a child or adult at risk
- May have committed a criminal offence against a child or adult at risk or that has a direct impact on the child or adult at risk

- Behaved towards a child, children or adults at risk in a way that indicates they are unsuitable to work with both children and adults

It can be difficult to determine what may fall into the category of "unsuitable to work with children or adults at risk". The employer should consider whether the subject of the allegation or concern has:

- Been the subject of criminal procedures that indicate a risk of harm to a child or adult at risk
- Caused harm or possible harm to a child or adult at risk and there is a risk in the working, volunteering, or caring environment
- Contravened or continued to contravene their agency's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- Failed to understand or comply with the need for clear personal and professional boundaries in the work place
- Behaved in a way in their personal life which could put children and adults at risk of harm
- Behaved in a way that undermined the trust placed in them by virtue of their position
- Children who are subject to Child Protection Procedures
- Has caring responsibilities for an adult who is subject to Adult Protection Procedures

#### Overarching principles

Ensure that children at risk and adults at risk are safeguarded from individuals who may pose a risk in the setting within which they work or volunteer

Ensure that allegations and safeguarding concerns are dealt with in a fair, consistent and timely manner and in accordance with statutory guidance

Ensure that there is appropriate support, information and advice for all those affected during this process

Ensure that individuals who are not suitable to work with children and adults at risk are prevented from doing so by notification to the Disclosure and Barring Service and other relevant and professional bodies

Local authorities must ensure there is a senior manager with responsibility for ensuring these procedures are adhered to. This role can be delegated but there needs to be an overarching senior manager responsible.

The definition of 'work' includes the following:

- Those in paid employment, including temporary, students/trainees; casual, agency staff and those who are employed as Personal Assistants under the direct payment scheme
- Individuals undertaking unpaid voluntary work
- Individuals who are self-employed and work directly, or are contracted to work, in the provision of services to children and adults at risk

The procedures are underpinned by the following legislation and guidance and should be read in conjunction with them:

- Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014
- Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014: Working Together to Safeguard People: Volume 5 – Handling Individual Cases to Protect Children at Risk
- Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014: Working Together to Safeguard People: Volume 6 – Handling Individual Cases to Protect Adults at risk
- Keeping learners safe: managing allegations of abuse against teachers and others engaged in education services in Wales 2015

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| <b>Report to</b>       | <b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>    |
| <b>Date of meeting</b> | <b>8 July 2021</b>                        |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>    | <b>Rhian Evans, Scrutiny Co-ordinator</b> |
| <b>Report author</b>   | <b>Rhian Evans, Scrutiny Co-ordinator</b> |
| <b>Title</b>           | <b>Scrutiny Work Programme</b>            |

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

The report seeks Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to review its draft forward work programme. In doing so the Committee is asked to reflect on the implications of the focus on business critical operations during the emergency phase of the COVID -19 pandemic and the programmes of work underway or being planned under the recovery phase, whilst also having regard to items of business already on its forward work programme prior to the pandemic.

## **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 identifies key messages and themes from the current meeting which it wishes to publicise via the press and/or social media.

## 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 Audit Wales (AW) 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. AW 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 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);

- Urgent, unforeseen or high priority issues; and
- Supporting the Council's recovery work in relation to the effects of the COVID-19 crisis on Council services, the local economy and the county's communities

#### 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.

### COVID-19 Active Travel Plan Schemes in Denbighshire

- 4.8 A report on the effectiveness of the above schemes in Denbighshire was scheduled for presentation to the Committee at the current meeting. However, as a number of the schemes were withdrawn and work is currently underway to monitor the scheme currently in place in Llangollen, officers requested that the report's presentation be deferred until the autumn, when more meaningful data will be available for that particular scheme. The Chair agreed to this request and the report is now listed for presentation to the Committee at its meeting on 4 November 2021 (see Appendix 1).

### Cabinet Forward Work Programme

- 4.9 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

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

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

- 5.1 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 1 July 2021. Any matters arising from that meeting which affect the work of this Committee will be reported verbally at the meeting on 8 July.
- 5.2 With a view to raising Scrutiny's profile and encouraging public engagement the Group recently decided that all three scrutiny committees should, for a trial period, identify key themes or messages arising from their meetings for publication via the Authority's social media pages and the local press. The Committee is therefore asked to identify which themes or messages it wishes to highlight from the current meeting.

