

To: Members of the Partnerships  
Scrutiny Committee

Date: 11 May 2023

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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, 18 MAY 2023** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

Yours sincerely

G. Williams  
Monitoring Officer

## **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 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR (Pages 7 - 8)**

To appoint a Vice-Chair for Partnerships Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2023/24 (copy of Role Description attached).

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

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

### **5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 9 - 18)**

To receive the minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 9 February 2023 (copy enclosed).

**6 REVIEW OF CABINET DECISION RELATING TO THE APPLICATIONS SHORTLISTED FOR SHARED PROSPERITY FUNDING (Pages 19 - 72)**

To consider a report by the Scrutiny Co-ordinator (copy attached - **which includes some confidential appendices**) the purpose of which is to seek the Committee, in accordance with the Council's Call-In Procedure Rules, to review the decision taken by Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**10.15am – 11.15am**

**BREAK 11.15am - 11.30am**

**7 MOULD & CONDENSATION IN HOUSING ASSOCIATION (RSL) HOUSING STOCK AND PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR PROPERTIES (Pages 73 - 78)**

To consider a report (copy attached) from the Lead Officer – Community Housing which details the extent of the Council's role and responsibilities in relation to mould, condensation and disrepair matters in Registered Social Landlords and private rented sector properties in Denbighshire.

**11.30am – 12.15pm**

**8 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 79 - 104)**

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.

**12.15pm – 12.30pm**

**9 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Councillors**

Councillor Joan Butterfield  
(Chair)

Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones  
Kelly Clewett  
Pauline Edwards  
Bobby Feeley  
Martyn Hogg

Terry Mendies  
Raj Metri  
Peter Scott  
David Williams  
Elfed Williams

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

### Code of Conduct for Members

### DISCLOSURE AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

I, (name)

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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## Role Description for the **Chair/Vice-Chair of Scrutiny and Scrutiny member** (as detailed in the Council's Constitution)

**Role: Scrutiny Member/Chair**

**Salary:** Band 3 (Chair only)

*Please note: items highlighted are specific to the role of Chair (and in their absence the Vice-Chair)*

### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

- To Full Council

### 2. PURPOSE OF ROLE

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

### 3. VALUES and EXPECTATIONS

- To be committed to the values of Denbighshire County Council and the following values in public office:
  - Pride
  - Integrity
  - Respect
  - Unity
  - Attend all relevant meetings

- Carry out business electronically i.e. meetings and communication, wherever possible
- To attend mandatory training as specified in the code of conduct and the constitution.
- To participate in an annual development review to continually improve the performance of the member and the Council.
- To explain and account for personal performance as a County Councillor on a regular basis, particularly through the publication of an Annual Report on the Council's web site.



## PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Ruthin and by Video Conference on Thursday, 9 February 2023 at 10.00 am.

### PRESENT

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

Lead Member for Health and Social Care, Councillor Elen Heaton was in attendance at the Committee's invitation to present an item from her portfolio.

### ALSO PRESENT

Joint Interim Head of Community Support Services (DS); Scrutiny Coordinator (RE); Committee Administrators- Host (SW) Minutes- (NH)

**Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) Representatives:** Alyson Constantine (AC), Integrated Health Community (IHC) Director of Operations (Central Area) for business item 5, and Fleur Evans, Head of Operations and Service Delivery (Centre) Mental Health and Learning Disability Division for Business item 6.

**North Wales Police Representative:** Detective Sergeant Vicki Keegans (VK) for business item 6.

Observers: Lead Member for Housing and Communities, Councillor Rhys Thomas and Councillors Hugh Irving and Andrea Tomlin.

### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Williams and from Nicola Stubbins, Corporate Director: Communities. David Soley, Joint Interim Head of Community Support Services, was deputising for the Corporate Director at the meeting.

### 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Kelly Clewett declared a personal interest in business items 5 and 6 as an employee of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

### 3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

No urgent matters had been drawn to the Chair's attention.

#### 4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 December 2022 were submitted:

**Accuracy:**

Page 8 of agenda pack: Councillor Martyn Hogg advised that the heading should read 'Crime Statistics Analysis' and not 'Crime Statics Analysis'.

The Committee:

***Resolved: that, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2022 be received and approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.***

**Matters arising:** Page 8, 'Priority 3 – Local Priorities': in response to an enquiry on whether information had been received in relation to the 'Ask Angela Scheme' the Scrutiny Co-ordinator advised that the information had been circulated as part of the 'Information Brief' document circulated to all committee members earlier in the week. The Council's Public Protection Service had advised that as far as they were aware statistics were not collected in relation to the 'Ask Angela Scheme' by the local authority or anyone else. It was primarily a scheme for individual bars to adopt with no reporting back mechanism as far as Council officers were aware. It was generally promoted by organisations as a good practice initiative.

#### 5 NORTH DENBIGHSHIRE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROJECT

The Lead Member for Health and Social Care, Councillor Elen Heaton, introduced the North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project to the Committee. The Project was to develop the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) site in Rhyl.

The Lead Member expressed the importance of the project due to the current pressures facing Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. The Project was a vital development for Denbighshire and was of top priority. Project Leaders were working closely with the Welsh Government along with working in close and continuous partnership with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB).

The Integrated Health Community (IHC), Director of Operations thanked the Committee for being invited to the meeting and proceeded to present a presentation which included the following details: -

- The Capital Project was complex in provision and delivery.
- There were opportunities for the site to include additional services such as a Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) through the Business Case process.
- Full Business Case (FBC) was approved for BCUHB in March 2021.
- Welsh Government confirmed in December 2021 that the project was sound and approvable, funding now needed to be identified.
- BCUHB approved an Estates Strategy in January 2023 placing the RAH project within the top 6 with a completed Full Business Case (FBC).

- In January 2023 the Welsh Government requested that the Health Board confirm that the RAH was a priority and asked it to obtain support in principle from the Regional Partnership Board (RPB). The Health Board were compiling a response.
- Once full approval for funding was given, the project would take 3 months to mobilise and 31 months for the construction phase to complete.

The IHC Director explained that for every development there was a detailed process that needed to be followed within the Health Board. Although this had been a lengthy process, it had given the Health Board the opportunity to ensure that it was accurate, including several additional services of importance to be offered at the RAH site.

The approval process was explained to the Committee as outlined below:-

- Strategic Outline Case
- Outline Business Case
- Full Business Case- Funding could then be agreed.

The IHC Director thanked the Council for their close partnership in aiding to deliver the project and welcomed questions from members.

A discussion between Members led to questions being raised regarding the time that it had taken to get to this stage of the Project, and how long it would take to secure funding from the Welsh Government. Unfortunately, the IHC Director advised that she did not have the information however, she reassured the Committee that there would be a continued line of communication going forward.

Councillor Martyn Hogg expressed some concerns regarding understanding the approval process and the steps involved at each stage. He questioned if there was a flow chart that could be given to illustrate this and to support members' understanding of the process. The IHC Director confirmed that there would be a flow chart that detailed the stages of the approval process as stated above. She continued to explain that there was a circuitous route for each of the stages outlined which afforded for questions to be asked. The current stage of the project was that questions had been asked by the Welsh Government of which needed to be responded to, this would then form part of the finalisation of the Business Case which would lead to funding being agreed. Over the coming weeks the IHC Director was hopeful that they would be in the position where they had responded to the Welsh Government, and this would then facilitate the final decision to be made.

Queries were raised around what the Royal Alexandra Hospital would look like once the construction was completed and what services had been agreed to operate from the site. The Joint Interim Head of Community Support Services stated that a Full Business Case had previously been shared. This indicated the Services that would be provided, including illustrations of the hospital once

completed, however he would ensure that the information was shared again with Members of the Committee.

Members questioned if there was an opportunity for the Welsh Government to be scrutinised over their decision making process, for example how the Council and the Health Board could ensure that the project was continually moving forward to the next stages. The IHC Director clarified that they had been through a process with the Estates Strategy, and it was assumed that this enabled continuous conversations with the Government and the Health Board.

Final comments were made by Members regarding the length of time that it had taken for the project to get to its current stage. Many local community hospitals in Denbighshire were closed many years ago on the promise that this facility would be a replacement.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their update and welcomed a further update at the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting which would be held in September 2023.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Committee:

***Resolved: - subject to the above observations and the provision of the additional information –***

- (i) to receive the information provided as part of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Development Project Update presentation; and***
- (ii) to request that a further progress report on all aspects of the Project's development be presented to the Committee at its September 2023 meeting.***

At this juncture, as the Committee was ahead of schedule, the Committee agreed with the Chair's proposal to vary the order of business and bring forward the Scrutiny Work Programme item.

## **6 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

The Scrutiny Coordinator guided Members through the Scrutiny Forward Work Programme (previously circulated).

It was explained that the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs had met on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and they considered a number of requests for Scrutiny at that meeting. Of the requests considered the Group asked that the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee schedule two items onto its Forward Work Programme for May 2023.

