

PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES					
NAME OF COMMITTEE		Partnerships Scrutiny Committee			
DATE OF MEETING/TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION		July 2012			
TITLE OF REPORT		New Work Connections			
P U R P O S E	1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf)	Denbighshire County Council are the Lead Sponsors for the regional New Work Connections project involving Conwy, Anglesey, Gwynedd and Denbighshire. This is a major project which totals £ £20.5 million ESF funding (including match). The project in Denbighshire has a total of £7,067,204 (including match) £3 million of which £2,754.575 (including match) has been used to procure external service provision. Cabinet have to date received reports on the procurement of these external services. Sally Ellis, Corporate Director Demographics, Wellbeing and Planning has suggested that the project is at a point where it needs to provide an update to Partnerships Scrutiny regarding the outcomes it has achieved so far and also attempt to begin to lay the ground for the post grant period which will be used to inform the development of an exit strategy for the project.			
	2. What issues are to be scrutinised?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with Denbighshire County Council policies and procedures • Compliance with Welsh European Office Terms and Conditions • Appropriate governance arrangements • Adequate alignment to Denbighshire County Council priority areas • Monitoring and evaluation and risk management processes • Effective and efficient use of funding • Achievement of Targets and Indicators • Exit Strategy for the Project 			
	3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts?	It would be necessary for the Lead Officer, Gwynfor Griffiths and Regional Manager, Melanie Evans to be in attendance to respond to any questions raised at the meeting			
	4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report?	Recommendations for effective service delivery of the project across Denbighshire and the project's exit strategy.			
	5. Score the topic from 0 – 4 on aims & priorities and impact (see overleaf)*	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Aims & Priorities</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Aims & Priorities	Impact	3
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS					
REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny's recommendations to be reported elsewhere?		These will be reported to NWSSIC and also the New Work Connections Regional Partnership Board and the Local Delivery Groups within each authority.			
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Please complete the following checklist:

	Yes	No
Is the topic already being addressed satisfactorily?		✓
Is Scrutiny likely to result in service improvements or other measurable benefits?	✓	
Does the topic concern a poor performing service or a high budgetary commitment?		✓
Are there adequate resources / realistic possibility of adequate resources to achieve the objective(s)?	✓	
Is the Scrutiny activity timely, i.e. will scrutiny be able to recommend changes to the service delivery, policy, strategy, etc?	✓	
Is the topic linked to corporate or scrutiny aims and priorities?	✓	
Has the topic been identified as a risk in the Corporate Risk Register or is it the subject of an adverse internal audit or external regulator report?		✓

*The following table is to be used to guide the scores given:

Score	Aims & Priorities	Impact
0	No links to corporate/scrutiny aims and priorities	No potential benefits
1	No links to corporate/scrutiny aims and priorities but a subject of high public concern	Minor potential benefits affecting only one ward/customer/client group
2	Some evidence of links, but indirect	Minor benefits to two groups/moderate benefits to one
3	Good evidence linking the topic to both aims and priorities	Moderate benefits to more than one group/substantial benefits to one
4	Strong evidence linking both aims and priorities, and has a high level of public concern	Substantial community-wide benefits

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Aims & Priorities

4	Possible topic for Scrutiny – to be timetabled appropriately	Priority topic for Scrutiny – for urgent consideration
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2	Reject topic for Scrutiny – topic to be circulated to members for information purposes	Possible topic for Scrutiny – to be timetabled appropriately
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