

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, 15 DECEMBER 2022** In **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Pages 3 - 4)

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 5 - 10)

To receive the minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held on 27th October 2022 (copy enclosed).

The Committee will discuss the following item of business, business item number 5, in its capacity as the Council's designated Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Police & Justice Act 2006 ss. 19 and 20.

5 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (Pages 11 - 30)

To consider a report by the Community Safety Partnership Manager (copy enclosed), detailing the Partnership's achievement in delivering its 2021/22 action plan and its progress to date in delivering its action plan for 2022/23.

6 DENBIGHSHIRE VOLUNTARY SERVICES COUNCIL (DVSC)

To update the Committee on the progress achieved to date in delivering the DVSC's vision, enhancing its working relationship with the Council and voluntary organisations within Denbighshire.

7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 31 - 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.

8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Councillor Joan Butterfield (Chair)

Councillor Peter Scott (Vice-Chair)

Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones

Terry Mendies

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Raj Metri

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a *member/co-opted member of
*(*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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PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin and via video conference on Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Joan Butterfield (Chair), Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, Kelly Clewett, Pauline Edwards, Bobby Feeley, Martyn Hogg, Terry Mendies, Raj Metri, Peter Scott (Vice-Chair), David Williams and Elfed Williams

Observer - Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts

ALSO PRESENT

Lead Member for Health and Social Care; Councillor Elen Heaton.
Lead Member for Waste, Transport and the Environment; Councillor Barry Mellor.

Corporate Director: Governance and Business and Monitoring Officer (GW), Interim Head of Highways & Environmental Service (AC), Interim Waste and Recycling Manager (JL), Head of Regional Collaboration (CR), Scrutiny Coordinator (RhE), Committee administrators (SJ, Host) (NH and RhTJ)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Nicola Stubbins, Corporate Director: Communities. Gary Williams, Corporate Director: Governance and Business & Monitoring Officer was in attendance as corporate support.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kelly Clewett declared a personal interest in business item 6, 'Regional Partnership Board's Annual Report 2021/22', in her capacity as Team Leader of the Denbigh Community Resource Team (CRT) and an employee of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB).

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

None.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 July 2022 were submitted. The Committee:

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2022 be received and approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

No matters arose from the contents of the minutes.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT PROVISION

Lead Member for Waste, Transport and the Environment, Councillor Barry Mellor, introduced the report (previously circulated) alongside the Interim Head of Highways and Environmental Service and the Interim Waste and Recycling Manager. The report provided members with an update on the progress of this outsourced arrangement at the end of the contract period and detailed proposed future arrangements for the continued delivery of these services across the Denbighshire area, highlighting the risks to this outsourced arrangement and how those risks were being managed. The Lead Member explained that whilst the decision to award the contract could have been taken by the Head of Highways and Environmental Service, under powers delegated to him, both the Head of Service and Lead Member were keen to seek members' views on the contract specification, in particular the proposed amendments to the contract.

The service provider delivered Environmental Enforcement officer patrols county-wide (publically accessed land) to raise awareness and issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for low-level environmental crime offences. Most offences related to littering and contraventions of Denbighshire's Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Dog Control. They also issued FPNs for other environmental violations, including fly posting and graffiti and the enforcement of smoke-free legislation. The service provider was also responsible for a range of back-office support in relation to Fixed Penalties, including managing payment rates and preparing case files for potential prosecutions (for non-payment of FPNs and walk-offs.) They were also required to be the first point of contact for complaints and representations from the public.

The Committee was informed of the contract variations, which were –

Three Variations to the 2019 contract specification, these had come into force on 10th October 2022:

- (i) To extend the current contract for 24 months (Substantial Variation) to 9th October 2024.
- (ii) To extend the scope of the contract by including two additional areas of environmental enforcement – initially through two six-month pilots. (Not considered a substantial variation);
- (iii) The inclusion of a “termination for convenience” clause, enabling the contractor to terminate the contract with 12 weeks' notice should the contract fail to be commercially viable for them. (Not considered a substantial variation)

Members discussed the following in further detail –

- Concerns were raised regarding the low number of patrols recorded for the county's more rural areas, i.e. the Dee Valley, Denbigh and Ruthin areas, as some members felt that the patrols currently focused on tourist areas. The Committee felt that there needed to be a whole Denbighshire approach to the new contract. Officers confirmed that this matter had been identified and was currently being part of an on-going discussion between the Council and the company.

- The Committee had concerns relating to the cost and profit margins for the company for delivering the service, Members were worried that this could push the company to go to sources of profit rather than dealing with the issues that concerned residents, littering and dog fouling. The officers clarified that the proposal to raise the fine levels with regards to dog fouling offences would hopefully deter such offences and reduce the levels of such offences in future. Dog fouling was regarded by the general public as a crime against people and communities therefore it was important that fines were set at a level to help deter reoffending whilst also educating persistent offenders of the impact of the crime. The Committee agreed that educating people was vital, and a good working relationship with the Communications Teams would be vital to tackling the issue effectively.
- Members referred to the possibility of some people evading being caught and fined as they walked their dogs during unsociable hours when no officers would be present. Officers clarified that they had no direct control over where and when the enforcement would occur, but discussions were underway with the service provider seeking it adapt its working hours to run from 7am to 7pm on a daily basis.
- The availability of sufficient number of bins was raised, and whether there was any method of having additional bins in rural areas. Officers advised that they used C360 enquires and complaints to determine if new or additional bins were required in certain areas.
- outdated signage was raised and needed to refresh signage across the county. Officers stated the matter was currently being reviewed, and Caru Cymru (previously Keep Wales Tidy) was being be looked at as a potential funding source for new signage.
- Regarding legal fees entailed with prosecuting offenders for non-payment of FPNs, members were advised that the Council would recover all costs via the magistrates' court system.
- It was confirmed that the Council's own Environmental Enforcement officers dealt with fly-tipping incidents, the proposal in this particular contract was for the company (District Enforcement) to complement the work of the Council's Environmental Enforcement Team by undertaking duties such as checking that businesses are in possession of the required licences and had arrangements in place to legally get rid of their waste.
- Councillor Martyn Hogg advised that he was in agreement with the proposed contract and its variations, but it would be imperative that its delivery was closely monitored and that essential data should be available to highlight the business' success.