## **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 and resource pressures.

## **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?**

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**

11.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

11.2 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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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                                                    |
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| <i>Date tbc</i> | <b>Councillor Bobby Feeley</b> | 1. <i>Health Board plans for services in Denbighshire</i>                      | <i>To detail to the Committee the future direction for the delivery of Health Board services in Denbighshire (including major capital projects such as the North Denbighshire Community Hospital, future provision at Denbigh Infirmary and Ruthin Hospital)</i>                                       | <i>To secure the future delivery of health care services and effective partnership working with respect of delivering health, social care and well-being services in order to realise the resilient communities corporate priority</i> | <i>BCUHB</i>                         | <i>February 2020 (rescheduled February 2021 &amp; May 2021)</i> |
| 16 September    | <b>Cllr. Mark Young</b>        | 1. Community Safety Partnership <b>[Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee]</b> | To detail the Partnership's achievement in delivering its 2020/21 action plan and its progress to date in delivering its action plan for 2021/22. The report to include financial sources and the progress made in spending the allocated funding.<br><br>(report to include actual numbers as well as | Effective monitoring of the CSP's delivery of its action plan for 2020/21 and its progress to date in delivering its plan for 2021/22 will ensure that the CSP delivers the services which the Council and local residents require     | Alan Smith/Nicola Kneale/Sian Taylor | December 2020                                                   |

| Meeting                                          | Lead Member(s)              | Item (description / title)                               | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                          | Author                            | Date Entered                 |
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|                                                  |                             |                                                          | percentages to enable the Committee to effectively evaluate the impact of measures put in place)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                   |                              |
| <i>When new Chief Executive is in post (tbc)</i> | <b>Cllr. Richard Mainon</b> | 2. <i>Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC)</i> | <i>To: (i) outline the working relationship between Denbighshire County Council and DVSC, how both organisations worked together during the COVID-19 pandemic and proposals for future working arrangements; and (ii) explore DVSC's working relationship with voluntary organisations across the county, how it prioritises the allocation of funding to voluntary groups and evaluates the effectiveness of the use of the funding allocated</i> | <i>Identification of good working practices for further development and areas that require improvement with a view to supporting the delivery of resilient communities</i> | <i>Alan Smith/Liz Grieve</i>      | <i>By SCVCG January 2021</i> |
| 4 November                                       | <b>Cllr. Bobby Feeley</b>   | 1. Homelessness and Housing Related Support Services     | (i) To examine the effectiveness of the multi-disciplinary service in delivering homelessness services in line with                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | (i) To secure the timely delivery of outcome focussed co-ordinated support to                                                                                              | Phil Gilroy/Ann Lloyd/Abbe Harvey | By SCVCG January 2021        |

| Meeting | Lead Member(s)           | Item (description / title)                                           | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                    | Author                                  | Date Entered                             |
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|         |                          |                                                                      | <p>the Welsh Government's vision for homelessness and housing related support services; and</p> <p>(ii) to review the actions arising from the Internal Audit of 'Provision of Homeless Accommodation' as per the referral by the Governance &amp; Audit Committee in January 2021.</p> | <p>individuals and families who need it and avert them reaching crisis point; and</p> <p>(ii) To ensure that governance, risk and control weaknesses relating to the area are suitably addressed</p> |                                         |                                          |
|         | <b>Leader</b>            | 2. North Wales Economic Ambition Board Performance Quarter 2 2021/22 | To consider the Board's Quarter 2 report on its performance, work and progress in delivering its projects during 2021-22                                                                                                                                                                | To ensure that the Board delivers its priorities and projects in line with the stipulations and conditions laid out between the Board and the UK & Welsh Governments                                 | NWEAB                                   | By SCVCG<br>March 2021                   |
|         | <b>Cllr. Brian Jones</b> | 3. COVID-19 Active Travel Plan Schemes in Denbighshire               | To provide an overview of the findings in regard to the schemes' effectiveness in those town centres where they were implemented, the benefits realised from their                                                                                                                      | To evaluate the schemes' effectiveness in boosting town centre footfall during COVID-19 restrictions and                                                                                             | Emlyn Jones/Mike Jones/Ben Wilcox-Jones | December 2020<br>(rescheduled June 2021) |

