

To: Members of the Partnerships  
Scrutiny Committee

Date: 9 May 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, 16 MAY 2024** 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 2024/25 (copy of Role Description attached).

**10.05am – 10.10am**

### **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 - 12)

To receive the minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 21 March 2024 (copy attached).

**10.10am – 10.15am**

**6 REVIEW OF CABINET DECISION RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOR LEARNING - ROLLING PROGRAMME** (Pages 13 - 50)

To consider a report by the Scrutiny Co-ordinator (copy attached) 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 23 April 2024.

**10.15am – 11.15am**

**BREAK 11.15am - 11.30am**

**7 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 51 - 72)

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.

**11.30am – 11.50am**

**8 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**11.50am – 12pm**

**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

**Voting Co-opted Members for Education (Agenda Item No. 6 only)**

Colette Owen

Neil Roberts

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

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### Code of Conduct for Members

### DISCLOSURE AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

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a *member/co-opted member of <i>(*please delete as appropriate)</i>	<b>Denbighshire County Council</b>
<b>CONFIRM</b> that I have declared a <b>*personal / personal and prejudicial</b> 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:- <i>(*please delete as appropriate)</i>	
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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, 21 March 2024 at 10.00 am.

### PRESENT

Councillors Joan Butterfield (Chair), Jeanette Chamberlain-Jones, Bobby Feeley, Brian Jones, Terry Mendies, Raj Metri and Arwel Roberts

### ALSO PRESENT

Nicola Stubbins, Corporate Director: Communities, Ann Lloyd, Head of Adult Social Care and Homelessness, Karen Evans, Scrutiny Co-ordinator, Stephanie Jones (Zoom Host), Sharon Walker (Committee Administrator).

Councillor Elen Heaton, Lead Member for Health and Social Care in attendance for Agenda Item 5.

Alyson Constantine, Acute Care Director, BCUHB in attendance for Agenda Item 5.

### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kelly Clewett, Pauline Edwards, David Williams and Elfed Williams

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

None.

### 4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Thursday, 14 December, 2023, were submitted.

Matters Arising – Page 8 – Setting of Affordable Rent Levels – question was raised regarding the service charge and whether it included the maintenance of play areas. Also whether the play areas would be brought back under public ownership through Denbighshire County Council. A written response had been requested but to date had not been received. The Scrutiny Co-ordinator confirmed she had sent a reminder for a response.

**RESOLVED** that, subject to the above, the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December, 2023, be received and approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

## 5 NORTH DENBIGHSHIRE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROJECT

The Lead Member for Health and Social Care, Councillor Elen Heaton, introduced The Acute Care Director, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) to the Committee.

Following a meeting to discuss the Royal Alexandra Hospital, progress had been made but it was in the early stages. The Lead Member confirmed that the Royal Alexandra development was a Health Board project with support from DCC when required. It was stressed the importance of the development of the Royal Alexandra Hospital to alleviate the pressure on Ysbyty Glan Clwyd and integration between Health and Social Care would be the priority.

Alyson Constantine, Acute Care Director, BCUHB, confirmed to the Committee the timescales and process for the future.

A partnership project had been established and support from the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) had been confirmed in December 2023.

Work was ongoing with TACP Architects to provide high level designs, costs and timescales.

The Option Appraisal would go to BCU Governance in March and then submitted to Welsh Government (WG) at the end of March. WG would then confirm funding and grant allocations following this stage.

The drivers for the options appraisal were as follows –

- Refurbish the existing building for sustainability and ensure it was fit for purpose;
- Utilise the best use of floor space to maximise the community benefits;
- Focus on integration of health and social care services;
- Improvement of collaborative working between Health, Social Care and the Third Sector;
- Enable provision of a Minor Injuries Unit with some beds on the campus;
- Provide fit for purpose accommodation – not everything in the new building;
- The option must be affordable.

New clinical building provides new and expanded services –

- Community beds – a new model of step-up and step-down care;
- A major injuries unit for the community with District Nurse clinics;
- Expanded radiology services to include ultrasound and out of hours cover;
- A third sector hub to offer advice and information and support and promote well-being;
- Expanded accommodation for integrated health and social care teams at site;
- A community café for visitors and staff;

- Community dental services to be provided locally in a fit for purpose environment.

Refurbishment of existing building and use of wider site –

- Provide a fit for purpose environment for –
  - Multi agency teams
  - Third sector groups
  - Children’s Services
  - Therapy Services, and
  - Sexual Health Services.
- a range of support teams would be based at the site;
- retain the two Glan Traeth buildings housing older people’s mental health teams and a range of outpatient services
- extended car parking offsite.

The Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) Review Scope Options were as follows –

- **Option 1** - Do nothing
- **Option 2** – Remedial work on existing RAH. No change to services
- **Options 3, 4, 5** – Intermediate Scope – New Options
  - Option 3 – Single Storey, original business case footprint and ground floor layout. Provide minor injuries, community dental, expanded radiology, expanded sexual health services and the third sector hub. Refurbishment of the existing building.
  - Option 4 – Single Storey, original business case footprint and new layout. Provide minor injuries, community dental, expanded radiology, community beds and the third sector hub. Refurbishment of the existing building.
  - Option 5 – two storey, same floor space as options 3 and 4 and new layout. Provide minor injuries, community dental, expanded radiology, community beds and third sector hub. Refurbishment of the existing building.
- **Option 6** - Maximum Scope of FBC

The timescales would depend on the outcome of engagement with WG over the options available.

Members thanked Alyson for the presentation.

During discussions, the following points were raised –

- Members expressed their frustrations as the original plan for RAH had been raised 13 years previous. BCU also shared members’ frustrations. It was clarified that the most appropriate model and facilities needed to be put forward in the best affordable way. The process should be straight forward this year with a decision being made soon. It was confirmed that the business case put forward years ago would not be affordable at the current time. The options put forward were more affordable for a fit for purpose facility.

- The issue of patients being transferred to other areas for speciality services was raised. It was confirmed that patients would still be transferred to other areas for the best necessary treatments and that process would not change.
- Member involvement was important and the Leader and Lead Member for Health and Social Care were involved with discussions and plans for RAH. It was confirmed that information would be circulated to all members to ensure communication continuity.

At this juncture, Councillor Arwel Roberts proposed that a letter be sent to Vaughan Gethin, the Minister for Health at the Welsh Government, and the Head of Health Services requesting more money to North Wales to allow this hospital to be built and as soon as possible.

Seconded by Councillor Bobby Feeley.

**RESOLVED** that the Partnership Scrutiny Committee note the update presentation and agree to send a letter from the Committee to Vaughan Gethin, also the Minister for Health and the Head of Health Services requesting more money to North Wales to allow the Royal Alexandra Hospital to be built as soon as possible.

## 6 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

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

The next Partnership Scrutiny Committee meeting was scheduled for 16 May 2024. There were no items currently listed for the next meeting. Three proposal forms had been received but they would be discussed at Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group as to which Scrutiny Committee they would be referred to.

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.

**RESOLVED** that the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee confirm the forward work programme as set out in Appendix 1.