These were: -

- The Re-ballot for the Potential Rhyl Business Improvements District
- The Quality and Condition of Registered Social Landlords Housing Stock in Denbighshire.

In relation to the agenda for the next Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting due to be held on 30 March 2023, it was noted that currently there were no items to be discussed at that meeting. It was suggested by the Scrutiny Coordinator that the date of the March meeting was kept in the event that any urgent matters arose. In the event of no urgent business being forthcoming that meeting should be cancelled.

The Scrutiny Coordinator advised that in December 2022, Cabinet had approved a New Capital Process and supported the Terms of Reference for a new Capital Scrutiny Group. This would be similar to the former the Strategic Investment Group (SIG) that had been in existence during the term of the previous Council. A request had been received that one representative from each Scrutiny committee should be appointed to serve on this Group. There would be six meetings a year and the representative would be expected to report back to the Committee after they had attended the meeting. Therefore, it was requested that one representative and one substitute representative be nominated, chosen, and agreed by the Committee.

The Chair welcomed nominations from the Committee.

Councillor Peter Scott was nominated to be the representative for Partnerships Scrutiny Committee with Councillor Joan Butterfield being nominated as his substitute. Both these nominations were seconded and Members voted in favour of the appointments. At the conclusion of the discussion.

The Committee:

**Resolved:**

- (i) subject to the inclusion of a progress report on the North Denbighshire Community Hospital/Royal Alexandra Hospital Development Project for the September 2023 meeting, to confirm its forward work programme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;***
- (ii) if, nearer the date of its next scheduled meeting on 30 March 2023 no business had come forward to warrant the holding of the meeting, it was to be cancelled; and***
- (iii) to appoint Councillor Peter Scott to serve as its representative on the Capital Scrutiny Group (CSG), with Councillor Joan Butterfield to serve as his substitute.***

At this juncture the Committee adjourned for a break and resumed its business at 11.10am.

## **7 PARTNERSHIP WORKING IN RELATION TO MENTAL HEALTH**

The Lead Member introduced the Partnership Working in relation to Mental Health business item to the Committee. It was stated that the Council, BCUHB and North Wales Police (NWP) were all regularly working partnership in this particular area.

The Joint Interim Head of Community Support Services explained to the Committee that the three organisations worked in partnership together and gave a brief outline of the role of the Council within the partnership.

He explained that the three organisations worked together in a variety of situations and primarily they work within the statutory functions in which they had to deliver. This mainly included issues around the Mental Health Act and the Mental Capacity Act. This involved working with people who had mental health difficulties and required intervention, this regularly required all three partners to work together.

The following example was given: -

If a member of the community needed their mental health assessing, Social Workers and Doctors would be involved in the assessment and would visit the resident. If the resident was in a specific area in which they were difficult to reach, the Local Authority would make contact with the Magistrates Court to obtain a warrant in which North Wales Police would be asked to assist. The Police had powers under the Mental Health Act, meaning that they could detain individuals who appeared to have Mental Health difficulties. The Police would liaise with the Local Authority and the Health Board and then the three organisations would work together to ensure that that person received the assessment, support, and care that they needed.

He continued to explain that there were Community Mental Teams, and these were primarily Health Board and Local Authority employees. They worked with people who had been referred to the Mental Health Service and needed ongoing care and support.

The Head of Operations and Service Delivery Central (BCUHB) explained the work of the Health Board in the partnership. There were integrated teams predominately all working together. The Health Board had statutory obligations to deliver under the Mental Health Act, Social Services and Well-being Act. The Health Board had a dedicated Criminal Justice Liaison Service which supported 999 calls by giving support and direction should there be any mental health requirements. Co-located Health Board Teams were also based within the Local Authority.

The Head of Operations continued by stating that there were significant increases in Mental Health Referrals during and since the COVID pandemic. There were continued issues with recruiting and retaining staff which had an impact on the services which could be provided, and the workforce already in place. Discussions to address this were ongoing.

The Health Board was looking at other services available to help people without the need for them to be referred to Statutory Services. Recently the 111 Press 2

service was launched, currently operating 7 days per week 8.30am-11pm. This Service was going to become a 24-hour service in the future and was available to all members of the Community who required support. If any of the calls received to this service were deemed as urgent then an ambulance or the Police would be dispatched. The Health Board utilises co-working and deemed it vital to the successful of the partnership.

The Head of Operations stated that it was crucial that the partnership work between the Local Authority, Health Board and North Wales Police continued.

The Chair thanked The Head of Operations for her presentation.

Detective Sergeant, Vicki Keegans, explained the role of North Wales Police within the Working Partnership and her role within the Protecting Vulnerable Persons Unit.

The Detective Sergeant reiterated that the partnership worked well across all three organisations.

There was a close working relationship between Police Personnel, the Mental Health Lead within the Health Board, and other agencies to ensure there was compliance with legislation and National Guidance.

The Detective Sergeant expressed that Mental Health was very important and that it should be of a concern for everyone within the community.

It was explained that the Police responded to persons in crisis to ensure that no harm was caused to the individual or the people around them. Calls were received in the control room and it was determined if positive, urgent reactions were needed to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

The calls that came into the Control Room amongst others were:

- Suicidal ideation
- Self-harming with weapons
- Public concerns of persons putting themselves in danger.

Acting on calls that were received, ambulances would be dispatched, and further communication would be made with health partners and the Co-located Criminal Justice Health Nurses.

The Criminal Justice Health Nurses had been involved in delivering training to Police Officers on the front line and office staff regarding mental Health. The Nurses also offered support and safeguarding advice at crisis point. In many cases there was the need to support the person involved to hospital safely to be assessed and treated.

The Detective Sergeant continued to explain that the Police had the authority to detain vulnerable members of the Community under Section 136 (Mental Health). This was acted upon with careful consideration to enable them to be taken to a place of safety.

All Police Officers would submit a referral regarding the person at risk which would then be shared with other agencies, for example Social Services and the Community Mental Health Team to aid in care and support being given. The referral would then be subject to further review to decide upon a suitable response to support the individual which may involve a multi-agency strategy discussion under the All Wales Procedures Legislation. All persons detained under the Mental Health Act were reviewed by the Mental Health Act Office and statistics and data were shared with the Welsh Government and North Wales Police to improve service delivery.

The Detective Sergeant stated that Officers had regular access to training, this included Dementia training. 86% of North Wales Police Officers had received in house Mental Health training. In the coming months Officers would be attending a Young Person Mental Health Course hosted by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

The Chair thanked representatives from all three organisations for their detailed explanations regarding their valuable work undertaken.

Members discussed the following in further detail: -

- Councillor Martyn Hogg queried whether any improvements could be made to the referral process and whether the integration of services worked well. Officers stated currently there was a tender out looking at changing the referral system to a system called Pronto. This would take the reliance off emailing, instead an automated report would be sent to agencies to ensure that no important information was lost. There was a Single Point of Access (SPoA) Service in place which was a multi- agency team trained in reviewing Mental Health referrals, to establish the most suitable service and support for the individual involved.
- Questions were raised as to where individuals who had been detained were held and whether these places were deemed as sufficient for a person with Mental Health Issues. Responding Officers clarified that an individual detained under a Section 136 would be detained in one of the Section 136 Units at the hospital as a place of safety.
- It was queried as to how sensitively Dementia was dealt with within the Community and the importance of families receiving support. Officers stated that the Health Board was currently working on a Dementia Strategy which included a pathway for accessing support for carers and families. Once a diagnosis of Dementia was given, depending on the level of need, patients would be seen by Community Services and a support plan would be determined for outside agencies to get involved such as MIND.

The Chair thanked officers for the information they provided to the Committee and welcomed future progress updates.



At the conclusion of the discussion the Committee:

***Resolved:*** *to receive the information provided on the working practices of the Council's Social Care Service, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and North Wales Police in relation to mental health matters, including their partnership working arrangements aimed at ensuring the safety of individuals in crisis and the provision of appropriate support to those who required it.*

## **8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

None.

**Meeting concluded at 11.50am**

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<b>Report to</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>18 May 2023</b>
<b>Head of Service</b>	<b>Lisa Jones, Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services</b>
<b>Report author</b>	<b>Rhian Evans, Scrutiny Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Review of Cabinet Decision relating to the Applications Shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding</b>

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

- 1.1 A review under the Council's Scrutiny 'call-in' procedure of a decision taken by Cabinet, on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, on the 'Applications shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding'.

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

- 2.1 A notice of a 'call-in' was submitted by 5 non-Cabinet councillors in accordance with the Council's Constitution. The notice (attached at Annex A) calls for a review by one of the Council's Scrutiny committees into a decision taken by Cabinet on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, on the 'Applications shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding'.

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

That the Committee:

- 3.1 having considered the information in this report and its appendices, along with the representations made during the course of the discussion, determines whether to refer the decision on the 'Applications shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding', taken on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023, back to Cabinet for further consideration; and

- 3.2 if it requests Cabinet to reconsider its original decision clearly identifies the reasons its seeks the review and formulates recommendation(s) it would like Cabinet to consider.

