

Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan

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| 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 | 2. | 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) |

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| | Cllr. Brian Jones | 3. | <i>Well-being of Future Generations Wales Act in Relation to Flooding (tbc)</i> | <i>To consider a report by the Wales Audit Office on the Council's approach to flood risk management and compliance with the Act's sustainable development principle and 5 well-being goals</i> | <i>Formulation of recommendations to aid better compliance with the Act's sustainable development principle</i> | <i>Tony Ward/Wayne Hope/Nicola Kneale</i> | <i>By SCVCG July 2019</i> |
| 12 December | Cllr. Mark Young | 1 | Planning Compliance Charter | To present a revised version of the Charter following the consultation exercise with the county's city, town and community councils. (the report to include information on staffing resources, communication timescale with the public and the number of complaints received by the Service on | To endorse and recommend the adoption of a Charter that will be useful to town and community councils and other stakeholders to understand how the compliance function works and how they can support compliance work through early prevention/intervention work in their locality. The Charter will help support the delivery of the Environment and Resilient Communities corporate priorities. | Emlyn Jones/Paul Mead/Adam Turner | July 2019 |

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| | | | | planning contraventions) | | | |
| 23 January 2020 | | | | | | | |
| 12 March | Leader | 1. | Tourism Signage Strategy for Denbighshire | To outline the progress made by the Working Group in developing a tourism signage strategy for the county, consideration of potential funding sources, and the anticipated timescale for the project's delivery | 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 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 | Mike Jones/Peter McDermott | May 2018 (rescheduled by SCVCG December 2018 & rescheduled by the Committee June 2019) |
| 7 May | 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 |
| 2 July | | | | | | | |
| 3 September | | | | | | | |

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| 22 October | Cllr. Brian Jones Reps from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water & NRW to be invited | 1. | <i>Flood Management Responsibilities in Denbighshire</i> | <i>To present the conclusions of the joint study into whether improvements 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</i> | <i>An assessment of whether the Council effectively fulfils its responsibilities in relation to flood management and mitigation and works effectively with partner organisations to reduce the risk of flooding and deliver the Environment and Resilient Communities priorities of the Corporate Plan</i> | <i>Tony Ward/Wayne Hope</i> | <i>March 2018 (rescheduled February 2019 & June 2019) rescheduled until conclusion of the Phase 3 study</i> |
| 10 December | | | | | | | |
| 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 | (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. | Paul Barnes/Rachel Thomas | May 2019 |

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| | | | | taken by the Council and its partners with a view to mitigating the effects of migrating legacy benefits residents on to UC (including the lessons learnt | Scrutiny's consideration of the above matters will assist it to identify 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

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Information/Consultation Reports

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| INFORMATION <i>(for circulation January 2021)</i> | Car Park Asset/Investment Management Plan | To detail the progress made to date with the delivery of the asset management plan and associated initiatives | Emlyn Jones/Mike Jones | July 2019 |

Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

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| 24 October | 10 October | 12 December | 28 November | 23 January 2020 | 9 January 2020 |

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