

To: Members of the Partnerships
Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 March 2024

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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, 21 MARCH 2024** in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

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

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Pages 3 - 4)

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

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

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

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

To receive the minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 14 December 2023 (copy attached).

5 NORTH DENBIGHSHIRE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROJECT

To receive a presentation to consider the current position with regards to the project's delivery including support in principle from the Regional Partnership Board and Welsh Government.

6 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 30)

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

7 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Councillor Joan Butterfield (Chair)

Councillor Pauline Edwards (Vice-Chair)

Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones

Raj Metri

Kelly Clewett

Arwel Roberts

Bobby Feeley

David Williams

Brian Jones

Elfed Williams

Terry Mendies

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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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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, 14 December 2023 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Joan Butterfield (Chair), Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, Kelly Clewett, Pauline Edwards, Bobby Feeley and Terry Mendies.

Lead Member- Lead Member for Housing and Communities, Councillor Rhys Thomas was in attendance at the Committee's invitation.

ALSO PRESENT

Corporate Director- Communities (NS), Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services (EJ), Strategic Planning and Housing Manager (AL), Senior Officer- Strategic Planning and Housing (JA), Scrutiny Co-ordinator (RE), and Committee Administrators (NH and RTJ).

Clwyd Alyn Representative: Rachael Williams- Head of Affordable Homes and Customer Services for business item 6.

Adra Representative: Heledd Owens- Head of Finances for business item 6.

Adra Representative: Rhys Parry- Director of Resources for business item 6.

Cartrefi Conwy Representative: Danielle Mason- Lettings and Property Manager for business item 6.

Cartrefi Conwy Representative: David Lowe- Senior Development Manager for business item 6.

Grŵp Cynefin Representative: Catrin Roberts- Affordable Homes Manager for business item 6.

Observers: Councillor Gareth Sandilands

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brian Jones, Raj Metri, Arwel Roberts and David Williams.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Kelly Clewett declared a personal interest in business item 6 on the agenda, 'Setting of Affordable Rent Levels', as the owner of privately rented properties not those subject to social rent or intermediate rent.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Following Councillor Peter Scott's resignation from the Committee on his appointment as Chair of County Council, the role of Committee Vice-Chair had become vacant.

Councillor Bobby Feeley nominated Councillor Pauline Edwards to fill the role of Vice-Chair of Partnerships Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Edwards' nomination was seconded by Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones. No other nominations were received and therefore the Committee unanimously:

Resolved: to appoint Councillor Pauline Edwards as its Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.

4 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

No matters of an urgent nature had been raised with the Chair or the Scrutiny Coordinator prior to the commencement of the meeting.

5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Thursday, 26 October 2023 were submitted. The Committee:

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2023 be received and approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

No matters were raised in relation to the contents of the minutes.

6 SETTING OF AFFORDABLE RENT LEVELS

The Chair welcomed Officers and Lead Member Councillor Rhys Thomas to the meeting.

The Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services introduced a report on the setting of Affordable Housing Rents to the Committee. Officers stated that there was a mature and productive relationship with Housing Associations within the County. Housing Associations and the Council worked closely together to deliver the housing need within the County.

The Strategic Planning and Housing Manager guided members through the report.

Affordable Rent was split into two categories, social rent and intermediate rent. Social rent was the lowest most affordable kind of rent and most Council and Housing Association (Registered Social Landlords) properties have rent pitched at this level. All local housing authorities and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) in Wales were required to comply with the Social Housing Rent and Service Charge Standard. The Standard was brought in as part of The Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

The report presented was concerned with intermediate rent. The definition of Intermediate Rent was set by the Welsh Government (WG) as rent that is pitched at either Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate (determined by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) to be the lowest third of open market rents), up to a maximum of 80% of market rent; the figure was inclusive of service charges. Intermediate Rent was market led rather than income led and therefore was affected by rent increases seen recently in the private rented sector.

Intermediate Rent was an option available to private developers alongside assisted home ownership, when considering planning obligations on new development sites. In Denbighshire there were 15 dwellings owned by 3 different private developers, which were rented out as intermediate properties.