## 4. Report details

- 4.1 On the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Cabinet considered a report on the 'Applications shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding' (copy attached at Annex B). *The appendices to Annex B are exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.*
- 4.2 At the conclusion of its discussion Cabinet resolved to:
- (a) *"confirms it has understood the application and shortlisting processes and approves those procedures being fair and open;*
  - (b) *agrees to fund the projects shortlisted by the Core Partnership Group (Appendix C to the report), and*
  - (c) *grants delegated powers to the Leader to make subsequent decisions, in consultation with the Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy and Equalities and the Corporate Director Environment and Economy. These decisions might be required should the circumstances described in paragraphs 4.9, 4.10 and 4.11 of the report occur."*
- 4.3 The Council's 'call-in' procedure defines a process for Scrutiny to exercise its statutory powers to review or scrutinise executive decisions, and to request that the decision-maker reconsiders a decision that has been taken, prior to it being implemented.
- 4.4 Cabinet's decision was published on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The 'call-in' procedure allows non-Cabinet councillors 5 working days in which to submit a notice of 'call-in'. Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts submitted a notice of 'call-in' electronically on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023. This request was supported within the permitted timescale (via individual e-mails) by four other non-Cabinet councillors, namely Councillors Pauline Edwards, Merfyn Parry, Hugh Hesketh Evans and Mark Young.
- 4.5 The reason stated for 'calling-in' the decision is as follows:

“An allocation of 25.6 million has been made to Denbighshire through the UK Prosperity Fund. An open and transparent process must be adhered to for the allocation of those funds.

Lack of understanding of the application and shortlisting process. There is no evidence of a scoring matrix and was described as “Art, not a science”. Not sufficient evidence on how projects have been awarded and approved. A lack of evidence aligning the process with the UK government guidelines. No evidence of a right of appeal for applicants or extra information gathering to support the applications. Lack of consultation with all members in the process.”

- 4.6 The Council’s ‘call-in’ procedure does stipulate that a special meeting of a scrutiny committee should be convened within 5 working days of the receipt of the Notice of Call-In of Decision unless a scrutiny committee has a scheduled meeting within that period. The procedure also states that this timeline can be extended if both the decision-maker and the chair of the scrutiny committee agree to an extension. To facilitate the provision of sufficient background information to enable the Committee to review in detail the basis of the Cabinet decision an extension to the timeline was agreed. Hence its presentation to the Committee at the current meeting.
- 4.7 The above mentioned background information, attached at Annex C, includes information on the Fund’s timeline, key events and dates, along with copies of the e-mails sent to the chairs of the Council’s Member Area Groups and Denbighshire County Council’s Shared Prosperity Fund Partnership Group members seeking their assistance in encouraging, co-ordinating and providing comments on applications for Shared Prosperity funding. In addition to the above, the following guidance was available to all to access on the Council’s website:

[UK Shared Prosperity Fund | Denbighshire County Council](#)

[UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Stage 1 - How to submit an outline project application | Denbighshire County Council](#)

- 4.8 Following consideration of the Cabinet’s decision and all representations made at the current meeting, Partnerships Scrutiny Committee must decide whether the decision should be referred back to Cabinet. If it determines that the decision merits being referred back to Cabinet the Committee needs to provide its reasons for referring it back, along with clear information on what it wants Cabinet to consider. Cabinet would consider the referral and the reasons submitted in support of the referral at its next available meeting, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. At that meeting Cabinet would be expected to demonstrate that appropriate consideration is given to the Scrutiny Committee’s recommendations.
- 4.9 Cabinet will have options to change or re-affirm its original decision.
- 4.10 If Partnerships Scrutiny Committee decides that Cabinet’s decision should not be referred back to Cabinet, then the original decision can be implemented immediately.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

- 5.1. See Section 5 of the Cabinet report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Annex B).

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

- 6.1. See Section 6 of the Cabinet report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Annex B).

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

- 7.1. See Section 7 of the Cabinet report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Annex B).

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

- 8.1 This report has been prepared under the provisions and timescales of the Council’s Constitution for a ‘call-in’ of a Cabinet decision.
- 8.2 Details of the consultation carried out prior to Cabinet taking its decision can be seen in Section 8 of the Cabinet report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Annex B).

8.3 Details of the correspondence and consultation undertaken with the Member Area Groups (MAGs) and Denbighshire County Council's Shared Prosperity Fund Partnership Group can be found at Annex C to this report.

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

9.1. See Section 9 of the Cabinet report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Annex B).

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

10.1. See Section 10 to the Cabinet report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Annex B).

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

11.1. Scrutiny's powers in relation to this matter are laid out in:

- Section 21(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 2000; and
- Sections 7.2.1 and 7.25 of the Council's Constitution

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**NOTICE OF CALL IN OF DECISION**

To: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

We, the undersigned, wish to call in the following decision (see note 1).

Decision taken by (see note 2): Cabinet

Date decision was taken: 25/11/23

Report Title: Applications shortlisted SFF

Decision (see note 3): Confirms understanding, agrees projects, grants delegated powers

Reason for Call In:

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We (see note 4) request that according to the Council's approved 'call in' procedure rules (see note 5) a meeting of the most appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be held within 5 working days (see note 6) of the date of your receipt of this notice.

1. Huw Hirlitch-Abel (print) (signature)
2. Medyn Parry (print) (signature)
3. Mark Young (print) (signature)
4. [redacted] at [redacted] (print) (signature)
5. Pauline Edwards (print) (signature)

Dated: 28/04/2023

Signatory 4 replaced by Cllr. Hugh H Evans

**Subject:** Call in  
**Date:** 28 April 2023 14:02:18

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Dear all

Please see the form and reason for the call in below. Please can the member's named reply by email to confirm that they support the call in thanks.

#### REASON FOR CALL IN

An allocation of 25.6 million has been made to Denbighshire through the UK Prosperity Fund. An open and transparent process must be adhered to for the allocation of those funds.

Lack of understanding of the application and shortlisting process. There is no evidence of a scoring matrix and was described as " Art, not a science ".

Not sufficient evidence on how projects have been awarded and approved. A lack of evidence aligning the process with the UK government guidelines. No evidence of a right of appeal for applicants or extra information gathering to support the applications. Lack of consultation with all members in the process.

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<b>Report to</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date of meeting</b>	Tuesday 25 April 2023
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Cllr Jason McLellan, Leader
<b>Head of Service</b>	Liz Grieve, Head of Housing & Communities
<b>Report author</b>	Nicola Kneale, Joint Interim Head of Support Service: Performance, Digital & Assets
<b>Title</b>	Applications shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding

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

- 1.1. Recommendations from the Core Partnership Group about which Shared Prosperity Fund applications to approve at Cabinet.

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

- 2.1. To inform Cabinet of the process that's been followed to support the application and shortlisting process associated with the Shared Prosperity Fund, and confirm their satisfaction with the process.
- 2.2. A decision is required on whether to approve the shortlisted applications that have been recommended by the Core Partnership Group.
- 2.3. It should be noted that the Appendices to this report contain details of all applications and their associated recommended outcomes. Due to the fact that this information relates to the financial and business affairs of applicant organisations, the appendices will be published under Part 2. Once Cabinet has agreed the projects to be shortlisted and applicants have been notified of their success or otherwise, the outcome of the decision will be published.
- 2.4. Upon being shortlisted, successful applicants will be invited to submit supplementary information ('Stage 2') that will enable due diligence checks, etc.

This is a non-competitive process, but there is a chance that shortlisted projects will be unable to progress should the checks be unsuccessful. Should this occur, this report asks Cabinet to delegate decision-making to the Leader in consultation with the Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy & Equalities, and the Corporate Director: Environment & Economy.

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

- 3.1. That Cabinet confirms that it has understood the application and shortlisting processes and approves those procedures as being fair and open.
- 3.2. That Cabinet agrees to fund the projects shortlisted by the Core Partnership Group in Appendix C.
- 3.3. That Cabinet grants delegated powers to the Leader to make subsequent decisions, in consultation with the Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy & Equalities, and the Corporate Director: Environment & Economy. These decisions might be required should the circumstances described in paragraphs 4.9 and 4.11 occur.

### **4. Report details**

- 4.1. The application round for year 2 & 3 funding opened on 31 January 2023 and was live until 24 February 2023. This was promoted via social media and through targeted networks such as City, Town & Community Councils; County Councillors; applicants for Community Renewal Funding, partners, etc. Information on DCC's website also noted the level of funding according to themes, and the level of capital and revenue for years 2 and 3 for each theme. This enabled applicants to develop informed bids, based on the levels of funding available.
- 4.2. 110 applications were received by Denbighshire. 70 of the applications received were regional applications (covering Denbighshire plus at least one other county) with the remaining 40 being direct delivery in Denbighshire only. The total value of applications requests received by Denbighshire was £88.7m, compared to a £25.6m allocation. Hence this fund has been heavily oversubscribed. It should also be noted that there were some detailed

parameters as stipulated by UK Government on the levels of funding available for years 2 and 3, and the proportion of capital and revenue funding available for each year, as follows:

Year 2: £5,150m (gross) – minimum 12.5% capital – plus £1,545m for Multiply

Year 3: £13,493m (gross) – minimum 17.9% capital – plus £1,545m for Multiply

Slide 1 of Appendix C gives a full overview of the monies received, including the level reserved for admin in Denbighshire and the regional team, as well as monies previously allocated to DVSC and Cadwyn Clwyd (see paragraph 4.4).