## 7 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

No feedback received.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11.37 A.M.**

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>16 May 2024</b>
<b>Head of Service</b>	<b>Catrin Roberts, Head of Corporate Support Service: People</b>
<b>Report author</b>	<b>Rhian Evans, Scrutiny Co-ordinator</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Review of Cabinet Decision relating to the Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme</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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 on ‘Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme’.

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, on the “Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme’.

## **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 “Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme’, taken on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, back to Cabinet for further consideration; and

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

## 4. Report details

- 4.1 On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 Cabinet considered a report on the “Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme’ (copy of report attached at Annex B).
- 4.2 At the conclusion of the discussion it was resolved “*that Cabinet -:*
- (a) approves the submission of the draft Strategic Outline Programme for the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme (Appendix 1 to the report) to the Welsh Government for their consideration, and*
- (b) confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment (Appendix 3 to the report) as part of its consideration.”*
- 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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The ‘call-in’ procedure allows non-Cabinet councillors 5 working days in which to submit a notice of ‘call-in’. Councillor Mark Young submitted a notice of ‘call-in’ electronically on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. This request was supported within the permitted timescale (via individual e-mails) by four other non-Cabinet councillors, namely Councillors Merfyn Parry, Pauline Edwards, Geraint Lloyd-Williams and Elfed Williams.
- 4.5 The reasons for calling-in the decision can be seen on the ‘Notice of Call-In of Decision’ form attached at Annex A.
- 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. As the agenda and reports for Communities Scrutiny Committee's meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May had already been published prior to receipt of the 'notice of call-in' request and as there were no other meetings of any of the Council's Scrutiny Committees scheduled within the prescribed 5 working days time period an extension to the timeline was agreed between the decision-maker and the Chair of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to facilitate the discussion on the decision called-in for scrutiny at today's meeting of Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

- 4.7 As background to this item, the discussion that took place at the Cabinet meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 is available to [view](#) on the Council's website.
- 4.8 Following consideration of the Cabinet's decision on the basis set out for calling the decision in for scrutiny, along with all representations made during the course of 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. If the decision is referred back to it, Cabinet will consider the referral and the reasons submitted in support of the referral at its next available meeting, on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024. At that meeting Cabinet will 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 (attached at Annex B).

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

6.1. See Section 6 of the Cabinet report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 (attached at Annex B).

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

7.1. See Section 7 and Appendix 3 to the Cabinet report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 (attached at 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 (attached at Annex B).

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

9.1. See Section 9 of the Cabinet report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 (attached at 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 (attached at 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



**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:** **23 April 2024**

**Report Title:** **Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme – item 6**

**Decision** (*see note 3*):

Approves the submission of the draft strategic outline programme for the Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme to Welsh Government for their consideration – and confirms that its read , understood and taken into account the wellbeing assessment as part of its consideration

**Reason for Call In:** The cabinet decision to proceed with the submission of their business case for the new school, means that we would be losing the playing field/sports pitch in this location. Welsh Government quite rightly wish to protect these community sport/open spaces, and have clear legislation and processes. We believe that this process hasn't been adhered to. Please see the below which clarifies the correct process;

Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure 2010

The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure 2010 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2010/6/contents>) ('the Measure') makes provision in relation to community involvement in decisions by local authorities in Wales about whether to dispose of playing fields. It confers a power on the Welsh Ministers to make regulations that would allow the involvement of communities in decisions by local authorities about the way in which they dispose of land that consists of or forms part of a playing field. A playing field is defined as an open space that has been marked or set aside for sport or similar recreational activity, at any time. Please see below up to date guidance

To conclude; We believe proposing building on the playing field/open space activates the desire of the local authority (DCC) to dispose of this land . This ensures that the relevant persons including the local community , local sports clubs and groups, and National Governing Bodies such as (Sport Wales ) , The National Playing Fields Association , Play Wales and Open Spaces Society have had an opportunity to put forward their views regarding the proposed disposal. These representations along with other relevant matters will assist the local authority to decide whether or not to proceed with the proposed disposal.

A impact assessment providing details of the proposed disposal which must be available for inspection and sent to specified consultees and must include information about the effect of the proposal would have on the following strategies, plans and assessments for the following areas a) local development plan, b) play sufficiency assessment, c) community strategy, d) health , social care and well being strategy for the area . This assessment should consider how the proposed disposal would impact the above areas.

**Risks are missing from the report;**

In the report Item 10, Officers talk about risks and ask the question is there anything we can do to reduce them . 10.1 , they actually say the main risk will be around finance affordability If the main risk is affordability , I want to raise the following ; 1. Substantial costs need to be calculated, for site B (the field next to the football club that needs to be upgraded for athletics & rugby because of loosing site A due to the proposed new school)The upgrade of this field needs to be for a equal or betterment provision .The cost and also who is responsible for the costs needs to be made clear to Cabinet before any decision is made as the figure could be approximately £1 million or more? The point is that no decision should be made without the full costings and facts being understood and shown clearly

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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. Mark Young (print) e-mail 02/05/2024 (signature)
2. Merfyn Parry (print) e-mail 02/05/2024 (signature)
3. Pauline Edwards (print) e-mail 02/05/2024 (signature)
4. Geraint Lloyd Williams (print) e-mail 02/05/2024 (signature)
5. Elfed Williams (print) e-mail 02/05/2024 (signature)

**Dated: 02/05/2024**

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Guidance Notes

1. Five working days are allowed for a decision to be called-in following its publication on the Council’s web-site and notification to Members of the Council. Urgent decisions may proceed despite a call-in if the decision-maker has the agreement of:
  - (i) the chair of the relevant scrutiny committee, or
  - (ii) if there is no such person or that person is unable to act, the Chair of the Council, or
  - (iii) if there is no chair of the relevant scrutiny committee or Chair of the Council, the Vice Chair of the Council.
2. Please state the name of the decision maker e.g. Cabinet or the Lead Member for.....
3. If the decision contains more than one part, please state which are to be called-in, e.g. parts (a), (b), and (d) of the Resolution.
4. Signatories must be non-executive members. Councillors with a prejudicial interest in the decision may not be a signatory to the Notice of Call-in.
5. The Denbighshire Call-in Procedure Rules appear in the Council’s Constitution *Part 4.5 – Scrutiny Procedure Rules*.
6. Timescales may be extended in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the decision-maker and the chair of the relevant scrutiny committee.

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Received by: Rhian Evans Date: 02/05/2024

Date decision was published: 25/04/2024

Notification sent to Leader and the Decision taker (date): 02/05/2024

Notification sent to Chief Executive (date): 02/05/2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date: 16/05/2024 Time: 10am Venue: Hybrid County Hall & via Video Conference



<b>Report to</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date of meeting</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	Councillor Gill German – Lead member for Education, Children and Families
<b>Head of Service</b>	Geraint Davies – Head of Education
<b>Report author</b>	James Curran – Principal Manager – School Support
<b>Title</b>	Sustainable Communities for Learning – Rolling Programme

## 1. What is the report about?

1.1. The Welsh Government has changed its approach to how it plans to deliver its Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme (formerly known as 21st Century Schools). The report explains the new process and seeks agreement on how to outline our intentions for phasing our proposed school investment over the next 9 years.

