

Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan

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Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
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
	Cllr. Huw Hilditch-Roberts	2.	The process for determining the allocation of 21 st Century Schools Band B Funding [Education]	To detail the process followed in order to determine which schools benefited from 21 st Century Band B investment	An evaluation of the methodology applied to determine whether it was transparent and equitable to all schools across the county with a view to identifying any areas or processes which may benefit from being strengthened in readiness for any future funding exercises	Karen Evans/Geraint Davies/James Curran	By SCVCG January 2020
	Cllr. Brian Jones	3.	Waste and Recycling	To: (i) provide an update on the outcome of the pilot projects undertaken to increase the capture of recyclable waste across the county; and (ii) examine the proposed	An evaluation of the pilot projects' success in increasing recycling rates for the purpose of formulating recommendations for future improvements in this area and in relation to the Benefits Realisation Plan with a view to ensuring effective, meaningful and quantifiable monitoring of the new waste operating model that will help support future improvements to the service	Tony Ward/Tara Dumas	October 2019

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				Benefits Realisation Plan to be implemented for the purpose of monitoring the environmental, financial, employee and customer benefits of the new waste operating model			
2 July	Cllr. Tony Thomas	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 creation of the 'hub' proceeds	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
3 September	Cllr. Huw Hilditch Roberts	1.	Impact of the Ruthin Primary Education Area Review	To consider the findings of the of the impact assessment	Identification of any negative or unintended/unexpected outcomes from the school reorganisation decisions that will assist planning for	Karen Evans/Geraint Davies/James Curran	October 2017 (rescheduled June 2019 and by SCVCG

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			[Education] (tbc)	(based on the WBFG Act principles and goals) undertaken following the conclusion, implementation of the decisions relating to the review	similar projects in future to ensure the well-being of all stakeholders		September 2019)
22 October	Cllr. Brian Jones Reps from Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water & NRW to be invited	1.	Flood Management Responsibilities in Denbighshire	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	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	Tony Ward/Wayne Hope	March 2018 (rescheduled February 2019 & June 2019) rescheduled until conclusion of the Phase 3 study
	Cllr. Brian Jones Reps from Dŵr Cymru Welsh	2.	Flood Risk Management across Denbighshire	To outline flood management and mitigation measures to deal with all types of	Delivery of the Council's corporate priorities relating to the environment, housing and resilient communities whilst ensuring that the Authority is positively addressing the risks	Tony Ward/Emlyn Jones/Wayne Hope/Paul Mead	January 2020

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	<i>Water & NRW to be invited</i>			flood risks county-wide (already in place or planned). These to include work with public and private partners and landowners - including engineering projects and land management initiatives with a view to reducing the risk of flooding and combat the effect of climate change. The report also to include details of work the Planning Department is undertaking in relation to flood mitigation as part of the planning process	associated with the climate and ecological emergency		
10 December							
early 2021	Cllr. Julian Thompson-Hill	1.	Universal Credit	To detail: (i) the impact of migrating	(i) An understanding of the impact of migrating legacy benefit recipients	Paul Barnes/Rachel Thomas	May 2019

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(prov. date – tbc)				<p>legacy benefits residents on to Universal Credit on Council services; and</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>onto UC on Council services and on residents themselves; and</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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</p>		

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Future Issues

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For future years

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

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
7 May	23 April	2 July	18 June	3 September	20 August

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