Affordable Housing within the County was accessible via the Tai Teg register which was operated by Grŵp Cynefin. There were currently 960 applicants requesting Intermediate Rental Accommodation which had grown significantly. The increase in demand could be explained by the uncertainties in the job market, Brexit and Covid, property prices had also been increasing dramatically.

There had been issues regarding service charges being included within intermediate rent and a number of meetings had taken place with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and Welsh Government officers concerning this. In conclusion to these meetings, it was agreed that the Welsh Government guidance was slightly unclear and therefore they issued a letter (previously circulated as appendix (iv) to the report) to clarify any concerns stating that Intermediate Rent should include any service charges.

There was a further commitment from Welsh Government to review Intermediate Rent levels as part of their future policy however, there was no timescale for this at this time.

The Chair thanked the Strategic Planning and Housing Manager for the report and welcomed questions from Members.

Members referred to the service charges and questioned if this was a way of increasing rent by the developers. The Head of Affordable Homes (Clwyd Alyn) stated that some communal areas were maintained by the developer, there was an annual charge for each property which was passed onto the residents as a service charge.

Members asked if a tenant was having financial difficulties were the Housing Associations able to adjust the rent and service charges. The Clwyd Alyn Representative stated that they explored ways of helping tenants to pay their rent by issuing food and energy vouchers - they had a Residents Fund set aside for such circumstances - however, they could not stop the service charges. Consultations with residents had taken place to establish ways in which to reduce the service charge as much as possible for example cutting communal grass areas every 3 weeks instead of every 2 weeks.

Members discussed if the service charge included the maintaining of play areas and whether they were being brought back under public ownership through Denbighshire County Council (DCC). The Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services stated that they would raise this question with the Head of Highways and Environment and get a written response to this query to members following the meeting. Adra advised that they did have communal play areas on some of their estates, whereas Clwyd Alyn did not have any. Some developers had play areas on the estates they managed and the maintenance costs for those were included in the service charges.

Members discussed pro-active communication plans that the Housing Associations had in place to help low-income tenants and questioned how RSLs were communicating the support that was available to households who were struggling the most.

Representatives from both Clwyd Alyn and Adra stated that they were very pro-active with providing tenants with information on the support that was available to them. Tenants' arrears were closely monitored, and direct contact was made with the tenant to explore potential avenues of help that may be available to them. Tenants were also informed of agencies that would be able to help them to access any grants/funding that they were entitled to. Before being allocated a property all tenants underwent an affordability check to ensure that they were able to afford the property. Early Intervention Officers were also in place to help struggling tenants. Each RSL gave an outline of their own association's early intervention and support services which were available and provided to tenants who were struggling. They emphasised that supporting the health and well-being of their tenants was an integral part of their day-to-day business and a core element behind their establishment.

Members queried whether all Housing Associations communicated with each other and shared information. The Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services explained that there was a very close working relationship between Housing Associations and the Council. Regular meetings were attended to allow for discussion of future plans and emerging concerns.

Members questioned if the Police attended the regular meetings that were held in the event of a disruptive tenant, this would allow the information to be shared. The Affordable Homes Manager stated that the Police did not attend these meetings as they were primarily to discuss practices and processes. If there were any cases of anti-social behaviour a separate multi-agency meeting would be held.

Members asked about tenancy agreements and whether they were the same within all Housing Associations. The Head of Affordable Homes (Clwyd Alyn) explained that every Housing Association had a standard contract, also known as Occupation Contracts for Intermediate Rent tenants which had the same policies and procedures outlined within them. These contracts were rolling contracts and each tenant had a designated Housing Officer who was available to them for advice and could help signpost them to other agencies and services that may be able to provide support to them.

At the conclusion of an in-depth discussion the Chair thanked officers and representatives from all registered social landlords in attendance for providing comprehensive and constructive answers to members' questions. The Committee:

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

- (i) *confirm that it had read and understood the process of setting intermediate rents; and*
- (ii) *support the continuation of the work with Private Landlords and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) to strategically implement intermediate rents where appropriate to ensure the development of sustainable communities and maintain affordable tenancies.*

7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Co-Ordinator introduced the report and appendices (previously circulated) seeking Members' review of the Committee's work programme which provided and update on relevant issues.