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

2.1. A decision is required on the submission to Welsh Government of our Strategic Outline Programme for investment in the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.

## 3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1 That the draft Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) for the Sustainable Communities for Learning programme as contained in Appendix 1 be submitted to the Welsh Government for their consideration.

3.2. That the Cabinet confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Well-being Impact Assessment (Appendix 3) as part of its consideration.

## 4. Report details

- 4.1. For the next stage of investment in the school estate the Welsh Government have moved away from 5 year bands of investment (Band A and Band B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme) to a more flexible approach over a longer 9-year time period with the 9 years divided into 3 blocks of 3 years each. All local authorities have been requested to update their vision to Welsh Government via the Strategic Outline Programme for investment by March 2024. For this revised Strategic Outline Programme local authorities have been asked to identify projects which are essentially ready for Business cases to be brought forward in the first three years, projects being developed and going through statutory consultation in the second three years and then pipeline projects for the final/third three years. These programmes will then be reviewed every three years.
- 4.2. The delivery of the formally committed 4 Band B projects (Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn, Denbigh; Ysgol Pendref, Denbigh, Ysgol Bryn Collen / Ysgol Gwernant, Llangollen and Denbigh High School) have been impacted by various delays. This effectively means that these projects are not going to be delivered within the original Band B timescales. It is therefore recommended that they be incorporated into the new Strategic Outline Programme.
- 4.3. Given the current financial pressures faced by the Council we need to reconsider what is affordable over what time period, given the Council's capital contribution to any project will have to be funded by prudential borrowing, which adds to the annual budget pressures on our revenue account.
- 4.4. It is recommended we retain our commitment to developing all 4 Band B projects, but that the development timescales are reprofiled to spread out the revenue pressures over a longer period.
- 4.5. There is also scope to include an additional project within the Programme. Discussions have taken place regarding a small extension at Ysgol y Castell in Rhuddlan originally to be funded from Section 106 funds from a local housing development in Rhuddlan. The costs of the project have increased and the option of inclusion in the Programme would allow the project to proceed. With the 65% /35 % intervention rate the £384k of Section 106 funding could draw in an additional £713k from Welsh Government to provide a potential budget of

£1.1m. There would be no borrowing requirement from this project as the Council contribution would come entirely from S106 developer contributions that (i) have already been received from the developer and (ii) need to be spent by 2029 otherwise the risk is they are returned to the developer. It is recommended that Ysgol y Castell be added to the Programme to join the existing commitment to the 4 former Band B Projects.

- 4.6. In addition, beyond these identified projects there remains a need for further investment in the wider school estate. The SOP (see Appendix 1) describes where potentially this investment may be needed from 2030 onwards. In the primary sector there remains a need to meet areas where there is a current deficit of provision, responding to demographic changes particularly in the North of the county and ensuring that the demand for Welsh Medium education can be met. In the secondary sector there remains a need for investment in those sites which have not benefited from large scale investment, namely, Prestatyn High School, St Brigid's, Ysgol Brynhyfryd and Ysgol Dinas Bran. It is suggested that targeted investment be made to replace or refurbish the poorer areas of the secondary school estate as part of this phase of the Programme. Further work is also needed to identify potential work to school buildings to enable support to be provided for pupils where alternative provision beyond mainstream provision will be required.
- 4.7. These areas are currently high level considerations and further work is required in advance of the next submission of the Strategic Outline Programme in the spring of 2027 to identify where this investment could be made during the 2030/2033 period. It is important to note that this latter part of the programme is seen as a potential marker for ambitions and not as clear commitments. The ambition shown could be scaled up or down dependent on our financial position at the time.
- 4.8. The approach outlined seeks to retain the Council's ambition to invest in our school estate as per the corporate plan pledge to provide quality buildings and facilities that support learning but through an approach which assists affordability. The approach to staggering these projects, which have already experienced delays during the Band B period, will see a delay in respect of commencing construction on sites. Importantly this approach will also spread the revenue pressure over a longer period during a challenging time for the

Council's finances to ensure that we can both deliver on our overall ambition whilst reducing the wider financial pressures arising from this investment. This will limit revenue pressures on front line services such as schools over the coming years. The addition of the project at Rhuddlan funded from a commuted sum and the proposals for significant new projects beyond 2030 will demonstrate our clear ambition to build on previous investment in the school estate.

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

- 5.1. A prosperous Denbighshire – the progression of the programme could see significant investment in the County during the construction phases of the projects which will bring economic benefits to Denbighshire through local spend. The programme will be required to demonstrate community benefits.
- 5.2. A learning and growing Denbighshire - the progression of the programme will ensure that we provide high quality buildings and facilities that meet the needs of pupils, their families and the wider community, including working in partnership with Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.
- 5.3. A greener Denbighshire - The proposed programme will have a positive contribution to the Council becoming Net Carbon Zero by 2030. Welsh Government announced that from 1st January 2022 all new build projects will be required to demonstrate delivery of Net Zero Carbon in operation. Welsh Government have stated that they will fund 100% of this in line with current benchmarks that they have detailed.
- 5.4. The proposed programme will play a part in achieving one million Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050, by delivering the Welsh Language Strategy with partners and communities. The development of Welsh Medium provision during the programme will support children and families during their early years to develop confidence in using the Welsh Language.

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

- 6.1. The currently identified projects from Band B, plus the additional project at Ysgol y Castell, have a current provisional cost of £67.7m (see Appendix 2).



Based on current intervention rates the contribution from Denbighshire would be £20.6m with the Welsh Government requested to fund £47.1m. This would equate to an overall revenue pressure for borrowing of £1.3m per annum. The Welsh Government contribution would include an additional cost of £5.5m to meet net carbon zero requirements.

- 6.2. The costs included in the Strategic Outline Programme for Years 7 to 9 at this stage are high level estimates and will include an allowance for optimism bias. This level of investment of the region of £88m would see a potential contribution from Denbighshire of £26.6m which would equate to a prudential borrowing cost of £1.75m per annum.
- 6.3. Clearly these are significant costs within a challenging financial environment for local authorities. There will need to be a constant review of the affordability of the programme and the opportunity to resubmit the rolling programme in 2026/27 may see a change in the appetite for investment. However, at this stage a realistic programme has been developed for consideration.
- 6.4. The progression and delivery of the Programme would have an impact on a range of Council Services. Services such as Performance, Digital and Assets, Finance and Audit, People and Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Services will play key roles in the development of proposals, procurement of contractors, change management and the delivery of the required digital infrastructure within the school building. A key aim of the programme is to deliver net carbon zero buildings and this will play a key role in meeting wider Council ambitions.

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

- 7.1. The progression of the programme for investment for Sustainable Communities for Learning should have a positive impact on Denbighshire (see Appendix 3). The construction phase will lead to increased investment in local companies and improve employment prospects. Site selection may have a negative impact on a resilient Denbighshire and this will need to be carefully considered. The provision of modern buildings should impact positively on a healthier and equal Denbighshire whilst providing an opportunity for a more cohesive community. The impact on Welsh Language will be guided by where investment is made.

