

PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES					
NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		Communities			
DATE OF MEETING / TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION		As soon as possible – July meeting preferable to fit in with the timetable for major infrastructure projects in Denbighshire.			
TITLE OF REPORT		Major Infrastructure Project: Resources and Principles of Community Engagement			
P U R P O S E	1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf)	There are a number of major infrastructure projects that are within or directly affect Denbighshire Council. Decisions on major infrastructure projects are made at a national level, but Local Authorities have a significant role to play in the planning process. There is no statutory obligation placed on the Local Authority to respond to pre-application consultation or participate in the examination process, but given the scale of the development in Denbighshire and the impact this will have on our local communities, officers feel it is incumbent to fully participate in the process. The aim of this report is to seek resolution on the level of resource the Council should dedicate to major infrastructure projects and the extent to which the Council should proactively engage the local community at key stages in the planning process.			
	2. What issues are to be scrutinised?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to scrutinise the level of resource the Council should dedicate to major infrastructure projects; and • the extent to which the Council should proactively engage the local community at key stages in the planning process for major infrastructure projects. 			
	3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts?	Yes – Officers & lead member should be in attendance. Representative members of the public and/or community councils may also be invited to put forward the community's point of view.			
	4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report?	The committee will steer the policy and procedural stance the Council should adopt with regards to major infrastructure projects.			
	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;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Aims & Priorities	Impact	4
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS		Major infrastructure projects in Denbighshire include very large energy projects (windfarms and new grid infrastructure) which will have a significant and far reaching impact on local residents and local communities.			
REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny's recommendations to be reported elsewhere?		Full Council			
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Please complete the following checklist:

	Yes	No
Is the topic already being addressed satisfactorily?		N
Is Scrutiny likely to result in service improvements or other measurable benefits?	Y	
Does the topic concern a poor performing service or a <u>high</u> budgetary commitment?	Y	
Are there adequate resources / realistic possibility of adequate resources to achieve the objective(s)?	Y	
Is the Scrutiny activity timely, i.e. will scrutiny be able to recommend changes to the service delivery, policy, strategy, etc?	Y	
Is the topic linked to corporate or scrutiny aims and priorities?	Y	
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?		N

*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
3		
2	Reject topic for Scrutiny – topic to be circulated to members for information purposes	Possible topic for Scrutiny – to be timetabled appropriately
1		

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