Following an in-depth discussion, the Committee:

Resolved: - having considered the information within the report, to support the proposed contract variation extending the current outsourced arrangement with District Enforcement to 9th October 2024, and subject to the observations made during the course of the discussion:

- (i) to endorse the Delegated Decision Report 'Review of Denbighshire Council's Fixed Penalty Notice Fine Amounts for Environmental Crime***

- Offences' so that the Council may continue to deliver environmental enforcement patrols through a cost neutral arrangement (as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report); and***
- (ii) recommend that a communications plan be drawn up and instigated with a view to ensuring that the county's residents, businesses and all city, town and community councils are informed of the proposed changes prior to their implementation.***

6 REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The Lead Member for Health and Social Care alongside the Head of Regional Collaboration presented the Regional Partnership Board – Annual Report 2021/22 (previously circulated). The purpose of the report was to provide information to partners with regard to the North Wales Regional Partnership Board (NWRPB) and its activities during 2021/22.

In March 2018 the Welsh Government issued Guidance for the completion of the Regional Partnership Board Annual reports and Boards were expected to use this guidance for the completion of their reports. The report presented to the Committee contained all the information which was required to be included in accordance with the Guidance. The NWRPB report was written in a format that captured all information which required to be presented. The report also included views of a number of the Board's members.

The Board had been established to meet the requirements of Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. The Act required local authorities to make arrangements to promote co-operation with their relevant partners and others, in relation to adults with needs for care and support, carers and children. It also placed a duty on relevant partners to co-operate with, and provide information to, the local authorities for the purpose of their social services functions.

The Head of Regional Collaboration highlighted specific areas of interest within the report –

The Regional Partnership Board's role is to bring together health, social services, housing, the third sector and other partners to work together to integrate health, social care and well-being services across the region.

To support the work undertaken there is a complex governance structure as you can see on page 6 of the Annual report. The main board is the Regional Partnership Board which meets monthly and is responsible for setting a clear direction for partnership working and ensuring that this is achieved. The NWRPB formally reports to the North Wales Leadership Board.

Welsh Government provide us with revenue and capital funding to support this work.

The Integrated Care Fund (ICF) was established in 2014 and enables health and social care services to work together to support: older people with complex needs and long term conditions including dementia people with learning disabilities

children with complex needs due to disability or illness carers, including young carers children at risk of becoming looked after, in care or who are adopted.

And the transformation programme which commenced in April 2018 to improve health and social care services across Wales.

Both programmes were there to help deliver the Social Services and Wellbeing Act and the Welsh Government Strategy, A Healthier Wales through the Regional Partnership Board.

The last 12 months has seen the previous two programmes for Integration – Transformation Programme and the Integrated Care Fund come to an end and a new fund developed – the Regional Integration Fund.

- The Population Needs Assessment 2022 - the Board had successfully completed a full review of the North Wales Population Assessment in partnership with local authority and health board leads, supported by the Research, Innovation and Improvement Coordination Hub and Public Health Wales. The data and analysis contained in this Assessment would be used to help shape regional priorities and area service plans going forward.
- The establishment of a Children's Sub-Group of the NWRPB to provide strategic direction in respect of supporting families of children with specific health and social care needs.

The information contained in the Population Needs Assessment and Annual Report would assist the Board to scope and develop its regional priorities and to plan and improve services across the region.

During the discussion members raised the following matters –

- concerns regarding with the multitude of different boards across North Wales and whether they causing resources to be spread too thinly. Responding officers clarified that the various boards had their own remits and dealt with matters accordingly. The NWRPB had been established by the Welsh Government (WB) as a statutory Board and therefore its remit was defined in legislation.
- The NWRPB was undertaking some really interesting and useful work with a view to delivering better integrated health and social care services, nevertheless the general public were not aware of the amount of work which was carried out by the Board. This needed to be addressed and promoted.
- The digitisation of the work was highlighted as a challenge as many of the Board members represented different authorities/bodies and the software systems of the various organisation were not compatible with each other. This led to delays and frustration for those delivering services on the ground. Problems had been encountered by the Community Resources Teams (CRTs) and the Learning Disabilities (LD) Services with regards to this.
- Members raised the issue with staffing in the care sector, and highlighted that staff were not being paid enough and appreciated for their work. The

NWRPB Workforce Board was actively engaging with Social Care Wales to address issues relating to pay, recruitment and retention, as well as attempting to influence WG and UK governments decisions in relation to these matters.

The Committee:

Resolved: -

- (i) to confirm that it had read, understood and taken into account the work that was required to be undertaken by the Regional Partnership Board; and***
- (ii) subject to the above observations on the work and progress during 2021/22 on the work areas being taken forward through the North Wales Regional Partnership Board, to receive the Annual Report and endorse its contents.***

7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Coordinator submitted a report (previously circulated) seeking members' review of the Committee's work programme. Members were informed that the purpose of the report was to review the Committee's future work to ensure it included all items requested by members.