The next Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting was scheduled for the 8 February 2024. There was one item listed for the next meeting:

- North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project- Members were informed the item had been provisionally deferred to Committee's March 2024 meeting.

The Scrutiny Chair's and Vice-Chair's meeting was scheduled for the 29 January and members were encouraged to complete the relevant form (previously circulated) if there were any items Members wanted to be considered at the meeting. No items had been added to the Committee's work programme at the previous Scrutiny Chair's and Vice-Chair's meeting.

Appendix 3 was the Cabinet's Forward Work Programme for Members reference. Appendix 4 provided the Committee with further information regarding recommendations from the previous meeting.

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator highlighted that following the resignation of Councillor Peter Scott, the Committee was required to nominate a replacement substitute representative on the Capital Scrutiny Group.

Nominations were sought from Members. Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones nominated herself. With no further nominations it was proposed and seconded that Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones be appointed the Committee's substitute representative on the Capital Scrutiny Group.

The Committee:

Resolved: –

- (i) ***to confirm its forward programme as set out in Appendix 1, subject to the North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project item being provisionally rescheduled from the February 2024 meeting to the March 2024 meeting; and***
- (ii) ***to appoint Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones to serve as the Committee's substitute representative on the Capital Scrutiny Group (CSG), to deputise in the absence of the Committee's appointed representative as and when required.***

8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Bwthyn y Ddôl Children's Assessment Centre: Councillor Bobby Feeley, Denbighshire County Council's Scrutiny Committees' representative on this facility's Project Board advised that the construction work was now at a well-advanced stage and that everything seemed to be on target. She also stated that the Council's Head of Children's Services was keen to provide members with a report on the project in the near future.

Service Challenge – Performance, Digital and Assets Service: the Vice-Chair, the Committee's representative on this Service Challenge Group, informed members that the Service Challenge meeting for this Service was due to be held early in the new year. She encouraged members who had any questions or concerns in relation to this Service to forward them to her as soon as possible, to enable her to raise them at the forthcoming meeting.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance at the meeting and closed the meeting.

Meeting concluded at 11.20am.

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	21 March 2024
Head of Service	Catrin Roberts, Head of Corporate Support Service: People
Report author	Rhian Evans, Scrutiny Co-ordinator
Title	Scrutiny Work Programme

1. What is the report about?

1.1 The report seeks Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to review its draft forward work programme (see Appendix 1). As part of its review the Committee is asked to reflect on 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; and
- 3.2 determines whether any key messages or themes from the current meeting should be publicised via the press and/or social media; and

4. Report details

- 4.1 Section 7 of Denbighshire County Council's Constitution sets out each Scrutiny Committee's terms of reference, functions and membership, as well as the rules of procedure and debate.
- 4.2 The Constitution stipulates that the Council's scrutiny committees must set, and regularly review, a programme for their future work. By reviewing and prioritising issues, members are able to ensure that the work programme delivers a member-led agenda.
- 4.3 For a number of years it has been an adopted practice in Denbighshire for scrutiny committees to limit the number of reports considered at any one meeting to a maximum of four plus the Committee's own work programme report. The aim of this approach is to facilitate detailed and effective debate on each topic.
- 4.4 In recent years the Welsh Government (WG) and Audit Wales (AW) have highlighted the need to strengthen scrutiny's role across local government and public services in Wales, including utilising scrutiny as a means of engaging with residents and service-users. From now on scrutiny will be expected to engage better and more frequently with the public with a view to securing better decisions which ultimately lead to better outcomes for citizens. AW will measure scrutiny's effectiveness in fulfilling these expectations.
- 4.5 Having regard to the national vision for scrutiny whilst at the same time focussing on local priorities, the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group (SCVCG) recommended that the Council's scrutiny committees should, when deciding on their work programmes, focus on the following key areas:
- budget savings;
 - achievement of the Corporate Plan themes (with particular emphasis on their deliverability during a period of financial austerity);
 - any other items agreed by the Scrutiny Committee (or the SCVCG) as high priority (based on the PAPER test criteria – see reverse side of the 'Member Proposal Form' at Appendix 2);