| Meeting       | Lead Member(s)           | Item (description / title)                                                                    | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                       | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                              | Author                          | Date Entered           |
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|               |                          |                                                                                               | implementation and any unintended negative consequences caused by their introduction                                                                                    | identify lessons learnt for similar schemes in future and in readiness for further expansion of Active Travel schemes across the county                                                        |                                 |                        |
| 16 December   |                          |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |                        |
| February 2022 | <b>Cllr. Tony Thomas</b> | 1. Highways Grass Verge, Hedge Maintenance and Pesticide Application Policies (annual report) | To review the Council's highways grass verge, hedge maintenance and pesticide application policies, in particular the timing of cuts on the county's rural road network | To ensure that County's policies conform with bio-diversity standards that support the delivery of the Council's environment priority whilst ensuring the safety of road users and pedestrians | Tony Ward/Andy Clark/Mark Evans | February 2021          |
|               |                          |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                 |                        |
| May/June      | <b>Leader</b>            | 1. North Wales Economic Ambition Board Annual Report 2021/22                                  | To consider the Board's Quarter4/Annual Report on its work and progress during 2021-22                                                                                  | To ensure that the Board delivers its priorities and projects in line with the stipulations and conditions laid out between the Board                                                          | NWEAB                           | By SCVCG<br>March 2021 |

| Meeting  | Lead Member(s) | Item (description / title) |                                                                   | Purpose of report                                                                                                        | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                    | Author | Date Entered           |
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|          |                |                            |                                                                   |                                                                                                                          | and the UK & Welsh Governments                                                                                                                                       |        |                        |
| November | <b>Leader</b>  | 2.                         | North Wales Economic Ambition Board Performance Quarter 2 2022/23 | To consider the Board's Quarter 2 report on its performance, work and progress in delivering its projects during 2022-23 | To ensure that the Board delivers its priorities and projects in line with the stipulations and conditions laid out between the Board and the UK & Welsh Governments | NWEAB  | By SCVCG<br>March 2021 |

## Future Issues

| Item (description / title)                                                                                                                                                     | Purpose of report                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Author           | Date Entered                                                                                                                      |
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| Nature for Health Pilot Project                                                                                                                                                | To examine the pilot project and consider whether a similar project should become part of the Corporate Priority Programme of projects                                                                                        | An assessments of the benefits of the pilot project and any measurable achievements received through Services working in partnership and within existing budgets to determine whether a similar project should be rolled-out across the county and included in the Corporate Priority programme of projects to deliver the Corporate Plan | Howard Sutcliffe | BY SCVCG July 2019 (deferred with the Chair's permission October 2019, subject to further work being carried out on the proposal) |
| Update following conclusion of inquiry undertaken by the National Crime Agency in to historic abuse in North Wales Children's' Care Homes<br><i>(potentially Spring 2022?)</i> | 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

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| <i>Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act 2019 Note: information on the Act is still awaited (further delayed due to COVID – 19 and WG decision in relation to Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS))</i> | <i>To review the content of the Act and associated statutory regulations and code of practice (expected to be published in April 2020).</i> | <i>To review the implications for the Council and residents.</i> | <i>Phil Gilroy/David Soley</i> | <i>December 2019 (rescheduled April 2020 due to COVID-19) – check with lead officer in the</i> |
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|  |  |  |  | <i>autumn of 2021 whether available</i> |
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**Information/Consultation Reports**

| <b>Information / Consultation</b>                                                                                        | <b>Item (description / title)</b>                 | <b>Purpose of report</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Author</b>           | <b>Date Entered</b> |
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| <b>Information Report</b><br>(for circulation Oct 2021)                                                                  | Quarterly Monitoring of External Care Providers   | To provide details of the regular monitoring of external care service providers commissioned by the council for social care services, identifying any escalating concerns or other areas of concern             | Katie Newe/Ben Chandler | By SCVCG 2018       |
| <b>INFORMATION REPORT</b><br>(Sept 2021)                                                                                 | Collaborative Procurement Service's Annual Report | To receive information on the collaborative Service's activity and performance against targets set out in the Procurement Strategy 2019/20                                                                      | Gary Williams/Sue Rees  | By SCVCG March 2020 |
| <b>INFORMATION REPORT</b><br>(for circulation in Sept (Q1) & February (Q3) each year)<br><b>Sept 2021 &amp; Feb 2022</b> | North Wales Economic Ambition Board               | To provide information on the Board's performance and progress in delivering its priorities and projects in line with the stipulations and conditions laid out between the Board and the UK & Welsh Governments | NWEAB                   | By SCVCG March 2021 |