Members were informed that items of the previous meeting which was cancelled had been rescheduled for December 2022's meeting.

The Scrutiny Coordinator requested the Committee to nomination a representative to serve on the Project Board for Bwthyn y Ddôl. Councillor Bobby Feeley advised she would be happy to be the representative on the Board, this nomination was seconded by Councillor Martyn Hogg. All present were in agreement with the proposal.

The Committee:

Resolved: *subject to the above amendments and additions to –*

- (i) confirm the Committee's draft forward work programme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and***
- (ii) to appoint Councillor Bobby Feeley as Denbighshire County Council's Scrutiny Committee representative on the Bwthyn y Ddôl Project Board.***

8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

None.

The meeting concluded at 12.15pm.

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	15th December 2022
Lead Member / Officer	Councillor Rhys Thomas, Lead Member for Housing and Communities/ Sian Taylor, Community Safety Manager
Head of Service	Nicola Kneale, Interim Head of Business Improvement & Modernisation
Report author	Sian Taylor Community Safety Manager
Title	Community Safety Partnership Annual Update for 2021-2022

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) activity and performance report is based on the joint partnership priorities as identified in the North Wales audit of crime that is conducted annually. The Police and Crime Commissioner agrees the priorities and then draws up an action plan to be delivered locally that is monitored by the Safer North Wales Partnership Board. Locally we deliver this action plan by analysing what is happening in our local area and implementing local solutions.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee of the activity of the Joint Community Safety Partnership (CSP) from April 2021- March 2022.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1 That Partnerships Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the contents of the attached performance and statistical update for 2021-2022.

4. Report details

4.1 CSP's were created in 1998 to develop and implement strategies and action plans to reduce crime and disorder. Each Authority had its own CSP. Some 14 years ago Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) and Denbighshire County Council (DCC) merged their Community Safety teams into a single team, with CCBC being the main employer. Business Improvement and Modernisation take the lead for managing the Community Safety Partnership in Denbighshire.

4.2 The Community Safety Partnership meeting regime consists of:

- Strategic Steering Group – which meets three times a year
- Anti-social Behaviour Tasking Group – held every month and attended by Senior Enforcement Officers and Housing
- Task and finish groups as and when required

4.3 The three priority areas for 2021-2022 were as follows:

Priority area 1- Work in Partnership to Reduce Crime and Disorder

- Reduce victim based crime
- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Support vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime
- Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and ASB for victims and perpetrators
- Work with the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) to manage the levels of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse
- Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase the confidence in reporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence

Priority area 2- Work in Partnership to Reduce reoffending- National/ Regional Priority.

- Adult reoffending (18+)
- Children and young people reoffending (12-17)

Priority area 3- Local priorities

- Reduce crime linked to licensed premises and taxis
- Improve confidence in reporting Antisocial Behaviour to the Local Authority
- Deal with any ASB hotspot areas in partnership with others
- Raise awareness locally of emerging crime issues

4.4 Each Priority area has a number of performance indicators assigned to it to monitor progress and crime trends. We review all of the statistics on a quarterly basis at the Strategic Steering Group and monthly at a local area and act on any emerging issues.

4.5 Please see attached the Community Safety Partnership performance and Statistical report for 2021-2022 (**Appendix 1**)

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Themes

5.1 Where relevant, the work of the Community Safety Partnership is aligned to the Community Resilience Priority.

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

6.1 The partnership projects within the Action Plan are fully grant funded, however each service will allocate a certain amount of funding which will directly support the outcomes for reducing crime in Denbighshire.

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

7.1 Not required.

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

8.1 The CSP consulted on the 2021-2022 Activity Plans via all Responsible Authorities (Local Authority, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, North Wales Police, Wales Probation and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)).

8.2 The CSP reports annually to the Council's Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 It is important that the cost of delivering the Community Safety Action Plan continues to be contained within the external funding and budgets available.

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

10.1 That information coming into and out of the Local Authority is appropriately shared and actioned. This is now managed via a quarterly written community safety report to the Strategic Leadership Team and Lead Member and by also establishing a quarterly meeting of senior officers who attend the Regional Community Safety and Safeguarding Boards.

11. Power to make the decision

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Police Reform Act 2002
- Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000
- Section 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act
- Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009
- Section 7.15.2 of the Council's Constitution stipulates that Partnerships Scrutiny Committee as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee has a duty to ensure that the Council's interests, resources and priorities are reflected in the work of the CSP, in accordance with ss19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

Contact Officer:

Sian Taylor - Community Safety Partnership Manager



Community Safety Partnership

Performance report for 2021-2022 for Denbighshire

Overall Community Safety Plan Performance summary

Of the three main priority areas of work for the Community Safety Partnership at the end of March 2022 two were Acceptable and one Good. We have seen an increase in the numbers of youth offending, domestic abuse and stalking however we have seen reductions in all of the other types of crimes we are required to monitor when compared to the year before.

When comparing to last year one area has seen a change in status and that is due to an increase in youth offending. It has resulted in the Good status changing to Acceptable under reducing reoffending performance category.

Outcome and Performance summary

Here is a summary position for each Partnership Priority in 2021- March 2022.