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

4.6 Scrutiny Proposal Forms

As mentioned in paragraph 4.2 above the Council's Constitution requires scrutiny committees to prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work. To assist the process of prioritising reports, if officers are of the view that a subject merits time for discussion on Scrutiny's business agenda they have to submit a formal request to the SCVCG seeking Scrutiny to consider a report on that topic. This is done via the submission of a 'proposal form' which clarifies the purpose, importance and potential outcomes of suggested subjects.

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

Cabinet Forward Work Programme

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

Progress on Committee Resolutions

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

5. Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group

- 5.1 Under the Council's scrutiny arrangements, the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group (SCVCG) performs the role of a coordinating committee. The Group met on 29 January 2024. At that meeting a member raised the fact that the management and operation of the contract for the 'Household Waste Recycling Centres' had not been submitted to Scrutiny for review in line with Cabinet's recommendation when awarding the contract. The review has now been listed for consideration by this Committee at its meeting on 4 July 2024 (see Appendix 1).
- 5.2 The Group's next scheduled meeting is on the 18 March 2024. Any matters raised at that meeting that directly affect this Committee's forward work plan will be reported verbally at the meeting on 21 March.

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

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.

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

7.1 Services may need to allocate officer time to assist the Committee with the activities identified in the forward work programme, and with any actions that may result following consideration of those items.

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

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

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

9.1. None required for this report. However, the report itself and the consideration of the forward work programme represent a consultation process with the Committee with respect to its programme of future work.

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

10.1 No risks have been identified with respect to the consideration of the Committee's forward work programme. However, by regularly reviewing its forward work programme the Committee can ensure that areas of risk are considered and examined as and when they are identified, and recommendations are made with a view to addressing those risks.

11. Power to make the decision

11.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

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

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
16 May						
4 July	Leader (NWEAB Programme Office reps also to attend)	1. North Wales Economic Ambition Board Annual Report 2023/24	To consider the Board's Quarter4/Annual Report on its work and progress during 2023/24	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/Tony Ward	July 2023
	Cllr. Elen Heaton	2. Annual Report on Adult Safeguarding 2023/24	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	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	David Soley/Michael Reay/Nerys Tompsett	July 2023

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
				on the Service and its work (data to include actual numbers in each category as well as % figures and the actual number of allegations proven)	Supreme Court's judgement		
	Cllr. Barry Mellor	3.	Household Waste Recycling Centres	To review the management and operation of the contract with Bryson Recycling Ltd (including whether the contract had delivered the anticipated level of savings and generated projected income levels)	Support the delivery of a greener Denbighshire and a well-run, high performing Council	Paul Jackson/Simon Lammond	By SCVCG January 2024
12 September	Cllr. Rhys Thomas	1.	Community Safety Partnership [Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee]	To detail the Partnership's achievement in delivering its 2023/24 action plan and its progress to date in delivering its action plan for 2024/25. The report to include financial sources and the progress	Effective monitoring of the CSP's delivery of its action plan for 2023/24 and its progress to date in delivering its plan for 2024/25 will ensure that the CSP delivers the	Helen Vaughan-Evans/Nicola Kneale/Sian Taylor	July 2023

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
			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)	services which the Council and local residents require		
	Cllr. Elen Heaton	2. North Wales Regional Partnership Board Annual Report 2023/24	To provide an overview of the Regional Partnership Board's activities during 2023/24 and its priority areas for 2024/25	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/Head of Regional Collaboration	July 2023
7 November	Cllr. Barry Mellor	1. Blue Flag Status for Denbighshire's Beaches (Reps from NRW & Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to	To explore the work being undertaken with partner organisations in a bid to received blue flag status accreditation for as many as possible of the county's beaches	To seek assurances or make recommendations to ensure that all partners are working effectively	Tony Ward/Emlyn Jones	By SCVCG July 2023 (in response to a Notice of Motion to County Council)

