

Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan

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
5 September		1. Llantysilio Mountain Fire	To present the findings of the inquiry into the fire and the lessons learnt from the incident	To confirm the inquiry's findings and formulate recommendations based on the findings with a view to improving: (i) multi-agency responses to similar incidents in future; and (ii) land management practices to mitigate against the risk and spread of similar fires in future	Steve Price/Rhian Evans	March 2019
24 Oct	Cllr. Huw Hilditch Roberts	1. Impact of the Ruthin Primary Education Area Review [Education]	To consider the findings of the of the impact assessment (based on the WBFG Act principles and goals) undertaken following the conclusion, implementation of the decisions relating to the review	Identification of any negative or unintended/unexpected outcomes from the school reorganisation decisions that will assist planning for similar projects in future to ensure the well-being of all stakeholders	Karen Evans/Geraint Davies/James Curran	October 2017 (rescheduled June 2019)
	Cllr. Brian Jones Reps from Dŵr Cymru Welsh	2. Flood Management Responsibilities in Denbighshire	To present the conclusions of the joint study into whether improvements	An assessment of whether the Council effectively fulfils its responsibilities in relation to flood management and mitigation and works effectively with partner	Tony Ward/Wayne Hope	March 2018 (rescheduled February 2019 & June 2019)

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	Water & NRW to be invited			could be made to the management of the Rhyl Cut and Prestatyn Gutter, adjacent drains and sewers, and to outline each organisation's responsibilities in relation to flood management and flood mitigation	organisations to reduce the risk of flooding and deliver the Environment and Resilient Communities priorities of the Corporate Plan		
	Cllr. Brian Jones	3.	Proposed New Waste and Recycling Service Design	To consider detailed information on the proposed new services, including service design, depot reconfiguration requirements, indicative costings and funding available and proposed communication strategy	Assurances that the proposal are progressing in accordance with the Council and the national vision in relation to waste management, reconfiguration costs are manageable and will realise indicative savings and ease budget pressure and that residents are buying into the new waste concept which will deliver the corporate priority relating to an attractive and protected environment that supports well-being and economic prosperity	Tony Ward/Tara Dumas/Peter Clayton	October 2018 (rescheduled March 2018 & June 2019)
	Leader	4.	Tourism Signage Strategy for Denbighshire	To outline the progress made by the Working Group in developing a tourism signage strategy for the	The development of a tourism signage strategy that complements trunk road signage and technological innovations in the field of tourism, takes into account the aims of 'The Wales Way' project, attracts visitors	Mike Jones/Peter McDermott	May 2018 (rescheduled by SCVCG December 2018 & rescheduled by

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				county, consideration of potential funding sources, and the anticipated timescale for the project's delivery	and increases the value of tourism spend in the county in line with the corporate priority relating to the Environment, and in-keeping with the outcomes of Denbighshire's Tourism Strategy		the Committee June 2019)
12 Dec							
May/June 2020	Cllr. Huw Hilditch-Roberts	1.	Welsh Government's Free Childcare Offer in Denbighshire	To assess the take-up and impact of the WG's free childcare offer in the county since its introduction in April 2019	To evaluate whether the introduction of the free childcare offer has supported the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities relating to young people and resilient communities, supported the local economy and will enhance better outcomes for children and families	Karen Evans/James Wood	September 2018
late 2020/early 2021 (prov. date – tbc)	Cllr. Julian Thompson-Hill	1.	Universal Credit	To detail: (i) the impact of migrating legacy benefits residents on to Universal Credit on Council services; and (ii) the effectiveness of the measures taken by the Council and its partners with a	(i) An understanding of the impact of migrating legacy benefit recipients onto UC on Council services and on residents themselves; and (ii) an assessment of the effectiveness of measures taken to support services and residents to deal with the changes and proposed plans for dealing with the remainder of the rollout. Scrutiny's consideration of the above matters will assist it to identify	Paul Barnes/Rachel Thomas	May 2019

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				view to mitigating the effects of migrating legacy benefits residents on to UC (including the lessons learnt	proposed ways to mitigate against the effects of UC adversely affecting the Council's aim of building resilient communities		

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Future Issues

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Denbighshire's Learner Transport Policy: Non-Statutory Elements	To present the findings of the Task and Finish Group's study into the county's learner transport provision for pupils and students accessing non-statutory elements of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Clarity and understanding of Council's annual learner transport budget and the cost of transporting pupils/students to statutory and non-statutory, discretionary and non-discretionary education, including an enhanced knowledge of education and learner transport legislation and their impact on the budget; (ii) an assessment of the potential impact of withdrawing the provision of free learner transport for pupils/students who access the various non-statutory or discretionary educational elements currently offered, including any risks to the wider education provision in the area and to the skills base required in local economy; and (iii) ensuring that every pupil/student in the county has fair and equitable access to education provision and is not discriminated against in any way 	Task and Finish Group	May 2019

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For future years

Information/Consultation Reports

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Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
5 September	22 August	24 October	10 October	12 December	28 November

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