Key

The Colours

Colour	Measure Status
Green	Excellent
Yellow	Good
Orange	Acceptable
Red	Priority for improvement

Priority	Activity Description	Performance Status	Project/ activity Progress
<p><u>Priority 1</u> Reduce Crime and Disorder in the area by working in partnership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce victim based crime • Reduce Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) • Support vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime • Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and Antisocial Behaviour for victims and perpetrators • Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence • Increase the confidence in reporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence • Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence • Work with the Multi-agency risk assessment Conference to manage all levels of repeat victims of domestic abuse 	<p>Acceptable</p>	<p>Good</p>
<p><u>Priority2</u> Reduce Reoffending</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult reoffending • Children and young people reoffending • Work collectively in preventing Organised crime 	<p>Acceptable</p>	<p>Good</p>
<p><u>Priority 3</u> Local and Regional priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collectively to manage antisocial behaviour and the response to antisocial behaviour locally. • Work collectively on Domestic abuse and violence locally 	<p>Good</p>	<p>Good</p>

Priority 1- Reduce Crime and Disorder in Denbighshire by working in partnership

**Priority 1 performance status-
Acceptable**

Overall the performance for the Partnership is **Acceptable** due to the continued increased numbers of victims of domestic abuse and stalking and harassment. The status in 2021-2022 remains the same as 2020-2021

Work of the partnership included;

- Raising awareness of victim based crimes via social media, attending events and making sure information is available on our websites.
- Home and business surveys carried out by crime reduction advisors and Police Community Support Officers to help prevent burglaries.
- We provided 32 homes with target hardening equipment and crime prevention advice (Locks/door bars etc.)
- We participated in the monthly Multiagency Risk Assessment Conference meeting called MARAC's online where victims of domestic abuse are discussed and where action plans for assistance are put in place.
- Denbighshire sent out numerous press releases on domestic abuse throughout the year led by our Lead Member and we changed the colour of the Pont y Ddraig Bridge to signify the support of the Local Authority on White Ribbon day on the 25th of November 2021. We also held a vigil with partners in the events arena in Rhyl to show our support to preventing violence. The International day is dedicated to raising awareness of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls. Denbighshire Leisure were very supportive of the event and enabled us to hold the vigil in the events arena free of charge.
- We promoted the 'Live fear free All Wales helpline' received 192 calls from Denbighshire residents. We have been promoting the helpline number at every opportunity.



Photograph shows the landmarks and the Vigil held 25th November 2021

**Priority 1 Project/activity update –
Good**

We, as a Partnership continued with the work identified in our work plan for 2021-2022. We also added additional multi agency groups to look at the disruption of organised crime by utilising the individual powers in each organisation. This group helps to provide the police with a rich picture of what's going on with individuals identified as being involved with organised crime.

Regional meetings continued discussing Modern Day Slavery, County Lines, Integrated Offender Management, Domestic abuse and substance misuse via the Area Planning Board meetings. There have also been a number of regional operational groups established to help carry forward specific pieces of work. For example preventing terrorism operational group, modern day slavery operational group to name a couple.

Many things which require us to do face to face engagement we managed to do utilising online technology in the first half of the year and attending events in person once they started again later in the year.

Priority 2- Reducing reoffending

**Priority 2 performance status-
Acceptable**

Overall the performance for the partnership is **Acceptable**

Denbighshire	Fiscal Year (YTD)		Change (YTD)
	2020/21	2021/22	
Repeat offenders (Aged 18 and over)	223	189	-15.2%
Repeat offenders (Aged 17 and under)	14	27	92.9%

In 2021-2022 we have seen reductions in adult offending and an increase in youth offending hence the status being acceptable.

The work of the partnership is as follows:

- Local Integrated offender management programmes continues remotely initially and have managed adult offender and those young people transitioning between childhood and adulthood.
- We continued to promote community resolutions and restorative justice when solving minor issues, some of this work was online and the victims of crime found
- We attended the quarterly multiagency online Prevent and Deter meetings where we discuss those young people coming to the attention of the Police and Youth Justice Service so that a plan of support can be put in place to help prevent further offending.
- We have attended 5 restorative justice conferences where we have acted as the critical friend in the process.
- We are currently working in partnership to identify repeat antisocial behaviour (ASB) youth offenders as this is one of the common denominators in issues we have with ASB in communities.
- We have been working closely with the Youth Justice Service and the Youth services in Denbighshire to access some deterrents for young people and some diversionary activities when youth antisocial behaviour issues have been raised with us as a partnership as well as sharing intelligence with the police so that repeat offenders are targeted.
- We have established a dedicated forum in Rhyl to look at crime and disorder matters. This group has been established as there are a number of issues in the area that require a single coordination point.

**Priority 2 Project /activity update-
Good**

The Community Safety Partnership continued to support the multiagency attendance at the Integrated Offender Management programme and assisting with the actions of that programme. We will continue to assist with the programme, which will also address Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) and County Lines work.

We are now trying more targeted work with young offenders as the numbers are relatively small and we think we can have an impact of diverting the offending behaviour. This work will be ongoing.

Priority 3- Local Priorities

Priority 3 performance status- Good

Overall performance of the partnership is Good

In 2020-2021 we have seen a slight increase in the number of reports of antisocial behaviour and repeat victims of ASB. The work of the partnership was as follows:

- Establishing local multiagency groups in Denbighshire to manage repeat incidents of Antisocial Behaviour
- Promoting the use of community resolutions to resolve repeat incidents of antisocial behaviour
- Using, when appropriate community protection notices / Public Space Protection Orders
- Control of licenced premises and enforcement and monitoring of taxi licences undertaken by the licensing department. All of this work was slightly different when lockdown first hit.
- Operations targeting Car washes under modern day slavery action plans (this work continued in March 2022)
- Sharing information about online fraud utilising National campaigns especially given the reliance on online platforms for everything.
- Community Tension Monitoring this included hate crime monitoring with the assistance of the Regional cohesion team
- Monitoring of protests and vigils
- Applying for additional third sector funding for additional domestic abuse services locally.