- 4.3. The DCC team that has led on development of the SPF Investment Plan and other arrangements undertook an initial screening of applications to check they passed 3 basic checks. The requirements were noted on our website as people accessed the application form, and the requirements were as follows:
- i. Projects be deliver within the county footprint;
  - ii. The value of the project must be at least £250k;
  - iii. The proposal had to be a strategic fit and not duplicate existing provision.

As a consequence, 11 applications did not pass this initial screening. They are referenced in Appendix A.

- 4.4. In its February meeting, Cabinet approved the Partnership Group's recommendation to commission DVSC and Cadwyn Clwyd (respectively) to deliver on the following themes:
- i. Healthier, Happier, Caring: Community Capacity Building
  - ii. Prosperous: Business Support Across the County

Consequently, applications that requested monies to deliver against these themes were also screened by the DCC team, due to the monies already being allocated. The 39 projects that fall into this category are also listed in Appendix A, and will be signposted to DVSC and Cadwyn Clwyd for further discussion.

- 4.5. It is important to note that those applications that have not been shortlisted are not without merit. For example, it is frequently the case that a project has not been shortlisted due to the total value of applications received exceeding the level of funding available. This points to a healthy appetite for project delivery in

the county, and it must be remembered that Shared Prosperity Funding is only one source of funding available in our county (alongside windfarm funds, lottery, community ownership fund, etc.) In recognition of this, and in support of those projects, all applications that did not make the longlist will be contacted (post-Cabinet's decision) to be informed of the outcome and to be signposted elsewhere for further support as appropriate. For those that didn't pass the basic checks this might be to DCC's Community Development team for funding advice or DCC's Economic & Business Development Team. Those applicants that had bid for monies already allocated to DVSC or Cadwyn Clwyd, will be signposted to those organisations as appropriate.

- 4.6. The actions described in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 led to the creation of a longlist of projects for consideration. A synopsis of these projects was circulated to the wider partnership group, who were invited to comment on the proposals in terms of their strategic fit and their deliverability. The wider partnership group consists of stakeholders stipulated under UK Government guidance (other public sector organisations, representatives of the business community, MPs, etc.) plus Chairs of DCC Member Area Groups and SLT. 12 responses were received, and these responses were shared with the Core Partnership Group during deliberations over the longlist. They can be seen at Appendix B.
- 4.7. The Core Partnership Group met on 21 March 2023 to review the longlist with a view to agreeing recommendations to put to Cabinet for decision at its forthcoming meeting on 25 April 2023. To facilitate this, the applications were organised by theme (in line with DCC's Investment Plan), and the Group was provided with information detailing the overall level of capital and revenue available in year 2 & year 3, plus pertinent details about each project (including a year-on-year capital and revenue split). The Group's task was to prioritise the applications against the budget provided.
- 4.8. Appendix C details – by theme - the projects that have been shortlisted (first slide for each theme) and that are recommended for approval, plus those that were considered but not shortlisted (second slide for each theme). The geographic impact spread of the proposed shortlist is as follows:

Countywide	21
Elwy	2
Rhyl	2
Dee Valley /Elwy	1
Dee Valley	1
Ruthin / Dee Valley	1
Rhyl/ Prestatyn / Elwy	1

4.9. A number of the applications are regional. Each local authority in North Wales is at liberty to make its own local decisions on whether to support each application, but differing decisions will have an impact on the regional picture. It's possible that a project that's viable when six authorities in North Wales approve it is no longer viable if only half of the North Wales LAs do so (the decision-making timelines are staggered, so we don't yet know that full picture). For example, the project's value may no longer reach the £250k minimum value threshold. It is therefore recommended that Cabinet give delegated authority to the Leader to make the final decision (as per paragraph 3.3) on whether to continue with regional projects, once the full regional picture is clear (likely to be late May). It should also be noted that the decision-making processes across the region differ; only DCC is taking SPF decisions through its Cabinet, for example.

4.10. It has previously been noted that those that have not been shortlisted are not without merit – there's just a limit to what can be funded. The Group has also therefore recommended some projects to put in reserve, should funds become available. *These are italicised on the second slide for each theme.* Please note,

funds might become available if any of the projects become unviable, are scaled back, etc.; not because we expect more monies under SPF at present.

4.11. The Core Partnership Group was advised by the SPF team that there was a level of tolerance if the value of the applications shortlisted exceeded the monies available, as it's possible that project costs will fluctuate, and some projects could be scaled to ensure affordability. Cabinet is asked to authorise that the Leader is granted powers to make a delegated decision going forward, in consultation with the Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy & Equalities, and the Corporate Director: Environment & Economy, as per recommendation 3.3.

4.12. An important note relates to the People & Skills theme. Some applications duplicate Working Denbighshire's offer, but also potentially offer added value to WD's core work (e.g. in engaging with certain population groups). As DCC is committed to the Working Denbighshire model - and in the interests of mitigating duplication of provision and the consequences that entails – the Partnership Group recommends that these projects are not shortlisted, but, instead, that Working Denbighshire uses the balance of £1,029 million from this theme to commission services from these organisations.

4.13. Following Cabinet's decision, unsuccessful applicants will be contacted and signposted to further advice. Those shortlisted will be asked to provide further detail to enable closer viability and due diligence checks to be made (Stage 2). This will include seeking an exit strategy for each project. The checks to be made will be standard across North Wales under a system designed by Gwynedd County Council as Lead Authority. It is not the intention that this round will enable further shortlisting to be done; rather that it provides assurance that the projects are deliverable and that there is a plan to deal with any liabilities at the end of project delivery.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

5.1. The Investment Plan for the SPF has been developed within the context of our corporate plan themes, and the recommendations have also been made against that context. Most notably, the projects approved will have a positive impact under the following themes:



1. A prosperous Denbighshire
2. A healthier and happier, caring Denbighshire
3. A Learning & Growing Denbighshire
4. A better connected Denbighshire
5. A greener Denbighshire
6. A fairer, safe, and more equal Denbighshire
7. A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

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

6.1 Monies required to deliver are provided by a UK Government grant. Consideration to deliverability has been given throughout this shortlisting process. Any threats to delivery that occur will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

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

7.1 This report is about awarding funding under Denbighshire County Council's SPF Investment Plan, hence a Well-being Impact Assessment is not needed.

Individual projects that are delivered by DCC with this funding may be subject to a Well-being Impact Assessment, but not this decision.

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

8.1. The longlist has been shared electronically with Denbighshire's SPF Partnership Group (including SLT and MAGs) who were asked to provide feedback. Any feedback received was then subsequently referenced at Denbighshire's SPF Core Partnership Group meeting on 21 March 2023, and is noted at Appendix B.

8.2. A shortlisting session was held with the Core Partnership Group on 21 March 2023.

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

9.1. This report sets out the process and recommendations from the Core Partnership Group. Obviously grant funding is welcome, however the time limited nature of the current funding for revenue projects in particular will need to be managed carefully over the coming two years.

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

10.1. There is a reputational risk that unsuccessful applicants will be unhappy with this decision. This is why timely correspondence to signpost to future support will be useful, as well as publically noting the level of oversubscription for this fund.

10.2. 75% of the funding is allocated to DCC projects. There is a reputational risk that this is seen as unfair from other applicants. The rationale is that strategic fit was a key consideration, and those projects shortlisted best fit the Investment Plan developed by the Council. With good governance arrangements in place in the Council this outcome is not unexpected. Nevertheless, careful explanation is required about the importance of strategic fit and the opportunity that other organisations have had to feed into decision-making, alongside the offer of ongoing support.

