

PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES					
<b>NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>		<b>Communities</b>			
<b>DATE OF MEETING / TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION</b>		<b>As soon as possible – July meeting preferable to fit in with the timetable for major infrastructure projects in Denbighshire.</b>			
<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>		<b>Major Infrastructure Project: Resources and Principles of Community Engagement</b>			
<b>P U R P O S E</b>	<b>1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf)</b>	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.			
	<b>2. What issues are to be scrutinised?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to scrutinise the level of resource the Council should dedicate to major infrastructure projects; and</li> <li>• the extent to which the Council should proactively engage the local community at key stages in the planning process for major infrastructure projects.</li> </ul>			
	<b>3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts?</b>	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.			
	<b>4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report?</b>	The committee will steer the policy and procedural stance the Council should adopt with regards to major infrastructure projects.			
	<b>5. Score the topic from 0 – 4 on aims &amp; priorities and impact (see overleaf)*</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;"><b>Aims &amp; Priorities</b></th> <th style="width: 50%;"><b>Impact</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Aims &amp; Priorities</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</b>		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.			
<b>REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny's recommendations to be reported elsewhere?</b>		Full Council			
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