Priority 3 Project/activity update- Good

We will continue to support the monthly Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) tasking meeting which monitors repeat incidents of ASB and provides a multi-agency response to issues raised as well as taking part in restorative justice conferences and promoting community resolutions and mediation.

We participated in raising awareness of Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery and County Lines locally, the direction for this work comes from the newly established Regional Vulnerability and Exploitation board and the operational subgroups.

Internally the corporate priority on domestic abuse was split into specific work areas including; Communications internally and externally, training and early intervention. This work complimented the work of the Regional Vulnerabilities Board and the regional domestic abuse team.

Additional police activity was carried out in the area of the Night Time economy specifically looking at violence against women and girls

Ask Angela schemes still running in public houses in Denbighshire (where people can ask bar staff for help if they feel threatened or uncomfortable in anyway and they will be given a way out and any assistance required)

A scheme in Conwy and Denbighshire was established where the consulting rooms in all pharmacies can be used as a safe space.

5k Welsh Government Regional Communication Grant for Domestic abuse spent on Live Fear Free merchandise – lip balms, hand sanitisers and pens –left in GP practices and pharmacies in rural/coastal areas. These were also sent to North Wales Police for distribution during Christmas campaigns in licensed premises. It is hoped that people requiring assistance will see/use the free telephone number on innocuous products. Products specially chosen as they are everyday products and easy to conceal.

Healthy relationships sessions held in schools and youth clubs. This is aimed at educating young people on what is a normal way to behave and what isn't.

£20k Revenue Funding Grants awarded for the Regional Caring Dad's perpetrator programme and also a support worker to work with mothers and children of those attending programme. There is a greater push regionally and nationally to focus some resources on perpetrators and preventing the behaviour in the first instance.

£252k Capital funding secured from the Welsh Government to provide three additional disbursed units for victims of domestic abuse with additional complex needs (particularly focussed on substance misuse and mental health issues)

Regional Team working with Local Authorities to reinvigorate Whole School Approach group to map current delivery of interventions in schools and identify gaps, focussing on the need to challenge gender norms and stereotypes and include bystander interventions. Now working with School Beat to coordinate delivery in schools.

Child workers across the region delivering 1-2-1 support in schools, other safe locations and on zoom.

Specialist Domestic Abuse/Sexual violence services are all trained in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and a number offer ACE Recovery as part of their suite of services. All specialist services in North Wales work in a trauma informed, victim focused way.

Crime Statistics from 2019-2020 and 2020 - March 2022

Denbighshire - Crime & Incident Data: 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2021	Fiscal Year (YTD)			Change (YTD)
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	
All Victim Based Crime	9,338	7,791	10,645	36.6%
Violence with injury	1,257	940	1,321	40.5%
Violence without injury	2,193	1,831	2,248	22.8%
Stalking & Harassment	1,260	1,480	1,975	33.4%
Sexual offences	431	316	508	60.8%
Burglary Residential	332	232	268	15.5%
Burglary - Business and Community	168	84	114	35.7%
Robbery	61	27	45	66.7%
Vehicle Crime	400	123	182	48.0%
Theft and Handling	1,541	1,029	1,430	39.0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1,191	852	1,111	30.4%
Domestic Crime	1,822	2,065	2,516	21.8%
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	2,385	2,498	2,707	8.4%

In 7 of the 13 crime and incident categories, 2021/22 recorded the highest Year to Date (YTD) volumes in Denbighshire. The remaining 6 categories were all at their highest level in 2019/20 and are all acquisitive crime related, plus *Criminal Damage & Arson*.

In 10 of the 13 categories, 2020/21 recorded the lowest YTD volumes. As has previously been reported, COVID-19 lockdown's this time last year significantly affected volumes of crime, in particular violence offences and acquisitive crime.

Conwy's figures- comparison for Members as previously requested

Conwy - Crime & Incident Data: 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2021	Fiscal Year (YTD)			Change (YTD)
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	
All Victim Based Crime	9,076	8,675	10,748	23.9%
Violence with injury	1,224	1,054	1,337	26.9%
Violence without injury	2,074	1,865	2,325	24.7%
Stalking & Harassment	1,323	1,708	2,059	20.6%
Sexual offences	444	417	483	15.8%
Burglary Residential	373	185	238	28.6%
Burglary - Business and Community	215	92	119	29.3%
Robbery	45	30	29	-3.3%
Vehicle Crime	359	193	234	21.2%
Theft and Handling	1,511	1,092	1,280	17.2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1,332	1,089	1,346	23.6%
Domestic Crime	1,961	2,266	2,642	16.6%
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)	3,438	3,433	3,458	0.7%

In 8 of the 13 crime and incident categories, 2021/22 recorded the highest YTD volumes in Conwy. The remaining 5 categories were all at their highest level in 2019/20 and are all acquisitive crime related.

In 10 of the 13 categories, 2020/21 recorded the lowest YTD volumes. As has previously been reported, COVID-19 lockdown's this time last year significantly affected volumes of crime, in particular violence offences and acquisitive crime.

Crime Category explanation

Violence Offences

Violence against the person offences have increased fairly significantly in both Conwy and Denbighshire at the end of Q4 2021/22, compared to the same period last year.

The closure of the night-time economy due to COVID-19 restrictions for the majority of 2020/21 had a significant impact on volumes of violent crimes. We are now seeing those volumes return to pre-COVID levels since the re-opening of the hospitality sector.