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

11.1. General Power of Competence under the Local Government and Elections Wales Act 2021 s.24.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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## Shared Prosperity Fund Key Dates Nov 2022 – July 2023

### November 2022

- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - SPF Briefing for Wider Partnership Group (see below for definition and membership of this Group)

### December 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - SPF Update sent to Wider Partnership Group Yr1 Projects & Eligibility
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - SPF Year 1 applications consultation with Wider Partnership Group
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - SPF Core Partnership Group Meeting - Yr 1 Projects Recommendations (see below for definition and membership of this Group)

### January 2023

- 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - Cabinet Briefing - Year 1 projects and recommendations
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Jan - SPF Theme, Interventions, Output & Outcome information on DCC Website
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan - Cabinet - Year 1 Applications for recommendation
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jan - SPF Core Partnership Group Meeting - Key funds
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - Stage 1 (S1) Guidance information available online & SPF S1 Application go live (open until 24<sup>th</sup> Feb)

### February 2023

- 6<sup>th</sup> Feb - Cabinet Briefing - Key funds
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - Cabinet - Key funds
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Application Appraisals begins with SPF Internal Officers Group

### March 2023

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Mar - S1 Application Consultation with SPF Wider Partnership Group & MAG (via MAG Chairs)
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – SPF Wider Partnership Group & MAG feedback on applications collated for Core Partnership Group Mtg
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar - S1 Feedback sent to Core Partnership Group
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mar - SPF Core Partnership Group Meeting Year 2 & 3 S1 Applications
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mar - Cabinet Briefing Papers Deadline Year 2 & 3 S1 Applications

### April 2023

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr - Cabinet Briefing - Year 2 & 3 S1 Applications
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Stage 2 (S2) Guidance information available online
- 11<sup>th</sup> Apr - Cabinet Papers Deadline - Year 2 & 3 S1 Applications
- 25<sup>th</sup> Apr - Cabinet - SPF Year 2 & 3 S1 Application Recommendations

### **Shared Prosperity Fund Core Partnership – Membership**

- DCC Lead Cabinet Member for Regeneration (Chair)
- Director of Economy, Environment & Communities
- DCC Lead Member for Equality
- DVSC
- Cadwyn Clwyd
- North Wales Police

### **Shared Prosperity Fund Partnership – Members invited to advise**

- North West & North Wales Chamber of Commerce
- Federation of Small Business
- Business Wales
- Ambition North Wales
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
- Denbighshire Employment Network
- Denbighshire Tourism Forum
- Welsh Government Representative
- Grwp Llandrillo Menai
- Natural Resources Wales
- Denbighshire Countryside Services
- Denbighshire Climate Change Program
- Denbighshire Member Area Groups (via the Chair)
- Local Members of Parliament
- Local Members of Senedd
- Local Political Group Leaders

In addition to this Multi LA Projects have also been circulated by the Regional Team for comment to:

- North Wales Regional Skills Partnership
- North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council

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Annwyl Gadeiryddion Grwpiau Ardal Aelodau

Fe fyddwch yn ymwybodol o'r Gronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin sy'n rhan o gyfres ariannu Ffyniant Bro Llywodraeth y DU.

Mae ceisiadau am y cyllid hwn nawr ar agor, a dydd Gwener 24 Chwefror yw'r dyddiad cau ar gyfer cyflwyno cais. Mae'r broses ymgeisio wedi ei hyrwyddo drwy'r cyfryngau cymdeithasol, datganiadau i'r wasg a thrwy ein rhwydweithiau.

Rhan orfodol o'r broses o lunio penderfyniadau yn ymwneud â'r Gronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin yw sefydlu Grŵp Partneriaeth (gweler y briff sydd ynghlwm). Mae'r Grŵp Partneriaeth yn un ymgynghorol o ran natur, a chaiff ei wahodd i wneud sylwadau ar geisiadau a dderbynnir gan ystyried y canlynol:

1. Cyweddu Strategaethau
2. Cyflawnadwyedd

Mae Arweinwyr Grŵp eisoes wedi eu gwahodd i fod yn rhan o'r Grŵp Partneriaeth. Fe hoffem hefyd ychwanegu Cadeiryddion y Grwpiau Ardal Aelodau i'r grŵp hwn, ac fe fyddwn yn eich gwahodd i gydlynu a chyflwyno sylwadau ar geisiadau yn unol â'r uchod **ar ran y Grŵp Ardal Aelodau rydych yn ei Gadeirio**.

Fe fydd rhagor o wybodaeth ynglŷn â dyddiadau ayb ar gael yn fuan. Mae'n rhaid i ni bwysleisio fod yna amserlen dynn yn gysylltiedig â'r Gronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin (mae'n rhaid bod wedi cyflawni erbyn Rhagfyr 2024) ac felly mae dyddiad cau llym ar gyfer derbyn sylwadau er mwyn galluogi i argymhellion gael eu gwneud i'r Cabinet ddydd Mawrth 25 Ebrill. Nid yw'r dyddiad cau yn cyd-fynd â chyfarfodydd y Grŵp Ardal Aelodau ac felly gofynnwn i gyfathrebu angenrheidiol ddigwydd rhwng aelodau'r Grŵp Ardal Aelodau y tu allan i gyfarfodydd ffurfiol (h.y. yn electronig neu yn anffurfiol).

Dear MAG Chairs.

You'll be aware of the Shared Prosperity Fund, which is part of the UK Government's Levelling Up suite of funding.

Applications for this funding are now open, with a submission deadline of Friday 24 February. The application process has been promoted via social media, press releases, and via our networks.

A compulsory part of the Shared Prosperity Fund decision-making process is the establishment of a Partnership Group (please see attached Briefing). The Partnership Group is advisory in nature, and is invited to comment on applications received in view of the following:

1. Strategic Fit
2. Deliverability

Group Leaders have already been invited to be part of the Partnership Group. We would also like to add MAG Chairs to this group, and will invite you to coordinate and submit comments on applications as per the above **on behalf of the MAG that you Chair**.

Further information about dates, etc. will soon be forthcoming. We must emphasise that there is a tight timetable associated with the Shared Prosperity Fund (delivery must be complete by December 2024) and therefore a strict deadline for receipt of comments in order to enable recommendations to be made to Cabinet on Tuesday 25 April. This deadline does not align with MAG meetings, so we'd ask that necessary communication undertaken by MAG members takes place outside of formal meetings (i.e. electronically or on an informal basis).

Cofion cynnes/ Kind regards



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Annwyl bawb,

Fel aelodau o Grŵp Partneriaeth Cronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin Cyngor Sir Ddinbych, roeddwn eisiau eich hysbysu fod y broses ymgeisio nawr ar agor. Fe agorodd ddydd Mawrth 31 Ionawr ac mae'r dyddiad cau ddydd Gwener 24 Chwefror. Hysbysebwyd hyn drwy'r cyfryngau cymdeithasol, datganiad i'r wasg a thrwy ein rhwydweithiau. Mae croeso i chi rannu'r ddolen hon. [Cronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin y DU | Cyngor Sir Ddinbych](#)

Wrth i'r ffenestr ymgeisio gau fe fyddwn yn casglu'r ceisiadau ynghyd, yn gwneud ychydig o waith sgrinio mewnol i sicrhau fod y ceisiadau yn pasio'r gwiriadau sylfaenol (h.y. eu bod yn ymdrin ag ôl troed y sir, yn bodloni'r trothwy o ran isafswm gwerth) cyn eu trosglwyddo i chi ar gyfer sylwadau. P'run ai darparu adborth gennych chi eich hun fel unigolion yw eich rôl chi neu ar ran sefydliadau neu fuddiannau yr ydych yn eu cynrychioli, fe ofynnir i chi wneud sylwadau ar yr agweddau canlynol:

1. **Cyweddu Strategol (cyfeiriwch at y themâu, ymyriadau, allbynnau a chanlyniadau drwy'r ddolen uchod. Maent o dan y penawdau glas.**
2. **Cyflawnadwyedd (h.y. hyder y gall yr ymgeisydd gyflawni'r prosiect erbyn y dyddiad cau sef Rhagfyr 2024)**

Fe fydd templed yn cael ei rannu gyda chi, yn ogystal â'r ffurflenni cais y byddwn yn gwahodd eich sylwadau arnynt ar **Ddydd Mercher 1af Mawrth**. Gofynnwn i chi ddychwelyd hwn erbyn **Dydd Mercher 15fed Mawrth**. Rydym yn rhoi'r rhybudd hwn i chi er mwyn eich galluogi chi i wneud trefniadau i ddarparu adborth erbyn y dyddiad cau a osodwyd.

Byddwn wedyn yn casglu eich adborth ac yn ei rannu gyda'r Grŵp Partneriaeth Craidd. Rôl y grŵp hwnnw yw gwneud argymhellion i'r Cabinet ar gyfer penderfyniad terfynol ddydd Mawrth 25 Ebrill.

Nodwch os gwelwch yn dda nad oes rhaid i chi ddarparu adborth ar yr holl geisiadau. Fodd bynnag, dim ond os darparwyd adborth yn y fformat y gofynnwyd amdano y gallwn ystyried eich safbwyntiau ar unrhyw rai o'r ceisiadau.

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth a'ch cyfranogiad.

Dear all,

As members of Denbighshire County Council's Shared Prosperity Fund Partnership Group, I wanted to inform you that the application process is now open. It opened on Tuesday 31 January with a closing date of Friday 24 February. It's been publicised via social media, press release and via our networks. Please feel free to share this link with yours: [UK Shared Prosperity Fund | Denbighshire County Council](#)

As the application window closes we will collate the applications, do some internal screening to ensure that applications pass basic checks (i.e. that they cover the county footprint, meet the minimum value threshold) before passing them to yourselves for comment. Whether it's your role to provide feedback from yourselves as individuals or on behalf of organisations or interests that you represent, you'll be asked to comment on the following aspects:

3. **Strategic Fit (please reference the themes, interventions, outputs and outcomes on the above link. They're under the blue headings.**
4. **Deliverability (i.e. confidence that the project can be delivered by the applicant by the deadline of December 2024)**

A template will be shared with you, along with the application forms on which we invite your comment on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. We ask you to return this by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. We give you this notice to enable you to put necessary arrangements in place to provide feedback by the deadline set.