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

8.1. The projects listed as those carried over from Band B have been subject to previous Cabinet and Scrutiny discussions. This suggested approach has been recommended by the Council's Corporate Executive Team to ensure that the delivery of the programme remains affordable. The proposals to emerge for future years from 2027 to 2033 will be subject to full discussions with relevant Member Area Groups and Schools prior to any decisions regarding further projects to be confirmed in the programme.

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

9.1. Given the financial pressure the Council is under in the medium term it is appropriate the revenue consequences of capital decisions are considered as has been set out and recommended within this report. It is important to note that the recommendation is to widen the length of time taken to complete the Band B projects spreading out the impact of the borrowing costs over a longer period of time on our revenue budget. This does not reduce the council's ambition or commitments to those communities affected. The concern is that if we continue to progress all projects further cuts to service budgets will have to be made to afford the borrowing costs which of course includes delegated schools budgets.

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

10.1. The current Modernising Education Programme includes clear procedures for the management and escalation of risks at both the Programme and Project level. Should the programme be progressed, these procedures would continue. The main risk associated with the revised Strategic Outline Programme will be around finance affordability. At this stage there will be a need for an element of caution around expectations for the programme moving forward.

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

11.1. Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 places a duty on local authorities to secure sufficient schools for providing primary and secondary education.

## Appendix 1 Rolling Programme Projects

Projects should be identified in the nine-year capital programme with:

- Years 1, 2 and 3 projects expected to reach full business case within the 3 years.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 projects being developed and going through statutory consultation.
- Years 7, 8 and 9 being pipeline projects.

**How many projects do you intend to deliver in each segment of your rolling programme?**

<b>Years 1-3</b>	2
<b>Years 4-6</b>	3
<b>Years 7-9</b>	Tbc

**What are they? (Please note that details of the projects should also be included in the Project Data Collection spreadsheet and attached). The projects should be ranked in both documents in order of priority.**

**Years 1-3**  
*500 words maximum*

The following project was part of Denbighshire's Band B proposals and is intended to be taken over into the rolling programme.

**Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn, Denbigh** – This project will deliver a new build 3-18 school for pupils with Autism. The school operates over three sites during school hours and the project will allow the school to be based on a single site. The project will allow demand for this provision to be met via the increase in capacity from the current 133 pupils to an overall capacity of 220. This will enable the recognised need for a larger school specialising in autism provision for pupils across the County and will have a positive impact on other schools where pupils currently supported in mainstream provision may be able to be admitted to Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn.

The need for this school has been supported by Cabinet, including the submission of a planning application for the preferred site and the proposals are advanced. The School Organisation proposals were determined in February 2023 and the Outline Business Case was approved by Welsh Government in 2022.

The project is currently at RIBA Stage 3 with the planning submission expected in early summer of 2024. The current programme would see construction taking place between Spring 2025 and Summer 2026. There are risks associated with the planning submission and failure to secure approval would see a need for a re-think of the proposals. This would delay the project with an alternative project coming forward in this first element of the rolling programme.

This is a new project for inclusion within the Programme

**Ysgol y Castell, Rhuddlan** – This project will allow a small extension to 4 classrooms and improvements to general areas of the school. The project will increase the capacity of the school in response to the recent completion of new housing in the village. The secured section 106 contribution is proposed to be used as match funding to enable this project to progress. The scheme has been developed to RIBA Stage 3 with planning permission obtained for the project in September 2023. The Outline Business Justification for the project will be submitted during 2024 with a view to construction commencing shortly afterwards.

#### **Years 4-6**

*500 words maximum*

The following projects were part of Denbighshire's Band B proposals and are intended to be taken over into the rolling programme.

**Ysgol Pendref, Denbigh** – This project will consolidate provision for the existing 3-11 primary school which is based on two adjoining sites. Both buildings are considered to be in grade C condition and have issues around accessibility and flexibility. The project is currently at RIBA Stage 1. The progression of the current project has involved lengthy discussions around site selection. The conclusion of this has seen a focus now on the existing school site with the options of remodelling and extensions or new build the focus of the current feasibility studies. The current programme would see construction taking place during 2027 to 2028.

**Ysgol Bryn Collen / Ysgol Gwernant, Llangollen** – This project will provide an upgrade to the existing accommodation for the two primary schools in Llangollen and to ensure future need can be met, particularly for Welsh medium education. Ysgol Gwernant was established as a Welsh medium school in the Ysgol Bryn

Collen site in 2005 and has grown in size. The present arrangements provide limited demarcation between the two schools and the restrictions in provision are impacting delivery in the schools. This project was considered as part of the Sustainable Schools Challenge in late 2022. A revised approach has now been adopted. The project is currently at RIBA Stage 1. Upon completion of this stage the project will be on hold pending design work being resumed in 2026. The current programme would see construction taking place between 2027 and 2029.

**Denbigh High School, Denbigh** – This project will see the refurbishment / remodelling of the 11-18 English medium secondary school in the town of Denbigh. The project is heavily linked to the Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn project as the secondary provision of Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn is delivered from the Denbigh High School and the proposed location of the new Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn is one of the High School playing fields. The proposal would see the High School utilising the accommodation vacated by Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn and the current accommodation being evaluated for areas which can be demolished, remodelled or rebuilt. The project is at the design brief stage pending the planning determination of the Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn project. The current programme would see construction taking place between 2027 and 2029.

## **Years 7-9**

*500 words maximum*

### **Primary School Provision**

The focus during 2026 – 2027 will be to identify areas for investment in the primary school estate between 2030 to 2033. At present demand for places sees 5 of Denbighshire's 45 primary schools having a deficit of spaces in excess of 10%. Particularly pressures exist in the North of the County and the focus will be on the areas around Rhyl, Bodelwyddan, St Asaph and Denbigh. This will be reviewed in greater detail to reflect where intervention may be needed via extension of provision. This will need to reflect expectations around reductions in pupil numbers over the next ten years which will create challenges for individual schools.

### **Secondary School Provision**

The investment taken place as part of Band A together with the project to be delivered in Years 1 to 6 at Denbigh will have seen 50% of secondary schools benefiting from significant investment. The work between 2026-2027 in advance of the next SOP will be to identify specific investment in the remaining Secondary

Schools, namely Prestatyn High School, St Brigid's School, Ysgol Brynhyfryd and Ysgol Dinas Bran to enhance the poorest areas of accommodation in Denbighshire's secondary schools. This will allow detailed consideration of projects for potential delivery across years 2030 – 33.

### **Additional Support for Pupils**

Over recent years it has become clear that further consideration is needed to support provision for pupils who need additional support beyond what can be provided in mainstream provision but whose needs may not be appropriate for our special schools. The work during 2024-2026 will be to identify the best approach to alternative provision with clearer recommendations emerging in the next SOP.

The pace of progress will be dependent on available resources and affordability.