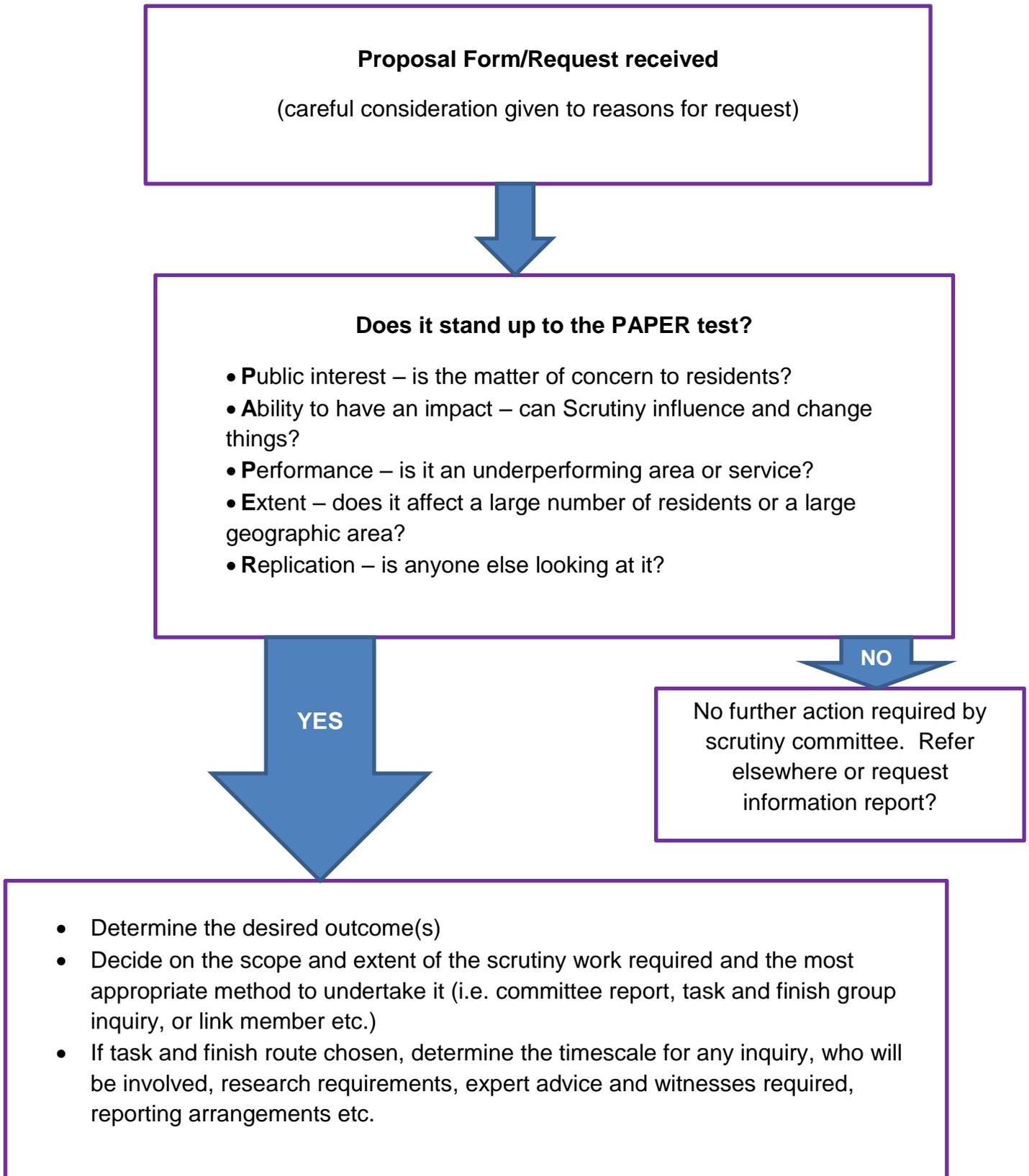
**Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines**

| Meeting      | Deadline           | Meeting    | Deadline          | Meeting     | Deadline          |
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| 16 September | <b>2 September</b> | 4 November | <b>21 October</b> | 16 December | <b>2 December</b> |

