

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
<i>10 December</i>	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 Water & NRW to be invited	2.	Flood Risk Management across Denbighshire	To outline flood management and mitigation measures to deal with all types of flood risks county-wide (already in place or planned). These to include work with public and private partners and	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 associated with the climate and ecological emergency	Tony Ward/Emlyn Jones/Wayne Hope/Paul Mead	January 2020

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				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			
21 January 2021	Cllr. Julian Thompson-Hill	1.	Universal Credit (UC)	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	(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 (Impact of COVID-19 element added Sept 2020)

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				Council and its partners with a view to mitigating the effects of migrating legacy benefits residents on to UC (including the lessons learnt; and (iii) the impact of COVID-19 on the number of UC claimants in Denbighshire	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 (iii) An understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on the numbers of Denbighshire residents claiming UC and the consequential effects on Council services		
	Leader	2.	Rhyl Regeneration Programme	To outline the work undertaken to date as part of the programme and the governance arrangements that supports this work	A greater understanding of the Rhyl Regeneration Programme and its governance arrangement and how it supports the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities	Nicola Caie/Emlyn Jones	By SCVCG October 2020
<i>(may be brought forward to Dec 2020 if NRW & Dŵr Cymru are not able to attend that meeting)</i>	Cllr. Brian Jones	3.	Car Park Charging Policy and Residents' Parking Schemes	To examine the Council's car parking charging policy and residents' parking schemes	Examination of the current policy and schemes to determine whether they are sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of all parts of the county and support individual communities and businesses, particularly in view of COVID-19 restrictions	Emlyn Jones/Mike Jones/Peter Lea/Ben Wilcox-Jones	By SCVCG October 2020

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11 March	Leader	1.	<i>Draft Tourism Signage Strategy for Denbighshire (tbc)</i>	<i>To examine the draft Tourism Signage Strategy for the county developed by the Working Group including potential funding sources and the anticipated timescale for the Strategy's delivery</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Mike Jones/Peter McDermott</i>	<i>March 2020 (rescheduled due to COVID-19 (Sept 20))</i>
	Cllr. Brian Jones	2.	The Role of Denbighshire in Public Transport and Active Travel Provision (tbc)	To examine the Council's work to date in planning public transport and active travel provision in readiness for the likely growth in demand due to the response to the public's response to climate change and sustainable living requirements	Input into future service provision that will meet residents and businesses' needs and help support the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities and Corporate Plan	Peter Daniels	By SCVCG March 2020 (rescheduled due to COVID-19 (Sept 20))
	Cllr. Julian Thompson-Hill	3.	COVID-19 Recovery Theme – Council Buildings	To detail the progress made to date in relation to getting Council buildings back into	To ensure that all Council buildings are compliant with guidelines and regulations for safe use by staff and the public, and the identification of new ways delivering services from	Steve Gadd	September 2020

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				use, decommissioning temporary use buildings and undertaking maintenance backlogs following the Authority's response to the pandemic	Council buildings which safeguard those who enter them		
	Cllr. Brian Jones	4.	<i>Waste and Recycling (tbc – potentially Apr/May)</i>	<p>To:</p> <p>(i) <i>provide an overall on the progress of the project;</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>update on the outcome of the pilot projects undertaken to increase the capture of recyclable waste across the county; and</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>examine the proposed Benefits Realisation Plan to be implemented for the purpose of monitoring the</i></p>	<i>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</i>	<i>Tony Ward/Tara Dumas</i>	<i>October 2019 (rescheduled March 2020) (rescheduled due to COVID-19 (Sept 20))</i>

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				<i>environmental, financial, employee and customer benefits of the new waste operating model</i>			
13 May	Cllr. Mark Young	1.	<i>Planning Compliance Charter (may be presented earlier if other items are not available (tbc))</i>	<i>To examine the effectiveness of the Planning Compliance Charter with the county's city, town and community councils in addressing planning contraventions, non-compliance and enforcement issues across the county</i>	<i>An evaluation of the Charter's effectiveness in order to determine whether recommendations are required to strengthen the Charter or increase resources available for planning enforcement across the county</i>	<i>Emlyn Jones/Adam Turner</i>	<i>By SCVCG October 2020</i>
1 July							
9 September							
21 October							

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Future Issues

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Denbighshire's Learner Transport Policy (date to be confirmed, possibly an information report) (early 2021)	To review the Council's policy in relation to the provision of learner transport for: (i) pupils accessing non-statutory elements of education following the Welsh Government's review of Post 16 Learner Travel; and (ii) The impact of Public Vehicle Accessibility Regulations (PSVAR) on learner travel in the county	Clarity in relation to the cost of learner transport in the county going forward which will support the allocation of sufficient funding to cover these costs in the annual budget setting process	Geraint Davies/Ian Land/Peter Daniels	March 2020

For future years

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Information/Consultation Reports

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INFORMATION	Welsh Government's Free Childcare Offer in Denbighshire	(i) To assess the take-up and impact of the WG's free childcare offer in the county since its introduction in April 2019	Geraint Davies/James Wood	September 2018 (rescheduled April 2020)

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		(ii) 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; and (iii) The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the scheme's delivery in Denbighshire		due to COVID-19)
INFORMATION <i>(for circulation early 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
10 December	26 November	21 January 2021	7 January	11 March	25 February

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