**Appendix 2 - Strategic Outline Programme**

Phase	Project	Total Capital Costs Estimate	WG Capital Contribution	Other Sources	DCC Capital Contribution	DCC annual prudential borrowing cost	Period of annual borrowing cost
2024 - 2027	Ysgol Plas Brondyffryn	£30,751,452	£23,063,589		£7,687,863	£506,246	2027-52
	Ysgol y Castell *	£1,097,143	£713,143		£384,000		
<b>Total</b>		<b>£31,848,595</b>	<b>£23,776,732</b>		<b>£8,071,863</b>	<b>£506,246</b>	
2027 - 2030	Ysgol Pendref	£11,744,051	£7,633,633		£4,110,418	£270,671	2030-55
	Ysgol Bryn Collen / Ysgol Gwernant	£6,528,686	£4,243,646		£2,285,040	£150,470	2030-55
	Denbigh High School	£17,632,511	£11,461,132		£6,171,379	£406,385	2030-55
<b>Total</b>		<b>£35,905,249</b>	<b>£23,338,412</b>		<b>£12,566,837</b>	<b>£827,526</b>	
2030 - 2033	Primary School Investment	£30,904,789	£20,088,113		£10,816,676	£712,279	2033-58
	Secondary School Investment	£43,466,595	£29,924,190	£1,253,177	£12,289,228	£809,246	2033-58
	Alternative Support Provision	£14,000,000	£10,500,000		£3,500,000	£230,475	2033-58
<b>Total</b>		<b>£88,371,384</b>	<b>£60,512,303</b>	<b>£1,253,177</b>	<b>£26,605,904</b>	<b>£1,752,000</b>	
<b>Overall Total</b>		<b>£156,125,227</b>	<b>£107,627,446</b>	<b>£1,253,177</b>	<b>£47,244,604</b>	<b>£3,085,772</b>	

\* DCC Contribution via Section 106 agreements

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## **Sustainable Communities for Learning - Rolling Programme: Well-being Impact Assessment Report**

This report summarises the likely impact of the proposal on the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Denbighshire, Wales and the world.

**Assessment Number:** 268

**Brief description:** The proposals for Sustainable Communities for Learning which would be delivered in partnership with the Welsh Government

**Date Completed:** 01/09/2020 11:51:54 Version: 5

**Completed by:** James Curran

**Responsible Service:** Education and Children's Services

**Localities affected by the proposal:** Whole County,

**Who will be affected by the proposal?** The proposals will impact on the school communities of Denbighshire directly and indirectly through the investment applied will have an impact on the economic community of Denbighshire and beyond.

**Was this impact assessment completed as a group?** Yes

## Summary and Conclusion

Before we look in detail at the contribution and impact of the proposal, it is important to consider how the proposal is applying the sustainable development principle. This means that we must act "in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

### Score for the sustainability of the approach

**3 out of 4 stars**

**Actual score : 33 / 36.**

### Summary for each Sustainable Development principle

#### Long term

The Programme is looking at future investment and requires a long term approach to be considered. Future buildings will need to consider community use and achieve Net Carbon Zero.

#### Prevention

The proposals will impact on schools based in areas of socio economic disadvantage. The approach for greater community use and links could encourage additional community provision to develop in their communities.

#### Integration

The proposals will reflect areas of demographic change and likely changes around population, particularly arising from housing development from the Local Development Plan.

#### Collaboration

Individual projects will be developed with the school community and where appropriate active external stakeholders will be encouraged to contribute to the progression of projects.

#### Involvement

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The extent of consultation will be impacted by whether there is a need for formal consultation for any proposals from a school organisation perspective. This process is prescriptive and includes a number of stages which are mandated. Consultation will also take place with communities as part of the planning process including pre-planning consultation on medium / large sized projects.

### Summary of impact

Well-being Goals	Overall Impact
<a href="#">A prosperous Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A resilient Denbighshire</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A healthier Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A more equal Denbighshire</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of cohesive communities</a>	Positive
<a href="#">A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language</a>	Neutral
<a href="#">A globally responsible Denbighshire</a>	Positive

### Main conclusions

The progression of the programme for investment for Sustainable Communities for Learning should have a positive impact on Denbighshire. The construction phase will lead to increased investment in local companies and improve employment prospects. Site selection may have a negative impact on a resilient Denbighshire and this will need to be carefully considered. The provision of modern buildings should impact positively on a healthier and equal Denbighshire whilst providing an opportunity for a more cohesive community. The impact on Welsh Language will be guided by where investment is made.

## **The likely impact on Denbighshire, Wales and the world.**

### **A prosperous Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Positive

#### **Justification for impact**

The investment in Sustainable Communities for Learning will provide school buildings which may be more energy efficient, provide economic regeneration during the construction phase and should increase the skill base of the local labour market. Lessons learnt from previous projects will need to be applied to the future approach to energy management.

#### **Further actions required**

The short term nature of construction projects may lead to jobs being available for a limited period. By working with the framework across North Wales to plan projects some of these issues may be overcome.

#### **Positive impacts identified:**

##### **A low carbon society**

Any projects progressed for new or refurbished buildings are likely to see significant improvements towards energy efficiency in those buildings. Through learning lessons from previous projects and by developing, delivering and managing-in-use zero/low carbon buildings the Sustainable Communities for Learning projects could reduce the running costs for the Authority from both a financial and carbon point of view alongside creating exemplar learning environments.

##### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

In many instances we will seek to redevelop existing sites thus minimising change and seeking to take advantage of existing infrastructure. The development of new sites may encourage neighbouring sites to become active assisting development opportunities. The provision of new sites could act as a catalyst for investment in super fast broadband etc.

### **Economic development**

The projects will contribute towards economic regeneration via the indicators to secure local spend and employment as part of the contract. The securing of contracts for local suppliers and trades will boost economic conditions in the short term.

### **Quality skills for the long term**

An emphasis will be placed on employment of apprentices and work experience opportunities. The application of framework requirements should assist to enhance the skill base of the local labour market and allow such apprentices to be seen to be more skilled for the future.

### **Quality jobs for the long term**

The main boost for quality jobs will be during the construction phase which will generally be between 12 - 24 months.

### **Childcare**

The projects will seek to examine options for pre-school provision to be located with schools. This will be developed based on existing provision to ensure that a balance is achieved to ensure that existing providers remain viable.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **A low carbon society**

Projects which involve refurbishment will provide greater challenges in achieving net carbon zero within existing buildings.

The overall number of journeys within an area will be increased via the construction project. This will include delivery of materials and the travel of site workers. The re-location of schools may create additional journeys for pupils.

#### **Quality communications, infrastructure and transport**

No negative impacts identified.

### **Economic development**

No negative impacts identified.

### **Quality skills for the long term**

The need for increased training opportunities through the community benefits requirements may lead to a number of skilled operatives unable to secure long term jobs.

### **Quality jobs for the long term**

The short term nature of the construction industry may lead to scenarios where trained up apprentices are unable to secure long term employment.

### **Childcare**

No negative impacts identified.

