

## 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
12 March	<b>Leader</b>	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)
	<b>Cllr. Tony Thomas</b>	2. Progress report on recommendations stemming from the Llantysilio Mountain fire review	To monitor progress made in relation to implementing the Review's recommendations in conjunction with the Council's partner agencies and organisations	(i) The development of a Regional Wildfire Plan to help partner agencies respond effectively to similar incidents in future and to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring; and (ii) Securing sufficient funding to establish and fund a dedicated Upland and Moorland Management Officer post to support all partner organisations, landowners and graziers to effectively manage the habitat, reducing the risk of wildfires in an economically viable way in line with WG agricultural policies which benefits the local	Emlyn Jones/Huw Rees/David Shiel	September 2019

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					area and supports the delivery of the Council's Environment corporate priority		
	<b>Cllr. Huw Hilditch-Roberts</b>	3.	Denbighshire's Learner Transport Policy: Non-Statutory Elements  <b>[Education]</b>	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	(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
	<b>Cllr. Brian Jones</b>	4.	Well-being of Future Generations: An examination of	For the Committee to consider the Wales Audit Office's (WAO)	To formulate recommendations and seek assurances that the Council has appropriate plans in place to respond to the issues raised by the WAO	Tony Ward/Tara Dumas/WAO	By SCVCG December 2019

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			taking steps to revise household waste collection, supporting the well-being objective of delivering an attractive and protected environment	findings and the Council's proposed response to them			
7 May	<b>Cllr. Huw Hilditch-Roberts</b>	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	<b>Cllr. Tony Thomas</b>	1.	Ruthin Gaol	To consider potential options for the utilisation of the vacated space at the facility if the proposed single-shared archive service with Flintshire County Council and the	To formulate recommendations in relation to securing the future of the Gaol through the development of a tourist and education asset that will benefit local residents and tourists whilst supporting the area and county's economic development in line with the Council's Environment corporate priority	Alan Smith/Craig Berry/ Helen Vaughan-Evans	October 2019

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				creation of the 'hub' proceeds		
3 September	<b>Cllr. Huw Hilditch Roberts</b>	1. Impact of the Ruthin Primary Education Area Review  <b>[Education]</b>  (tbc)	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 and by SCVCG September 2019)
22 October	<b>Cllr. Brian Jones</b>  <b>Reps from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water &amp; NRW to be invited</b>	1. <i>Flood Management Responsibilities in Denbighshire</i> (tbc)	<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</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 &amp; June 2019) rescheduled until conclusion of the Phase 3 study</i>

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				<i>management and flood mitigation</i>			
10 December							
early 2021 (prov. date – tbc)	<b>Cllr. Julian Thompson-Hill</b>	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 view to mitigating the effects of migrating legacy benefits residents on to UC (including the lessons learnt	(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 proposed ways to mitigate against the effects of UC adversely affecting the Council's aim of building resilient communities	Paul Barnes/Rachel Thomas	May 2019

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**Future Issues**

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Waste and Recycling	To provide an update on the outcome of the pilot projects undertaken to increase the capture of recyclable waste across the county	An evaluation of the pilot projects' success in increasing recycling rates and recommendations for future improvements in this area	Tony Ward/Tara Dumas	October 2019
Waste and Recycling: Benefits Realisation Plan	To examine the proposed Benefits Realisation Plan to be implemented for the purpose of monitoring the environmental, financial, employee and customer benefits of the new waste operating model	The formulation of recommendations in relation to the Benefits Realisation Plan with a view to ensuring effective, meaningful and quantifiable monitoring of the model that will help support future improvements to the service	Tony Ward/Tara Dumas	October 2019

**For future years**


**Information/Consultation Reports**

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<b>INFORMATION</b> <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**

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
12 March	<b>27 February</b>	7 May	<b>23 April</b>	2 July	<b>18 June</b>

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