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| <b>Member Proposal Form for Scrutiny Forward Work Programme</b>                                                                                                                        |               |
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| <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><br>(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><br>(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><br>(if 'yes' please state which priority/priorities)                                                                 | <b>YES/NO</b> |
| <b>To your knowledge is anyone else looking at this matter?</b><br>(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

| Meeting        | Item (description / title) |                                                                         | Purpose of report                                                                            | Cabinet Decision required (yes/no) | Author – Lead member and contact officer                    |
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| <b>27 July</b> | 1                          | Queen's Buildings Rhyl Project                                          | To seek approval to award a contract for the delivery of Phase 1 of the Queens Building Rhyl | Yes                                | Councillor Hugh Evans / Russell Vaughan                     |
|                | 2                          | Llangollen 2020                                                         | To seek approval for proceeding with the Llangollen 2020 project                             | Yes                                | Councillor Brian Jones / Mike Jones                         |
|                | 3                          | Finance Report                                                          | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council                           | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Steve Gadd                |
|                | 4                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                                          | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention                            | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                                        |
| <b>21 Sept</b> | 1                          | External Enveloping and Energy Efficiency Framework for Council Housing | To award suppliers to the framework                                                          | Yes                                | Councillor Tony Thomas / Christopher Morris / Glyn Forsdick |
|                | 2                          | Finance Report                                                          | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council                           | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Steve Gadd                |
|                | 3                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                                          | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention                            | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                                        |

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| <b>19 Oct</b> | 1                          | Replacement LDP revised Delivery Agreement and Covid Impact Assessment | To seek Cabinet approval for revisions to the Replacement LDP Delivery Agreement and accompanying Covid19 impact assessment for submission to Welsh Government | Yes                                | Councillor Mark Young / Angela Loftus           |
|               | 2                          | Replacement LDP - Report back on Preferred Strategy consultation       | Replacement LDP Preferred Strategy consultation and seek approval for subsequent proposed amendments to the Preferred Strategy                                 | Yes                                | Councillor Mark Young / Angela Loftus           |
|               | 3                          | Finance Report                                                         | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council                                                                                             | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Steve Gadd    |
|               | 4                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees                                         | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention                                                                                              | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                            |
| <b>23 Nov</b> | 1                          | Corporate Plan Update: July to September 2021                          | To monitor the Council's progress in delivering the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022                                                                                 | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Iolo McGregor |
|               | 2                          | Finance Report                                                         | To update Cabinet on the                                                                                                                                       | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-                     |

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|               |                            |                                | current financial position of the Council                          |                                    | Hill / Steve Gadd                            |
|               | 3                          | Items from Scrutiny Committees | To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention  | Tbc                                | Scrutiny Coordinator                         |
| <b>14 Dec</b> | 1                          | Finance Report                 | To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council | Tbc                                | Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill / Steve Gadd |
|               | 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

| <i>Meeting</i> | <b><i>Deadline</i></b> | <i>Meeting</i>   | <b><i>Deadline</i></b> | <i>Meeting</i> | <b><i>Deadline</i></b> |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <i>July</i>    | <b>13 July</b>         | <i>September</i> | <b>7 September</b>     | <i>October</i> | <b>5 October</b>       |

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## Progress with Committee Resolutions

| Date of Meeting | Item number and title                                          | Resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Progress                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 20 May 2021     | 6. North Wales Economic Ambition Board's Annual Report 2020/21 | <b><u>Resolved:</u></b> - <i>subject to the above comments and observations to receive the Quarter 4 2020/21 Performance Report and the 2020/21 Annual Report of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Lead Member and Council & NWEAB officers advised of the Committee's observations and recommendation                                                                                              |
|                 | 7. Scrutiny Work Programme                                     | <b><u>Resolved:</u></b> - <i>subject to the above comments and observations to –</i><br><br>(i) <i>confirm the Committee's forward work programme (Appendix 1); and</i><br>(ii) <i>if necessary, to hold a Special meeting of the Committee to discuss Health Board capital projects in Denbighshire once Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) receive a response from the Welsh Government (WG) to its latest business case for the new North Denbighshire Community Hospital facility.</i> | The Health Board are still waiting for feedback from the WG. BCUHB representatives will be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee as soon as possible following receipt of the WG feedback |

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