### **A resilient Denbighshire**

#### **Overall Impact**

Neutral

#### **Justification for impact**

The development of new sites or significant refurbishments could have an unintended negative consequence on the landscape of Denbighshire as the period of construction will lead to a disturbance of the natural environment. Any proposals will seek to mitigate these impacts.

#### **Further actions required**

Where possible design site layouts to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum and areas such as hedgerows be retained where possible. All projects will be required to consider diversity issues and undertake environmental impact assessments as part of the statutory planning process. Consideration will need to be given to the future use of redundant sites which may arise from these proposals and how these may be used to assist targets re becoming net carbon zero by 2030.

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

Within the external layout of school sites opportunities to preserve or enhance natural habitats will be maximised to allow such areas to be used to deliver the curriculum.

**Biodiversity in the built environment**

Options will be explored for new buildings to have nesting / roosting areas elsewhere on the site should existing habitat's be disturbed in the provision of a new / refurbished building.

**Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

Projects are encouraged to meet stringent recycling targets and minimise waste being taken off site. Where demolition takes place unused rubble is sought to be kept onsite for use as base materials for car parks etc.

**Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

The improvement to buildings will lead to energy efficiency. Any rationalisation of buildings in poor condition will also have a positive impact on energy consumption.

**People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

The development of projects will give the opportunity for pupils and the local community to become more aware of the existing habitat where a project is taking place. Scope for contractors supporting biodiversity projects will be actively pursued.

**Flood risk management**

The selection of any site will consider land use policies and relevant WG guidance. Where any risk does arise the need to engineer a solution could lead to an overall reduction in flood risk.

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Biodiversity and the natural environment**

Development of new school buildings on green spaces is likely to have a greater impact on the

natural environment which will need to be mitigated with supportive measures.

### **Biodiversity in the built environment**

The refurbishment or demolition of existing properties is likely to lead to the disturbance of wildlife who may occupy such properties.

### **Reducing waste, reusing and recycling**

In many instances the buildings may be in a condition where they need replacing rather than refurbishment. This will require careful consideration to the treatment of the waste arising from the disused building.

### **Reduced energy/fuel consumption**

Should the number of school sites be reduced there is a risk that traffic patterns for parents / pupils may be amended with longer journeys required. Refurbishment of buildings may present greater challenges to ensure that optimum energy management processes can be achieved.

### **People's awareness of the environment and biodiversity**

Concerns may arise from the amendments to the local habitat leading to resistance to any individual project.

### **Flood risk management**

There is a risk that the development of sites will reduce the extent of permeable land and increase risk of flood in extreme weather.

### **A healthier Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**



The development of improved school buildings can have a positive impact on health by providing safer transport links with pedestrian and cycle access considered as part of the design. Improved learning environments can have a positive impact on the mental well-being of pupils and staff through better planned facilities which seek to maximise natural light etc.

### **Further actions required**

Such buildings are likely to be utilised more by the community and this needs to be considered very carefully in the design process. The change process can have a detrimental impact on people's emotional and mental well-being and the planning for transition needs to be considered sympathetically, and where appropriate individual plans may be required for pupils.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

Any project will consider as a matter of course issues around access for the community both in terms of physical accessibility to the site and also how the building and site can be better utilised by the community outside of core school hours.

#### **Access to good quality, healthy food**

Any improvements to schools will see consideration to the catering experience for pupils attending schools. The investment in kitchen areas will enable improvements to the provision, and in recent projects there has been an increase in the number of pupils accessing school meals following the improvements in this area.

#### **People's emotional and mental well-being**

An improved learning environment will improve staff, pupil and community morale. The design of classrooms to modern standards will produce a better emotional environment for pupils i.e. noise reduction in classrooms, light levels. Consideration will be given to support areas within school buildings for pupils with greater requirements for designated support.

#### **Access to healthcare**

Options for community links for projects may have a positive impact via links with Health and the provision of support services from school sites.

### **Participation in leisure opportunities**

The development of school facilities, particularly at secondary level may see consideration to the improvement in leisure facilities.

#### **Negative impacts identified:**

### **A social and physical environment that encourage and support health and well-being**

No negative impacts identified.

### **Access to good quality, healthy food**

No negative impacts identified.

### **People's emotional and mental well-being**

Any change in provision can lead to resistance from staff, pupils, parents etc. Disruption may occur to local residents during the construction phase and we will work with contractors to minimise the impact of issues.

### **Access to healthcare**

No negative impacts identified.

### **Participation in leisure opportunities**

Improvements to school safeguarding may decrease access to school sites and informal play on school sites out of hours.

### **A more equal Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

The design of schools will be considered carefully to eliminate areas of concern which could be a barrier for people with protected characteristics.

### **Further actions required**

Ongoing consultation with the schools to minimise the short term impact on pupils during any construction phases.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

All projects will consider accessibility as a key theme during the design stage to ensure that pupils with a disability are not denied access to the full learning experience. Consideration has been given to the provision of unisex toilets or non designation of toilet areas to ensure that transgender users are not discriminated against.

### **People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

The proposals will equally positively impact on all groups.

### **People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

By improving the educational offer through new school facilities the performance of pupils could improve increasing scope for gaining employment.

### **Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

The provision of improved facilities in areas of socio-economic deprivation can lead to an improvement to the sense of value of individuals. This could be via improved access to learning to provide the route for children to escape existing inequalities. The scope for improved community access will also be considered during this process.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

**Improving the well-being of people with protected characteristics. The nine protected characteristics are: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage or civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation**

Careful consideration will be needed to ensure that during any phasing of projects, particularly with refurbishments, that access to the learning environment is not reduced. The interim arrangements may impact the wellbeing of pupils and consideration will be given to how this may be mitigated.

**People who suffer discrimination or disadvantage**

No negative impacts identified.

**People affected by socio-economic disadvantage and unequal outcomes**

No negative impacts identified.

**Areas affected by socio-economic disadvantage**

No negative impacts identified.

**A Denbighshire of cohesive communities**

**Overall Impact**

Positive

**Justification for impact**

By careful and considered design improved facilities can provide a positive impact on cohesive communities by providing facilities which can draw together the local community.

**Further actions required**

The construction stage is likely to have a negative impact on the local community on a short term basis. The project team will need to work with the contractor and the local community to minimise risks and to ensure clear communication at key times.

**Positive impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

The design of any projects will ensure that careful consideration is given to site safety both during the construction phase and then when the site is fully occupied. Where possible improved surveillance will be sought in the design of buildings with passive supervision encouraged. Safeguarding will be considered with a clear demarcation between public and private zones both within the building and the overall site.

**Community participation and resilience**

The design of the school with more community access could allow the scope for local groups to use the sites, particularly outside of school hours. Consideration should be given to the provision of other activities taking place at the site.

**The attractiveness of the area**

The design of the buildings should enhance any area and this will be considered at the planning stage and form part of the consultation.

**Connected communities**

Issues around access to school will be considered as part of the planning process for any proposals / projects. Links to potential active travel routes to schools will be promoted as appropriate.

**Rural resilience**

Proposals will consider the impact on the rural community of any change in provision.