We will then collate your feedback and share it with the Core Partnership Group whose role it is to make recommendations to Cabinet for formal decision on Tuesday 25 April.

Please note, you are not obliged to provide feedback on all applications. However, we can only consider your views on any of the applications if feedback is provided in the format requested.

Thank you for your support and participation.

Cofion cynnes/ Kind regards



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Prynhawn da,

Yn dilyn fy neges e-bost a anfonwyd atoch ddydd Llun 20 Chwefror, gallaf gadarnhau bod 111 o geisiadau wedi dod i law Cyngor Sir Ddinbych ar gyfer y Gronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin, yn dilyn y cyfnod ceisiadau.

Rydym wedi cynnal gwaith sgrinio mewnol i sicrhau bod ceisiadau'n pasio gwiriadau sylfaenol (h.y. eu bod yn cynnwys ôl-troed y sir, ac yn bodloni'r trothwy isafswm gwerth) cyn eu trosglwyddo i chi ar gyfer sylwadau. P'un ai eich rôl yw darparu adborth gennych chi fel unigolion, neu ar ran sefydliadau neu fuddiannau rydych chi'n eu cynrychioli, gofynnwn i chi roi sylwadau ar yr agweddau canlynol os gwelwch chi'n dda:

1. **Cydweddu Strategol** (cyfeiriwch at themâu, ymyriadau, allbynnau a chanlyniadau ar y ddolen uchod. Maen nhw o dan y penawdau glas. [Cronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin y DU | Cyngor Sir Ddinbych](#))
2. **Darparu** (h.y. ffydd bod modd i'r ymgeisydd ddarparu'r prosiect erbyn y dyddiad cau sef mis Rhagfyr 2024)

Gan fod y nifer o geisiadau a ddaeth i law ar gyfer Sir Ddinbych mor uchel, yn hytrach nag anfon dogfennau unigol atoch chi i'w darllen, mae taenlen ynghlwm gyda chrynodeb o wybodaeth o'r ceisiadau a ddaeth i law. Sylwch fod y rhesi coch yn dangos prosiectau nad ydynt wedi pasio'r gwiriadau cymhwysedd, ond roeddem yn meddwl y byddai'n ddefnyddiol rhannu'r wybodaeth hon gyda chi.

Ar ddiwedd pob rhes o brosiectau, mae 4 blwch i chi gofnodi eich adborth ar Gydweddu Strategol, Darparu, Sylwadau Cyffredinol ac unrhyw gysylltiadau rydych chi am eu datgan. Pe baech chi am weld y ffurflenni cais llawn ar gyfer unrhyw un o'r prosiectau, cysylltwch â ni a byddwn yn eu hanfon atoch chi. Mae croeso i chi gysylltu â ni pe baech chi'n cael unrhyw broblemau wrth lenwi'r daenlen.

Gofynnwn i chi ddychwelyd eich taenlen erbyn dydd Mercher 15 Mawrth fan bellaf. Yna byddwn yn casglu eich adborth a'i rannu gyda'r Grŵp Partneriaeth Craidd, a'u rôl fydd gwneud argymhellion i'r Cabinet er mwyn gwneud penderfyniad ffurfiol ddydd Mawrth 25 Ebrill.

Sylwch, nid oes rheidrwydd arnoch i ddarparu adborth ar bob cais. Fodd bynnag, dim ond os caiff adborth ei ddarparu yn y fformat gofynnol fydd modd i ni ystyried eich barn am unrhyw un o'r ceisiadau.

Diolch i chi am eich cefnogaeth ac am gymryd rhan.

Good afternoon,

Further to my email sent to you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. I can now confirm for you that following the application window, 111 applications were received by Denbighshire County Council for the Shared Prosperity Fund.

We have undertaken some internal screening to ensure that applications pass basic checks (i.e. that they cover the county footprint, meet the minimum value threshold) before passing them to yourselves for comment. Whether it's your role to provide feedback from yourselves as individuals, or on behalf of organisations or interests that you represent, we ask if you can please comment on the following aspects:

1. **Strategic Fit** (please reference the themes, interventions, outputs and outcomes on the above link. They're under the blue headings. [UK Shared Prosperity Fund | Denbighshire County Council](#))
2. **Deliverability** (i.e. confidence that the project can be delivered by the applicant by the deadline of December 2024)

As the number of applications received for Denbighshire was so large, rather than send you individual documents to read, attached is a spreadsheet with a summary of information from the applications received. Please note that the rows highlighted in red are projects that haven't passed the eligibility checks, but we thought it useful to share this information with you.

At the end of each project row there are 4 boxes to capture your feedback on Strategic Fit, Deliverability, General Comments and any Declarations of Interest you may have. Should you wish to see the full application forms for any of the projects, please contact us and we will make them available to you. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have issues in completing the spreadsheet.

We ask you to return your spreadsheet no later than Wednesday 15th March. We will then collate your feedback and share it with the Core Partnership Group whose role it is to make recommendations to Cabinet for formal decision on Tuesday 25 April.

Please note, you are not obliged to provide feedback on all applications. However, we can only consider your views on any of the applications if feedback is provided in the format requested.

Thank you for your support and participation.

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards



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<b>Report to</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	<b>Councillor Rhys Thomas, Lead Member for Housing &amp; Communities/Gareth Roberts/Angela Loftus/Geoff Davies</b>
<b>Head of Service</b>	<b>Emlyn Jones Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services</b>
<b>Report author</b>	<b>Geoff Davies – Lead Officer - Community Housing</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Mould &amp; Condensation in Housing Association (RSL) Housing Stock and Private Rented Sector Properties</b>

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

- 1.1. The Coroner’s report following the tragic death of 8-year-old Awaab Ishak in Rochdale was released on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- 1.2. The report concluded that Awaab died from prolonged exposure to mould in his family’s housing association flat. The Coroner said this should be a “defining moment” for the housing sector.
- 1.3. Welsh Government subsequently wrote to all social landlords in Wales (This is Councils with retained housing stock and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)), on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 asking for assurance on how landlords are responding to the case. A response was required by 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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

- 2.1. Welsh Government is currently reviewing all the responses and will provide summary feedback in due course. As part of the responses, social landlords

were asked to confirm how they will scrutinise this issue within their own governance structures.

- 2.2. Denbighshire's Community Housing service presented a report to Performance Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 to detail action taken to prevent and tackle mould and condensation in council homes.
- 2.3. The separate matter of the response of RSL's operating in Denbighshire to this issue, has been requested as an agenda item by Scrutiny.
- 2.4. It should be noted that Registered Social Landlords are responsible to their own individual Boards of Management and Welsh Government. The Council is not able to formally scrutinise the delivery of their service to their tenants.
- 2.5. The involvement of the Council would only be required if a tenant of the one of the RSL's made a complaint about the condition of their home to the Housing Enforcement Team within Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Service. This is dealt with in the report.

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

- 3.1. That the Committee confirms that it has read and understood the report and comments accordingly.

### **4. Report details**

- 4.1. Following national media coverage of the tragic death of Awaab Ishak there has understandably been a focus on mould and condensation in social housing.
- 4.2. The causes of mould and condensation are complex. In many cases the appearance of mould and condensation does not mean there is a building defect that can be fixed, however this can be impacted by the energy performance of the building as well as how heating and ventilation is managed within a home.
- 4.3. This increased focus on mould and condensation came at a time of rising energy prices when adequate heating is vital to ensure there is a constant and moderate temperature maintained within a home.

- 4.4. All tenants in the Private Rented Sector (PRS), which for this purpose includes RSL's, are able to report matters of disrepair in their home to the Councils housing enforcement team. Complaints in relation to private sector housing have remained fairly constant in recent years. Although damp & mould complaints have become more high profile recently, numbers of general complaints in the PRS have remained unchanged.
- 4.5. Housing Enforcement actions are taken under the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) of the Housing Act 2004. The statute limits what action can be taken and therefore damp & mould complaints are not categorised as emergencies. The legislation allows for the landlord sufficient time to investigate and carry out repair as part of any enforcement action that can be taken.
- 4.6. The Housing Enforcement team hold records relating to enforcement action carried out after property housing health and safety rating system inspections (HHSRS) have been carried out. One of the hazards looked for and risk rated on a visit is damp & mould.
- 4.7. In summary, enforcement action has reduced over recent years for damp & mould complaints –

<b>Date:</b>	<b>No. of premises inspections carried out where hazards identified &amp; enforcement action taken:</b>	<b>No. of these inspections where damp &amp; mould hazard identified &amp; enforcement taken:</b>	<b>Percentage:</b>
01/04/2018– 31/03/2019	299	105	35.2%
01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020	257	115	44.8%
01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022	104	41	39.4%
01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023	185	54	29.2%

- 4.8. In conjunction with the commencement of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 earlier this year, Housing Enforcement team have made a change to the complaint investigation process to ensure that the landlord is made aware of any complaint made by their tenants, in order to give them the opportunity to address the disrepair issues, before becoming formally involved. If after 21 days, the problems still exist, or significant progress hasn't been made, then Housing Enforcement will arrange to carry out an inspection. The new process

applies to all complaints received except for emergencies which are prioritised and inspected as soon as practicable

4.9. In respect of RSL's, very few complaints have been received. Where such complaints are received, Housing Enforcement would advise the tenant in the first instance to contact their housing provider so that their landlord has the opportunity to address their concerns directly. No cases with RSL's have required any further escalation or involvement.