Stalking & Harassment

Year-on-year increases in volume have been seen in both counties. In April 2020, the Home Office made changes to the category of Stalking & Harassment and included a number of additional offence types within it, such as coercive and controlling behaviour. This, along with more scrutiny around secondary/additional crimes has led to increases across the force, and nationally, in this category.

Sexual Offences

The Q2 2021/22 recorded level of Sexual Offences in Conwy and Denbighshire has increased in comparison to 2020/21. The data shows that during 2020/21, there was a decrease in both counties in comparison to pre and post COVID. It should also be noted that there can be significant fluctuations in reported offences from week to week, partly due to reporting of historic offences.

Acquisitive Crime

(Acquisitive crime includes the categories *Burglary Residential, Burglary Business & Community, Robbery, Vehicle Crime and Theft & Handling*)

Burglary Residential offences fell sharply in 2020/21. This was no doubt due to the huge increase in people working from home or being furloughed due to the pandemic, with dwellings rarely being left unoccupied. Whilst there has been an increase in volumes in both counties in 2021/22, they are still well below pre-COVID volumes.

The 4 other categories of acquisitive crime all saw decreases in 2020/21, again caused by the effects of COVID-19 restrictions; people weren't using their cars as often and leaving them in public places, business' and non-essential retail were closed down and restrictions on movement didn't allow for people to just be 'out and about' without valid reason. These 4 categories have all seen increases in the first half of 2021/22, however the volumes in both counties are still much lower than the pre-pandemic volumes.

Criminal Damage & Arson

Due to the nature of these offences, it is unsurprising that volumes fell in 2020/21, whilst lockdown restrictions were in place. Inevitably, as restrictions have been eased there are increases this year in both counties and volumes have returned to 2019/20 levels.

Domestic Crime

There have been year-on-year increases in the volume of domestic crimes in both counties between 2019/20 - 2021/22. Violence offences and Stalking & Harassment, recorded as domestic related, have seen sharp increases this year in both counties. This trend has been seen across the force area.

It should be noted that Domestic Crimes, recorded as additional/secondary crimes as required by the Home Office, increased by over 30% in Conwy and over 35% in Denbighshire in 2021/22.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB in Denbighshire increased in 2021/22, whilst Conwy also saw a slight increase. The volumes in both counties are higher than the pre-pandemic volumes.

Nationally there has been a marked increase in youth related ASB since the end of lockdown and similar increases have been noted in the monthly ASB multi-agency tasking groups across North Wales.

Repeat victims of ASB, repeat locations where ASB is occurring and high risk vulnerable victims are referred for review to monthly multi-agency tasking groups.

Work to do in Denbighshire 2022-2023

As you can see above there is a great deal of work to be done. We will continue to work regionally to access additional funding for third sector domestic abuse services and to make sure the support services we have are as robust as they can be to cope with the increases we are seeing.

We will continue with our problem solving approach to antisocial behaviour. It would appear from the number of multiagency meetings we have arranged and participated in that this is the best way to deal with repeat incidents is to bring everyone together and update those suffering from ASB on a regular basis to ensure they are consulted and updated.

Youth ASB has been a focus over the last 12 months and will continue to be so. We are working collectively to identify those who are continuously causing issue in our communities.

We are anticipating a rise in all crime areas over the next year due to socio-economic issues communities are facing. There are discussions about preventing crimes ongoing regionally, such as campaigns about securing properties and businesses across the County.

We will continue assisting the Rural crime Team in the police with the promotion of crime prevention measures and the use of smartwater a bespoke DNA address identification liquid for high value farm items such as quad bikes and target hardening measures. As we enter a period of economic uncertainty history shows us these types of crimes will increase as these items are very valuable and sought after on the black market.

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	15 December 2022
Head of Service	Lisa Jones, Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Report author	Rhian Evans, Scrutiny Co-ordinator
Title	Scrutiny Work Programme

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 The report seeks Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to review its draft forward work programme (see Appendix 1). As part of its review 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 work underway under the recovery phase, whilst also prioritising matters which the Committee deems important to scrutinise.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 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 determines whether any key messages or themes from the current meeting should be publicised 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 themes (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 Scrutiny’s business agenda they have to submit a formal request to the SCVCG seeking Scrutiny to consider 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.

- 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.

Cabinet Forward Work Programme

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

Progress on Committee Resolutions

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

5. Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group

- 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 met on 24 November 2022. At that meeting no items were referred to this Committee for detailed examination. The Group's next meeting is scheduled for 19 January 2023.

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

- 6.1 Effective scrutiny will assist the Council to deliver its corporate themes 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 themes, improve outcomes for residents whilst also managing austere budget and resource pressures.

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

- 7.1 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?

8.1. 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?

9.1. 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?