**Negative impacts identified:**

**Safe communities and individuals**

The construction phase will have an impact on the community via increased traffic and access to the site for employees and the delivery of building supplies. This could have an impact on individuals during this phase.

### **Community participation and resilience**

In considering community facilities there is a need to ensure that the overall provision is not saturated leading to existing providers becoming unviable.

### **The attractiveness of the area**

The construction phase is likely to have a short term detrimental impact on the local community. If any sites or buildings are no longer to be used a clear direction for the future use of the site should be considered at the business case stage of the project.

### **Connected communities**

Proposals for change may require amendments to school locations and this may impact on existing patterns within the community.

### **Rural resilience**

The loss of facilities in the rural community can have a negative impact on rural resilience and any proposal would need to consider options to negate any areas.

### **A Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language**

#### **Overall Impact**

Neutral

#### **Justification for impact**

The impact will be dependent upon whether investment is made in schools / areas to promote Welsh Medium education. Without confirmation of projects it is difficult to confirm whether this is positive. As part of Band A of 21st Century Schools Programme the Council has invested significantly to increase access to Welsh Medium education. The Council has also recently received permission to submit business cases for investment in Welsh Medium Capital Projects by the Welsh Government. This investment to meet current need will need to be considered carefully in determining which projects move forward and whether they will impact on the Welsh Language.

### **Further actions required**

Ensure that overall the benefits for Welsh Medium education are understood by parents when making decisions regarding school choices.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **People using Welsh**

An increase in capacity for Welsh Medium education will be a key theme nationally for the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and reflects the priorities in the Corporate Plan. An increase in the number of Welsh learners could increase the overall number of speakers within Denbighshire and Wales.

#### **Promoting the Welsh language**

The building should be encouraged to deliver bilingual signage within the school should it be an English medium school. All public areas will be required to have bilingual signage. Communication with residents and the local community will be bilingual.

#### **Culture and heritage**

Consideration will be given in the design stage to the local heritage of an area so that any building is sympathetic to its neighbourhood.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **People using Welsh**

The development of new facilities for English medium schools could see parents choose English medium schools rather than Welsh medium based on the quality of facilities rather than the offer available.

#### **Promoting the Welsh language**

No negative impacts identified

#### **Culture and heritage**

No negative impacts identified

## **A globally responsible Denbighshire**

### **Overall Impact**

Positive

### **Justification for impact**

The procurement of contractors and the subsequent construction periods should have a positive impact. Adherence to procurement regulations and statutory responsibilities around Health and Safety will ensure that the projects address such areas. The requirement for Net Carbon Zero buildings as part of the Programme will support Denbighshire's position around reducing climate change.

### **Further actions required**

Ensure that the requirements of the programme on a local and regional level are communicated to Framework providers so they are aware of future workstreams.

### **Positive impacts identified:**

#### **Local, national, international supply chains**

The provision of new projects will include community benefits as a key part of the procurement process. This will ensure that the local supply chain can be involved in projects. Main contractors will be encouraged to hold meet the buyer events and provide opportunities for local suppliers to compete for work.

#### **Human rights**

All contractors will be expected to have first class health and safety procedures in place and these will be rigorously examined during the delivery of the project. Workers employed during the process will be expected to be treated equitably.

#### **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**



The scoping of projects for the Programme will consider co-location of services on school sites to improve the overall quality of service for the community.

### **Reducing climate change**

The proposed programme will have a positive contribution to the Council becoming Net Carbon Zero by 2030. Welsh Government announced that from 1st January 2022 all new build projects will be required to demonstrate delivery of Net Zero Carbon in operation.

### **Negative impacts identified:**

#### **Local, national, international supply chains**

Risk that an increase in work creates unintended issues for the capacity of the local supply chain.

#### **Human rights**

No negative impacts identified

#### **Broader service provision in the local area or the region**

No negative impacts identified

### **Reducing climate change**

Projects which involve refurbishment will provide greater challenges in achieving net carbon zero within existing buildings.

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<b>Report to</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>16 May 2024</b>
<b>Head of Service</b>	<b>Catrin Roberts, Head of Corporate Support Service: People</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; 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 has not met since the Committee last met, but its next scheduled meeting is on the 20 May 2024.

## **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.

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Note: Items entered in italics have not been approved for submission by the Committee. Such reports are listed here for information, pending formal approval.

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
4 July	<b>Leader</b> (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
	<b>Cllr. Elen Heaton</b>	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 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/Michael Reay/Nerys Tompsett	July 2023

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>Cllr. Barry Mellor</b>	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	<b>Cllr. Rhys Thomas</b>	1.	Community Safety Partnership <b>[Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee]</b>	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 made in spending the allocated funding.	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 services which the Council and local residents require	Helen Vaughan-Evans/Sian Taylor	July 2023

Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
				(report to include actual numbers as well as percentages to enable the Committee to effectively evaluate the impact of measures put in place)			
	<b>Cllr. Elen Heaton</b>	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	<b>Cllr. Barry Mellor</b>	1.	Blue Flag Status for Denbighshire's Beaches  <b>(Reps from NRW &amp; Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water to be invited to attend)</b>	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 together to achieve the accreditation with a view to	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
				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	<b>Cllr. Elen Heaton</b>	1. North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project  (TBC)	<i>To consider the latest position with regards to the project's delivery, including WG's support for the project, identification of potential funding streams along with the expected timescale for various phases involved with its delivery</i>	<i>An understanding of current timescales and project brief to support the Council to plan its services for residents across the county</i>	BCUHB	Updated by RhE - March 2024

**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
<b>Information Report</b> (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	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 2024</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/Tony Ward	December 2021
<b>INFORMATION REPORT</b> (September 2024)	Collaborative Procurement Service's Annual Report	To receive information on the collaborative Service's activity and performance during 2023/24	Catrin Roberts/Karen Bellis	September 2023