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
			be invited to attend)		together to achieve the accreditation with a view to boosting the local tourism and recreational economy and ultimately lead to wider economic benefits and support the delivery of a greener, fairer, safer and more equal Denbighshire		
19 December							

Future Issues

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

For future years

Information/Consultation Reports

Information / Consultation	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Author	Date Entered
Information Report (for circulation June 2024)	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	Ben Chandler/Liana Duffy/Zoe Bradley-Ashcroft	By SCVCG 2018
INFORMATION REPORT (for circulation in Sept (Q1), Nov/Dec (Q2) & February (Q3) each year) Feb, Sept & Nov 2024	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/Tony Ward	December 2021
INFORMATION REPORT (September 2024)	Collaborative Procurement Service's Annual Report	To receive information on the collaborative Service's activity and performance during 2023/24	Gary Williams/Lisa Jones/Karen Bellis	September 2023

Updated 11/03/2024 – RhE

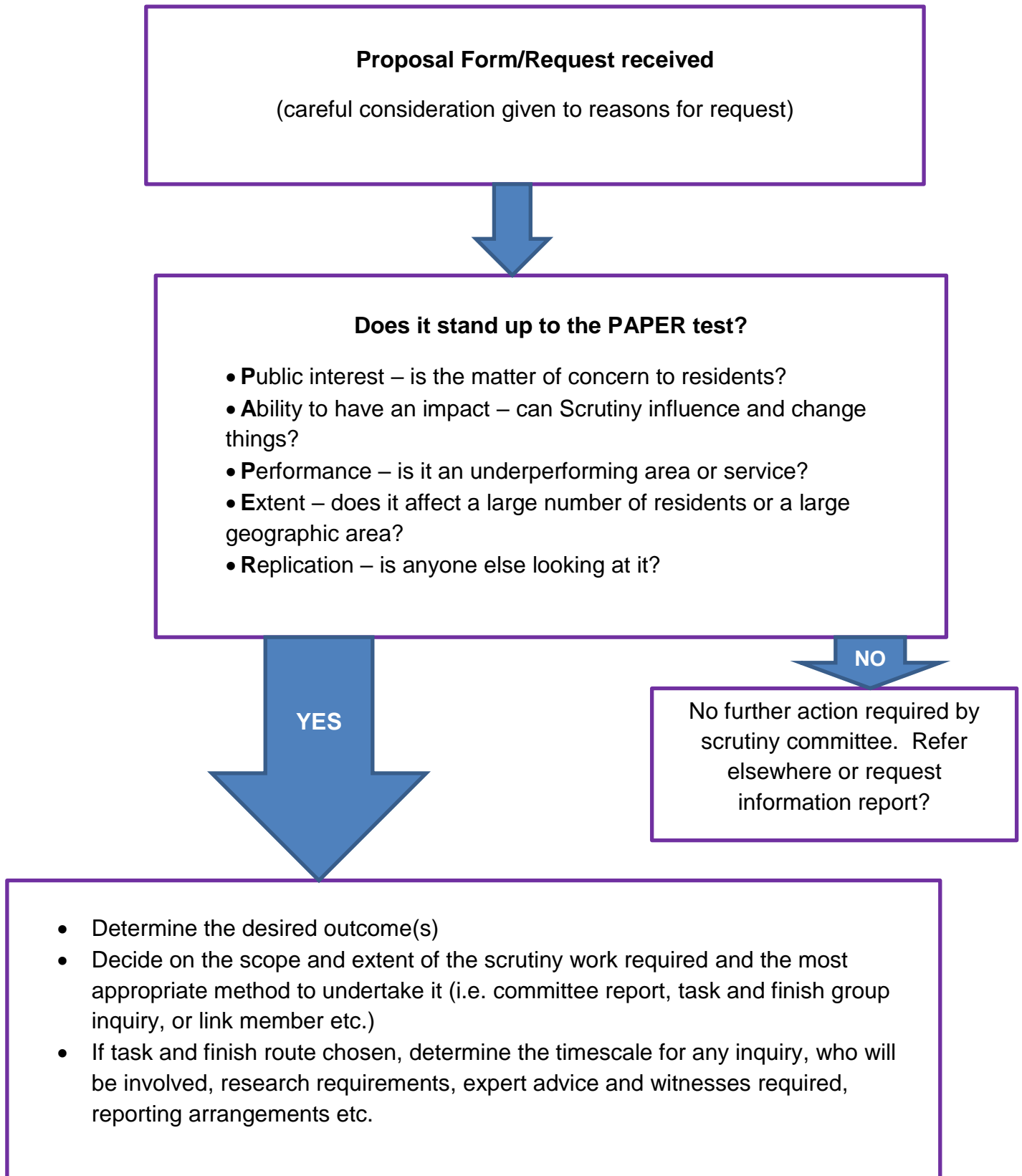
Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
16 May	1 May (due to B/H)	4 July	20 June	12 September	29 August