4.10. In terms of their response to Welsh Government, two of the six local RSL's have kindly provided a copy of their response. These are not public documents and are therefore summarised below to reassure the Committee that RSL's, as responsible landlords, have responded to the issue. If any further intervention is required with regards to their responses, this will be a matter for WG and their individual boards of management.

4.11. The responses outline positive action in the following areas –

- All reports of damp, mould and condensation are recorded, inspected and the case load monitored by a senior officer with reports to senior leadership teams and boards of management.
- Clear processes are in place to manage all reports from households to ensure prompt action is taken.
- There are clear escalation processes for households that are dissatisfied with the response.
- The data provided shows a clear understanding of the extent of the issue.
- The most at risk households and properties have been targeted for intervention and support.
- All front line staff have received training and awareness to be able to identify and report any issues with mould and condensation.
- There has been significant activity with communication campaigns and within tenant engagement structures.
- Partnerships to deliver advice to households on energy efficiency and household finances are in place.



- North Wales Disrepair Action group of all North Wales RSL's and TPAS is working to seek to reduce disrepair claims and jointly improve responses to claims.
- There is significant investment and innovation in homes to improve energy efficiency measures.
- Use of technology to identify and prevent where mould may occur and improve inspection processes.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

5.1. This report outlines the RSL's approach to ensure that homes are "safe, secure and well maintained".

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

6.1. The costs of supporting tenants and managing investment in their housing stock lies with the RSL's.

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

7.1. No well-being impact assessment has been completed as this is not a request for decision on a proposal or change in policy.

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

8.1. This is a matter for the RSL's and their own governance and tenant engagement structures.

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

9.1. There are no costs to the Council incurred with this report

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

10.1. The risk with failure to properly respond effectively to reports from tenants about mould and condensation is the responsibility of each individual RSL.

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

11.1. Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 7.2.3 of the Council's Constitution.

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>18 May 2023</b>
<b>Head of Service</b>	<b>Lisa Jones, Interim Head of Legal and Democratic Services</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?**

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 how Scrutiny can support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and its aim of becoming Net Carbon Zero and Ecologically Positive by 2030, 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;
- 3.2 appoints representatives to serve on the vacant positions on the Council Service Challenge Groups; and
- 3.3 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.

### Re-ballot for potential Rhyl Business Improvement District (BID) 2<sup>nd</sup> Term

- 4.8 The Chair permitted a request from officers to defer the presentation of this report from the current meeting's business agenda until the Committee's July meeting to facilitate the business plan to be further developed (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.

## **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 9 March and 27 April 2023 and considered a number of scrutiny requests. At the conclusion of its deliberations it requested this Committee to consider an item on the 'Setting of Affordable Rent Levels'. This item is currently listed under the 'Future Items' section on the Committee's forward work programme in Appendix 1 whilst enquiries are being made on when it can be scheduled for discussion.

- 5.2 The Group's next meeting is scheduled for 25 July 2023.

## **6. Committee representation on Council Boards and Groups**

### **Service Challenge Groups**

- 6.1 Periodically the Committee is asked to appoint representatives to serve on various Council Boards or Groups.
- 6.2 Following the Chief Executive's restructure of the Council's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) the names of the restructured services are now known.

Consequently, the Committee is asked to appoint representatives to serve on the three vacant Service Challenge Groups shown on Appendix 5.

## **7. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

7.1 Effective scrutiny will assist the Council to deliver its Corporate Plan 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.

7.2 Whilst the decision on the Committee's forward work programme itself will have a neutral contribution on the Council's aim of becoming Net Carbon Zero and Ecologically Positive by 2030, the Committee by effectively scrutinising all matters examined by it can help support the delivery of this ambition.

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

8.1 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.

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

9.1. 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.

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

10.1. 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.

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

11.1 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.

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

12.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

12.2 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.



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
6 July	<b>Leader</b> (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
	<b>Cllr. Elen Heaton</b>	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	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

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
				(data to include actual numbers in each category as well as % figures and the actual number of allegations proven)			
	<b>Leader</b>	3..	Re-ballot for potential Rhyl Business Improvement District (BID) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	To examine proposals for a potential 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5-year term for the Rhyl Bid	Pre-decision scrutiny to determine whether: (i) The BID arrangements are likely to conflict to a significant extent with existing policy (ii) The burden on ratepayers from the levy is unjust; and (iii) DCC should use its votes as a levy payer to vote 'Yes' or 'No' in any ballot	Tony Ward	By SCVCG January 2023 (rescheduled May 2023)
14 September	<b>Cllr. Rhys Thomas</b>	1.	Community Safety Partnership	To detail the Partnership's achievement in delivering	Effective monitoring of the CSP's delivery of	Nicola Kneale/Sian Taylor	September 2022

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
<b>NWP Chief Inspector for Denbighshire to be invited to attend for this item</b>			<b>[Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee]</b>  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)	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		
	<b>Cllr. Elen Heaton</b>	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 Denbighshire residents and the wider North Wales region	Nicola Stubbins/Catrin Roberts  October 2022
	<b>Cllr. Elen Heaton</b>	3.	North Denbighshire	To consider the current position with regards to	An understanding of current	BCUHB  February 2023

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
		Community Hospital Project	the project's delivery, including support in principle from the RPB, identification of potential funding streams along with the expected timescale for various phases involved with its delivery	timescales and project brief to support the Council to plan its services for residents across the county		
26 October						
14 December						

**Future Issues**

<b>Item (description / title)</b>	<b>Purpose of report</b>	<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date Entered</b>
Setting of Affordable Rent Levels  (Representatives from RSLs and the private rented sector landlords to be invited for the discussion)	<i>To examine the criteria and mechanism for setting 'affordable' rent levels in Denbighshire (including for Council Housing stock RSL and private rented sector housing)</i>	<i>To determine whether the Council can influence the application of the methodology with a view to delivering its corporate themes relating to a Denbighshire of quality housing that meets people's needs and a fairer, safe and more equal area.</i>	<i>Emlyn Jones/Liz Grieve/Angela Loftus/Jane Abbott</i>	<i>By SCVCG April 2023</i>

**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 summer 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 summer of 2023 whether available</i>