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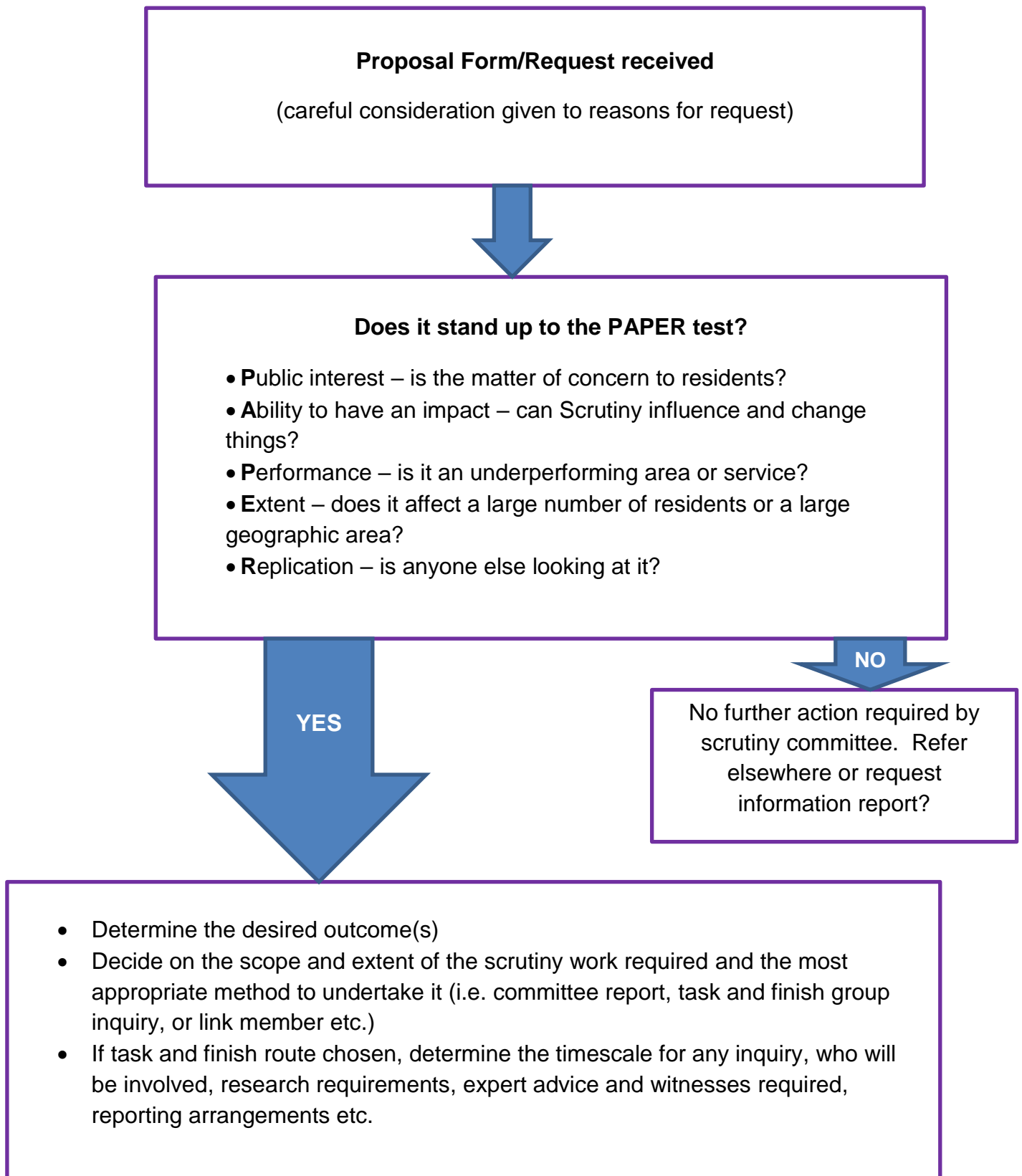
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Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
4 July	20 June	12 September	29 August	19 December	5 December

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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	Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer	Date Entered / Updated By
<b>21 May</b>	1	Denbighshire's draft Local Housing Market Assessment	To seek Cabinet approval of the assessment for submission to Welsh Government	Yes	Cllrs Rhys Thomas Lead Officer/Report Author – Angela Loftus/Sue Lewis	02.04.24 KEJ
	2	Long Term Plan for Towns: Rhyl	To delegate authority to submit the information required by UK Government so that DCC remain in the process to access £20m for Rhyl over the next 10 years.	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer/Report Author – Tony Ward	15.04.24 KEJ
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
<b>25 June</b>	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	

## 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
	3	Corporate Joint Committee Governance Arrangements	To approve updated governance arrangements	Yes	Cllr Jason McLellan Lead Officer/Report Author – Gary Williams	26.04.24 KEJ
	4	Asset Management Strategy 2024 - 2029	To seek Cabinet approval of the updated Asset Management Strategy for formal adoption	Yes	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer – Helen Vaughan-Evans / Report Author – Bryn Williams	07.05.24 KEJ
	5	Finance Report (Financial Outturn 2023/24)	To present the final revenue outturn position for 2023/24	Tbc	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	07.05.24 KEJ
	6	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
	7	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
<b>30 July</b>	1	Panel Performance Assessment Arrangements	For Cabinet to approve the arrangements for the upcoming Panel Performance Assessment	Yes	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer – Helen Vaughan-Evans / Report Author – Iolo McGregor	12.04.24 KEJ
	2	LUF Clwyd West: St Peter's Square & Cae Ddol projects	To share the concept designs for the St Peter's Square and Cae	Yes	Cllr Barry Mellor	12.04.24

## Cabinet Forward Work Plan

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			Ddol projects along with the public consultation report, and to seek Cabinet's authorisation to proceed with the detailed design phase.		Lead Officer – Mike Jones / Report Author – Sian Lloyd Price	
	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
	4	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
<b>24 Sept</b>	1	Public Conveniences Savings Proposal	To consider the Public Conveniences Savings Proposal	Yes	Cllr Barry Mellor Lead Officer/Report Author – Paul Jackson/Joanna Douglass	23.04.24 KEJ
	2	Denbighshire's Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP)	To present the LAEP to Cabinet for endorsement	Yes	Cllr Barry Mellor Lead Officer/Report Author – Helen Vaughan-Evans/Liz Wilcox Jones	22.04.24 KEJ
	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
	4	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item

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<b>22 Oct</b>	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
	2	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
<b>19 Nov</b>	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 Lead Officer/Report Author Liz Thomas	Standing Item
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet's attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item
<b>17 Dec</b>	1	Panel Performance Assessment Response	For Cabinet to approve the Council's management response to the Panel Performance Assessment Report	Yes	Cllr Gwyneth Ellis Lead Officer – Helen Vaughan-Evans /	12.04.24 KEJ

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Meeting	Item (description / title)		Purpose of Report	Decision required (yes/no)	Author – Lead member and contact officer	Date Entered / Updated By
					Report Author – Iolo McGregor	
	2	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
	3	Items from Scrutiny Committees	To consider any issues raised by Scrutiny for Cabinet’s attention	Tbc	Lead Officer – Scrutiny Coordinators	Standing Item

Note for officers – Cabinet Report Deadlines

<i>Meeting</i>	<b>Deadline</b>	<i>Meeting</i>	<b>Deadline</b>	<i>Meeting</i>	<b>Deadline</b>
<i>21 May</i>	<b>7 May</b>	<i>25 June</i>	<b>11 June</b>	<i>30 July</i>	<b>16 July</b>

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## Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
21 March 2024	5. North Denbighshire Community Hospital Project	<i><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Partnership Scrutiny Committee note the update presentation and agree to send a letter from the Committee to Vaughan Gethin, also the Minister for Health and the Head of Health Services requesting more money to North Wales to allow the Royal Alexandra Hospital to be built as soon as possible.</i>	<p>Lead Member and officers advised of the Committee's recommendations. Letter sent on the Committee's behalf to the First Minister and copied to the Cabinet Secretary for Health &amp; Social Care and the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales &amp; Transport.</p> <p>Copies of this letter and the subsequent response received from the Cabinet Secretary for Health &amp; Social Care circulated to Committee members for information.</p>

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