10.1 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
9 February 2023 Representatives from NWP & BCUHB to be invited to attend	Cllr. Elen Heaton	1. Partnership Working in Relation to Mental Health	To examine the working relationships and communication channels between the Council's Social Care Services, North Wales Police and the Health Board in relation to Mental Health matters	An understanding of the working arrangements and communication channels between all partners with a view to identifying any gaps and recommending ways to strengthen partnership working in this area	Nicola Stubbins/Ann Lloyd/David Soley/NWP/BCUHB	By SCVCG January 2022 (rescheduled October 2022)
	Cllr. Elen Heaton	2. North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project	To consider the current position with regards to the project's delivery, including potential barriers, any proposed changes to the original plans, the expected timescale for various phases involved with its delivery	An understanding of current timescales and project brief to support the Council to plan its services for residents across the county	BCUHB	By SCVCG July 2022
30 March						
18 May						

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Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
6 July	Leader (NWEAB Programme Office reps also to attend)	1. North Wales Economic Ambition Board Annual Report 2022/23	To consider the Board's Quarter4/Annual Report on its work and progress 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/Emlyn Jones	July 2022
	Cllr. Elen Heaton	2. Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding 2022/23	To consider the annual report on adult safeguarding, and information in place to meet the statutory requirements of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 and an evaluation of the financial and resource impact of the Supreme Court's 2014 Judgement on deprivation of liberty on the Service and its work (data to include actual numbers in each category as well as % figures and the actual	An evaluation of whether the Authority is meeting its statutory duty with respect to adult safeguarding and has sufficient resources to undertake this work along with the additional work in the wake of the Supreme Court's judgement	David Soley/Alaw Pierce/Nerys Tompsett	June 2022

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Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
			number of allegations proven)			
14 September	Cllr. Rhys Thomas	1. Community Safety Partnership [Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee]	To detail the Partnership's achievement in delivering its 2022/23 action plan and its progress to date in delivering its action plan for 2023/24. The report to include financial sources and the progress made in spending the allocated funding. (report to include actual numbers as well as percentages to enable the Committee to effectively evaluate the impact of measures put in place)	Effective monitoring of the CSP's delivery of its action plan for 2022/23 and its progress to date in delivering its plan for 2023/24 will ensure that the CSP delivers the services which the Council and local residents require	Nicola Kneale/Sian Taylor	September 2022
	Cllr. Elen Heaton	2. North Wales Regional Partnership Board Annual Report 2022/23	To provide an overview of the Regional Partnership Board's activities during 2022/23 and its priority areas for 2023/24	Ensure that the Board is working effectively to support the delivery seamless health, social care and well-being services for	Nicola Stubbins/Catrin Roberts	October 2022

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Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
				Denbighshire residents and the wider North Wales region		
26 October						
14 December						

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Future Issues

Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered

For future years

<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)). Not now expected to be implemented before the spring of 2023.</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>Ann Lloyd/David Soley</i>	<i>December 2019 (rescheduled April 2020 due to COVID-19) – check with lead officer in the spring of 2023 whether available</i>

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Information/Consultation Reports

Information / Consultation	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Author	Date Entered
Information Report (for circulation December 2022)	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/Liana Duffy/Zoe Bradley-Ashcroft	By SCVCG 2018
Information Report <i>(for circulation in early 2023)</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
INFORMATION REPORT (for circulation in Sept (Q1), Nov/Dec (Q2) & February (Q3) each year) Nov 2022 & Feb & Sept 2023	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/Emlyn Jones	December 2021

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INFORMATION REPORT (September 2023)	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 for 2022/23	Gary Williams/Lisa Jones	By SCVCG March 2020 rescheduled February 2022
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Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

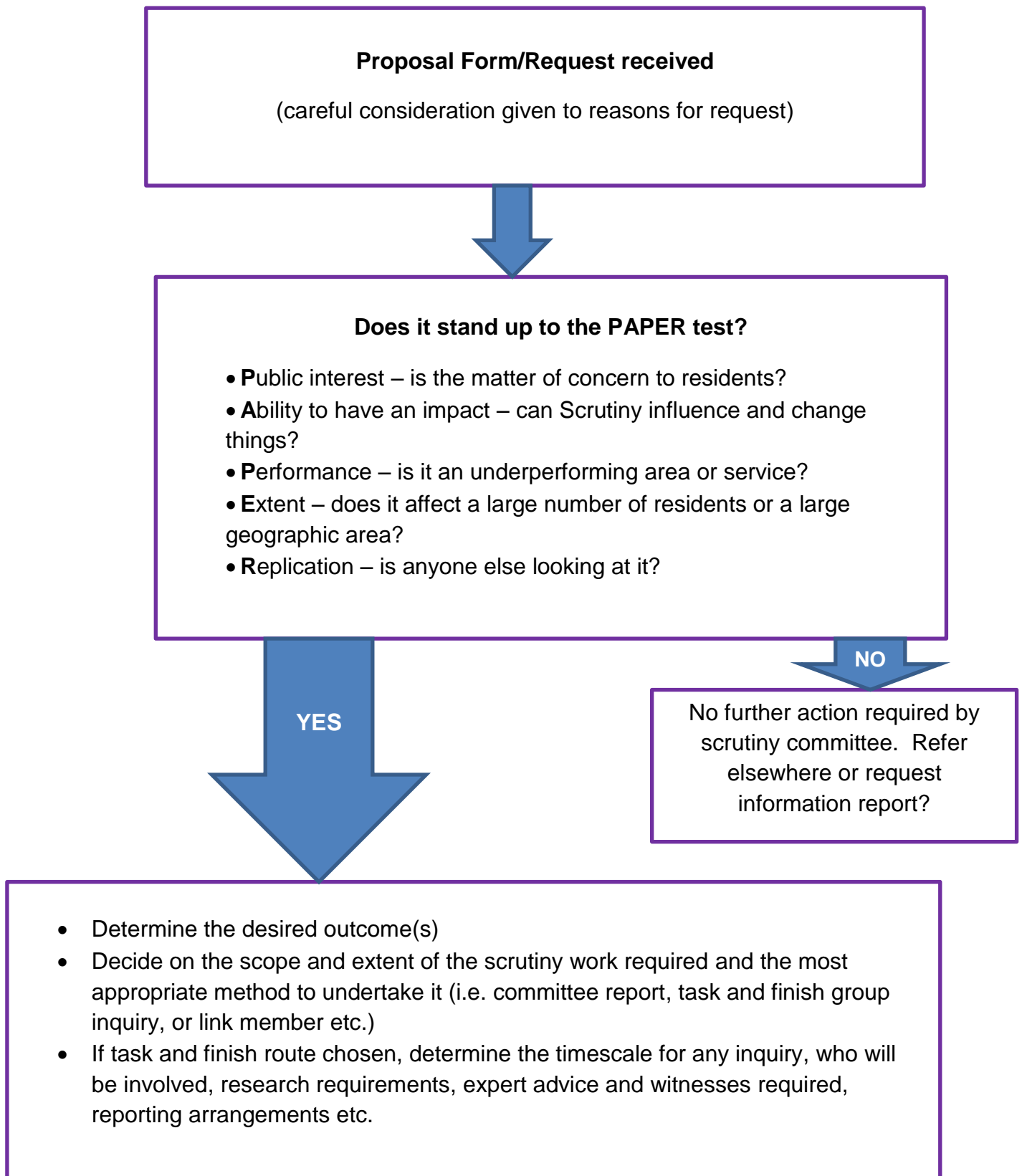
Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
9 February 2023	26 January 2023	30 March	16 March	18 May	3 May (due to B/H)