**Information/Consultation Reports**

<b>Information / Consultation</b>	<b>Item (description / title)</b>	<b>Purpose of report</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date Entered</b>
<b>Information Report</b> (for circulation S 2023)	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
<b>INFORMATION REPORT</b> (for circulation in Sept (Q1), Nov/Dec (Q2) & February (Q3) each year) <b>Feb, Sept &amp; Nov 2023</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/Emlyn Jones	December 2021
<b>INFORMATION REPORT</b> (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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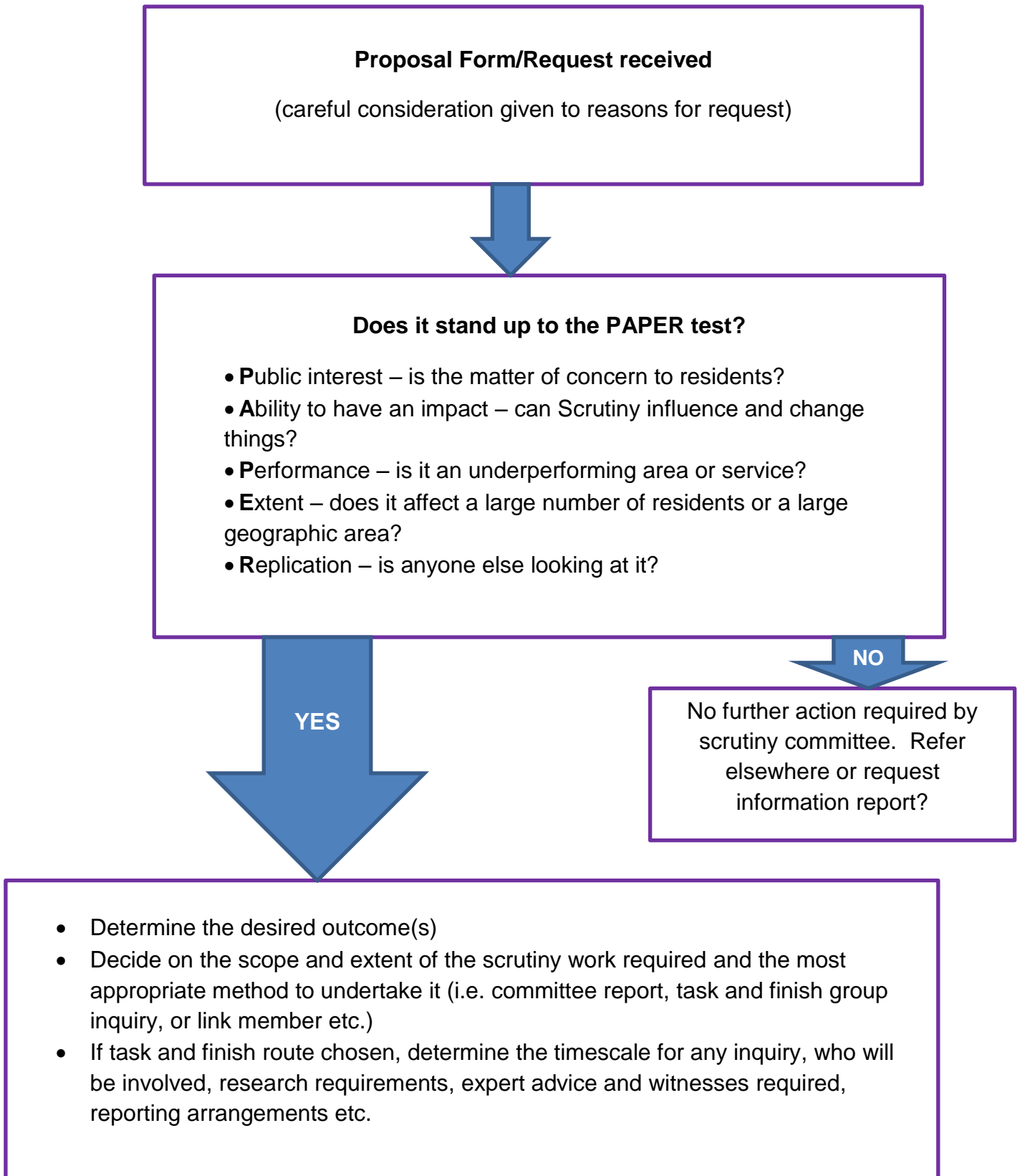
**Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines**

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
6 July	<b>22 June</b>	14 September	<b>31 August</b>	26 October	<b>12 October</b>

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

## Consideration of a topic's suitability for scrutiny





## Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
<b>23 May</b>	1	Outcome of Partnerships Scrutiny Committee's review of Cabinet's decision relating to Applications Shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding	To consider the outcome of the review of the decision taken by Cabinet on 25 April 2023 relating to the Applications Shortlisted for Shared Prosperity Funding which had been subject of a call-in to scrutiny and considered by Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 18 May 2023	Tbc	Cllr Joan Butterfield (Chair of Partnerships Scrutiny Cttee) Lead Officer – Rhian Evans
	2	Phase 2 of Waste Depot in Colomendy, Denbigh	To seek Cabinet approval of the preferred strategy for managing the main contract for Phase 2 of the Colomendy Depot build	Yes	Cllr Barry Mellor Lead Officer – Tony Ward Report Author – Peter Clayton
	3	North Wales Construction Partnership Framework, 3 <sup>rd</sup> iteration	To seek Cabinet approval to develop and progress the 3 <sup>rd</sup> iteration of the North Wales Construction Partnership Framework	Yes	Cllr Julie Matthews Lead Officer – Lisa Jones Report Authors – Karen Bellis / Helen Spafford
	4	Long Term Empty and Second Homes Premium	To provide members with information for their consideration, to review the	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Steve Gadd / Paul Barnes / Leah Gray

## Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
			recommendations and agree a way forward		
	5	Agile Working Policy	To approve the Agile Working Policy	Yes	Cllr Julie Matthews Louise Dougal / Andrea Malam
	6	LUF Governance	To consider the formal arrangements required by the UK Government for the oversight and governance for delivering the LUF Clwyd West projects	Tbc	Cllr Jason McLellan Nicola Kneale
	7	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	8	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
<b>27 June</b>	1	The Council acting as the Lead Body for the renewal of the Regional North Wales Domiciliary Care Agreement	To seek Cabinet approval for Denbighshire County Council to act as the 'Lead Body' on an Invitation to Tender for Domiciliary Care & Support	Yes	Cllr Gill German/Elen Heaton Lead Officers –Rhiain Morrle / David Soley / Ann Lloyd Report Author –Liana Duffy / John Williams / Llinos Howatson

## Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Cabinet Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer
			Services for Children / Young People and Adults		
	2	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 – Russell Vaughan
	3	Welsh Language Strategy	To seek Cabinet's approval of a new Welsh Language Strategy 2023-2028	Yes	Cllr Emrys Wynne Lead Officer – Gary Williams Report Author – Manon Celyn
	4	Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn – New Build Project	To seek Cabinet endorsement of the preferred site for the progression of the new build project for Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn	Yes	Cllr Gill German Lead Officer – Geraint Davies Report Author – James Curran / Lisa Walchester
	5	Commissioned Services for Homelessness	To seek Cabinet's authorisation to extend the current contract to allow more time to scope supported housing need in line with the new Rapid Rehousing model	Yes	Cllr Rhys Thomas Lead Officer – Ann Lloyd Report Author – Sharon Whalley / Hayley S Jones / Nigel Jones

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	6	North Wales Velodrome Business Case	To consider the business case for the North Wales Velodrome Project	Tbc	Tbc Gary Williams / Jamie Groves
	7	Council Performance Self-Assessment	To present an update on the council's performance against its functions, including Corporate Plan and Strategic Equality objectives	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer – Nicola Kneale Report Author – Emma Horan
	8	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	9	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
<b>18 July</b>	1	Long Term Empty and Second Homes Premium	To provide members with information for their consideration, to review the recommendations and agree a way forward	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Steve Gadd / Paul Barnes / Leah Gray
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd

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	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator
<b>19 September</b>	1	Rhyl Business Improvement District (BID): ballot for 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5-year term	To request a decision on whether DCC should vote "yes" or "no" in the ballot to determine whether there should be a 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5-year term for the Rhyl BID	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer – Tony Ward
	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
<b>24 October</b>	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
	2	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinator

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<b>21 November</b>	1	Care Home Fee Setting 2024/25	To brief Cabinet on the outcome of the Regional 2024/25 Care Home Fee Setting process and seek approval for Denbighshire's response to its recommendation	Yes	Cllr Elen Heaton Lead Officer / Report Author – Nicola Stubbins / David Soley
	2	Council Performance Self-Assessment Update – July to September	To present an update on the council's performance against its functions, including Corporate Plan and Strategic Equality objectives	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer – Nicola Kneale Report Author – Emma Horan
	3	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Steve Gadd
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Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

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<i>23 May</i>	<b><i>9 May</i></b>	<i>27 June</i>	<b><i>13 June</i></b>	<i>18 July</i>	<b><i>4 July</i></b>

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## Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
9 February 2023	5. North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project	<p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b> - <i>subject to the above observations and the provision of the additional information –</i></p> <p>(i) <i>to receive the information provided as part of the Royal Alexandra Hospital Development Project Update presentation; and</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>to request that a further progress report on all aspects of the Project's development be presented to the Committee at its September 2023 meeting.</i></p>	Follow-up item listed on the Committee's forward work programme for its meeting on 14 September 2023 (see Appendix 1)
	6. Scrutiny Work Programme	<p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) <i>subject to the inclusion of a progress report on the North Denbighshire Community Hospital/Royal Alexandra Hospital Development Project for the September 2023 meeting, to confirm its forward work programme as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>if, nearer the date of its next scheduled meeting on 30 March 2023 no business had come forward to warrant the holding of the meeting, it was to be cancelled; and</i></p>	See above

		(iii) <i>to appoint Councillor Peter Scott to serve as its representative on the Capital Scrutiny Group (CSG), with Councillor Joan Butterfield to serve as his substitute.</i>	Officers supporting the Capital Scrutiny Group advised of the Committee's appointments
	<b>7. Partnership Working in Relation to Mental Health</b>	<b><u>Resolved:</u></b> <i>to receive the information provided on the working practices of the Council's Social Care Service, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and North Wales Police in relation to mental health matters, including their partnership working arrangements aimed at ensuring the safety of individuals in crisis and the provision of appropriate support to those who required it.</i>	Lead Member and relevant officers informed of the Committee's observations and recommendation

**PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE SERVICE CHALLENGE –  
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Highways & Environmental Services	Councillor Pauline Edwards
Planning, Public Protection & Countryside Services	Councillor Peter Scott
Finance & Audit	Councillor Bobby Feeley
Adult Social Care & Homelessness	Councillor Joan Butterfield
Education & Children's Services	Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones
Housing & Communities	to be appointed
Corporate Support Service: Performance, Digital & Assets	to be appointed
Corporate Support Service: People	to be appointed

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