

<b>Report to</b>	Democratic Services Committee
<b>Date of meeting</b>	27 November 2023
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<b>Title</b>	Forward Work Programme

## **1. What is the report about?**

1.1. This report is intended to facilitate discussion and feedback on the areas within the remit of the committee, and to confirm agenda items for future meetings.

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1. It is appropriate for the committee to review its forward work programme at each meeting. Items that may be appropriate include the following (this list is not exhaustive):

- Member training and development
- Support arrangements for members to fulfil their roles
- Support for the Scrutiny function of the Council
- Reviewing resources available to members (for example accommodation and technology)
- Welsh Government initiatives, legislation and consultations on local democracy issues including diversity, equality and participation
- Members' Remuneration

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

3.1. That the Committee considers the information within this report and confirms the forward work programme for future meetings.

## **4. Report details**

- 4.1 A report on 'Mandatory Training Policy for Councillors' had been included in the forward work programme for today's meeting but the preparation for this report is not yet completed. The report has been re-scheduled for the committee's next meeting in March.
- 4.2 A verbal update of the latest position can be given during consideration of this forward work programme report.
- 4.3 The March 2024 report on 'Single Transferable Vote' has been brought forward to today's meeting for the committee's consideration.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

- 5.1. This report does not directly contribute to the Corporate Plan.

## **6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

- 6.1. There are no cost implications from consideration of the forward work programme and the updates included in the report.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

- 7.1. A well-being impact is not required for this report.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

- 8.1. N/A.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

- 9.1. A Chief Finance Officer Statement is not required for this report.

## **10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

- 10.1 No specific risks have been identified from consideration of this report. Reviewing the forward work programme and associated information is an important feature of the Democratic Services Committee's role.

# **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011