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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



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Meeting	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer	
24 Jan	1	Queen’s Market: Operator Contract Award	Following the culmination of the procurement process to appoint an operator for the Queen’s Market in Rhyl, approval is sought from Cabinet to award a contract to the preferred tenderer	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer Emlyn Jones Report Author Russ Vaughan
	2	Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn	To consider the Outline Business Case for the proposed new building for Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn	Tbc	Cllr Gill German Lead Officer Geraint Davies Report Author James Curran
	3	Denbighshire Learning Disability Supported Living Schemes	To ask Cabinet to approve the temporary extension of these contracts and to approve the timescale and process for the recommissioning/retendering of the contracts.	Yes	Cllr Elen Heaton Lead Officer David Soley Report Author Alison Heaton
	4	Shared Prosperity Funding – Investment Proposals	To seek Cabinet approval for spend against the Shared Prosperity Fund	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer – Liz Grieve Report Author – Melanie Evans
	5	North East Wales Archive Project	To provide Cabinet with an update, and to seek	Tbc	Cllr Emrys Wynne Lead Officer –Liz Grieve

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Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
			authorisation to submit a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant application		Report Author – Craig Berry
	6	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	7	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
21 Feb					
	1	Shared Prosperity Funding – Investment Proposals	To seek Cabinet approval for spend against the Shared Prosperity Fund	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer – Liz Grieve Report Author – Melanie Evans
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
28 March					
	1	Shared Prosperity Funding – Investment Proposals	To seek Cabinet approval for spend against the Shared Prosperity Fund	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer – Liz Grieve Report Author – Melanie

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Meeting	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
				Evans
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
25 April	1	Shared Prosperity Funding – Investment Proposals	To seek Cabinet approval for spend against the Shared Prosperity Fund	Yes Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer – Liz Grieve Report Author – Melanie Evans
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
23 May	1	Shared Prosperity Funding – Investment Proposals	To seek Cabinet approval for spend against the Shared Prosperity Fund	Yes Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer – Liz Grieve Report Author – Melanie Evans

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Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet’s attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
27 June	1	Shared Prosperity Funding – Investment Proposals	To seek Cabinet approval for spend against the Shared Prosperity Fund	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer – Liz Grieve Report Author – Melanie Evans
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet’s attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator

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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>13 December</i>	<i>29 November</i>	<i>24 January</i>	<i>10 January</i>	<i>21 February</i>	<i>7 February</i>

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Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
27 October 2022	5. Environmental Enforcement Services Contract Provision	<p><u>Resolved:</u> - <i>having considered the information within the report, to support the proposed contract variation extending the current outsourced arrangement with District Enforcement to 9th October 2024, and subject to the observations made during the course of the discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(i) to endorse the Delegated Decision Report 'Review of Denbighshire Council's Fixed Penalty Notice Fine Amounts for Environmental Crime Offences' so that the Council may continue to deliver environmental enforcement patrols through a cost neutral arrangement (as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report); and</i> <i>(ii) recommend that a communications plan be drawn up and instigated with a view to ensuring that the county's residents, businesses and all city, town and community councils are informed of the proposed changes prior to their implementation.</i> 	Lead Member and relevant officers informed of the Committee's recommendations
	6. Regional Partnership Board's Annual Report 2021/22	<p><u>Resolved:</u> -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>(i) to confirm that it had read, understood and taken into account the work that was required to be undertaken by the Regional Partnership Board; and</i> <i>(ii) subject to the above observations on the work and progress during 2021/22 on the work areas being taken forward through the North Wales Regional</i> 	The Committee's recommendations and observations have been conveyed to the Lead Member and relevant officers.

		<i>Partnership Board, to receive the Annual Report and endorse its contents.</i>	
	7. Scrutiny Work Programme	<p><u>Resolved:</u> <i>subject to the above amendments and additions to –</i></p> <p>(i) <i>confirm the Committee’s draft forward work programme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>to appoint Councillor Bobby Feeley as Denbighshire County Council’s Scrutiny Committee representative on the Bwthyn y Ddôl Project Board.</i></p>	Officers supporting the Bwthyn y Ddôl Project Board have been informed of Councillor Feeley’s appointment as Denbighshire County Council’s Scrutiny representative on the Board.