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

Consideration of a topic's suitability for scrutiny



Cabinet Forward Work Plan

Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of Report	Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer	Date Entered / Updated By
23 April	1	North East Wales Archive Project	To update Cabinet in respect of the NLHF application outcome, and to seek a decision re the next steps	Yes	Cllr Emrys Wynne Lead Officer/Report Author – Liz Grieve/ Craig Berry, Sian Lloyd Price	
	2	Denbighshire's draft Local Housing Market Assessment	To seek Cabinet approval of the assessment for submission to Welsh Government	Yes	Cllr Rhys Thomas Lead Officer/Report Author – Angela Loftus/Sue Lewis	
	3	Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme	To approve the draft proposals for the next stage of the Sustainable Communities for Learning programme for submission to Welsh Government	Yes	Cllr Gill German Lead Officer/Report Author – Geraint Davies/James Curran	
	4	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	Standing Item
	5	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
21 May	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	Standing Item

Cabinet Forward Work Plan

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	2	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
25 June	1	Council Performance Self-Assessment 2023 to 2024 (year-end)	To consider a report by the Strategic Planning Team for Council to approve the Performance Self-Assessment 2023 to 2024.	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author – Helen Vaughan-Evans / Iolo McGregor, Emma Horan	
	2	Reviewed and updated Denbighshire County Council's Climate and Ecological Change Strategy (2021-2030)	To consider the reviewed and updated Climate and Ecological Change Strategy prior to its submission to Council for approval	Yes	Cllr Barry Mellor Lead Officer/Report Author – Gary Williams / Liz Wilcox-Jones / Helen Vaughan-Evans	
	3	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	Standing Item
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30 July	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	Standing Item

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22 Oct	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	Standing Item
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19 Nov	1	Council Performance Self-Assessment Update – July to September (QPR2)	To consider a report by the Strategic Planning Team for Council to approve the Performance Self-Assessment July to September	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author – Helen Vaughan-Evans/Iolo McGregor, Emma Horan	
	2	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis	Standing Item

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	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
17 Dec	1	Finance Report	To update Cabinet on the current financial position of the Council	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	Standing Item
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Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
23 April	9 April	21 May	7 May	25 June	11 June

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Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
14 December 2023	6. Setting of Affordable Rent Levels	<p><u>Resolved:</u> <i>subject to the above comments and observations to –</i></p> <p><i>(i) confirm that it had read and understood the process of setting intermediate rents; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) support the continuation of the work with Private Landlords and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) to strategically implement intermediate rents where appropriate to ensure the development of sustainable communities and maintain affordable tenancies.</i></p>	Lead Member and officers informed of the Committee's recommendations
	7. Scrutiny Work Programme	<p><u>Resolved:</u> –</p> <p><i>(i) to confirm its forward programme as set out in Appendix 1, subject to the North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project item being provisionally rescheduled from the February 2024 meeting to the March 2024 meeting; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) to appoint Councillor Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones to serve as the Committee's substitute representative on the Capital Scrutiny Group (CSG), to deputise in the absence of the Committee's appointed representative as and when required.</i></p>	<p><i>(i) The North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project features on the current meeting's business agenda; and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Relevant officers informed of the appointment of Councillor Chamberlain-Jones as the substitute representative on the CSG</i></p>

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