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Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
25 January 2024	Cllr. Emrys Wynne	1. Library Service Standards 2022-23	To consider the results of the WG's annual evaluation of the Council's Library Service and receive information on how the Service has progressed and adapted its service provision during the year	Identification of any slippages in performance in order to formulate recommendations to redress the situation and ensure that the Service delivers the Council's Corporate Plan and its corporate themes in relation to a learning & growing; healthier, happy and caring; better connected; fairer, safer and more equal Denbighshire; a Denbighshire of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language as well as a well-run and high performing Council.	Liz Grieve/Debbie Owen	March 2023
	Cllr. Gill German	2. Ensuring Engagement in Education [Education]	To examine the work being undertaken to promote attendance and engagement in education, as well as the actions taken/sanctions applied where pupils are not engaging	Ensuring that all possible steps are being taken to monitor pupils' engagement with education, to provide appropriate encouragement and support for vulnerable and hard to reach pupils to re-engage with their education and to help them understand the long-term implications of not engaging.	<i>Geraint Davies/Wayne Wheatley</i>	<i>By SCVCG April 2023</i>
7 March	Cllr. Gill German	1. 2018 Estyn Inspection Recommendations	To detail in full the work undertaken to fully address the recommendations made in the	Ensuring that all of the regulators recommendations have been complied with and	Geraint Davies	By SCVCG April 2023

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		[Education]	2018 Estyn Inspection report of the education services provided by Denbighshire County Council, including how the measures taken to address the recommendations were received and monitored.	regularly monitored with a view to delivering a learning and growing Denbighshire that is fairer, safe and more equal to all pupils		
	Cllr. Gill German	2. Elective Home Education [Education]	To examine the Authority's policies and procedures in relation to supporting and monitoring the delivery of Elective Home Education	Ensuring that the Council meets its statutory responsibilities with regards to pupils who elect to be educated at home, whilst also ensuring they are appropriately supported and safeguarded.	<i>Geraint Davies/Joe Earl</i>	<i>By SCVCG April 2023</i>
	Cllr. Julie Matthews	3. 'Are the Council's Corporate Support Functions Effective?'	<i>To consider the progress achieved to date in addressing the two recommendations made by Audit Wales in its May 2023 report along with the Council's future plans for sufficiently resourcing its wider corporate support services' functions</i>	<i>To ensure that the Council complies with AW's recommendations, the requirements of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and is adequately resourced to deliver its Corporate Plan 2022-27</i>	<i>Gary Williams/C atrin Roberts/Helen Vaughan-Evans</i>	<i>By SCVCG October 2023</i>
	Leader	4. Economic & Business Development	To: (i) consult with the Committee on the draft new Denbighshire Economic & Community Ambition Strategy for 2024 onwards; (ii) detail how the current and proposed new Strategy dovetail with the work of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Welsh & UK Governments and other economic development partners to support the	Formulation of recommendations in relation to the new Strategy that will help secure the delivery, in partnership with all stakeholders, of a more prosperous Denbighshire that provides employment and business opportunities for residents to improve the quality of lives and support thriving, cohesive communities	Emlyn Jones/ Gareth Roberts	By SCVCG November 2022 (rescheduled November 2023)

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			delivery of a thriving economy in Denbighshire; and (iii) outline the work being undertaken to mitigate against the potential outcomes identified in Risk 36 of the Council's Corporate Risk Register			
18 April	Cllr. Julie Matthews	1. Corporate Risk Register: February 2024 Review	To seek the Committee to review the risks facing the Council and the Council's risk appetite statement.	Determination of whether the Committee is satisfied with risk management within the Council and is assured that all identified risks are appropriately managed.	<i>Helen Vaughan Evans/Iolo McGregor/ Nicola Kneale/Hei di Barton- Price</i>	<i>February 2023</i>
(Possibly invite a representative from Openreach?)	Cllr. Emrys Wynne	2. Internet Connectivity in Denbighshire	To consider the progress made to date, and future plans, for increasing and improving/upgrading internet connectivity for all areas of the county (including the latest position in relation to Fibre Community Partnerships and the UK Government's Project Gigabit roll out along with any other potential support/voucher packages that may be available for businesses and residents to access)	Support accessibility for all businesses and residents in the county to fibre broadband speeds that meet their individual needs, that will in turn support the delivery of the Council's corporate themes of a 'better connected Denbighshire', 'a prosperous' county that is 'fairer, safe and more equal' as well as a learning and growing county.	Liz Grieve/Barry Eaton/Cathy Taylor/Fran Williams/Philip Burrows	June 2023 (rescheduled October 2023)
	Cllr. Barry Mellor	3. Denbighshire's Revised Draft Climate & Ecological Change Strategy 2021/22 – 2029/30	To present the Committee with: (i) the findings and conclusions of the consultation exercise undertaken to revise the Strategy; and	(i) Pre-decision scrutiny of the revised draft Strategy with a view to seeking Scrutiny's support for its adoption and implementation; and	Helen Vaughan-Evans/ Nicola Kneale	June 2023 (rescheduled November 2023)

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			(ii) the revised draft Strategy for detailed scrutiny	(ii) For Scrutiny to determine whether it wishes to monitor its delivery going forward with a view to supporting the Council to deliver its net carbon zero ambition by 2030		
6 June	Cllr. Elen Heaton	1. Cefndy Performance Report 2023/24	To consider Cefndy's annual performance report for the 2023/24 financial year, including the delivery of its financial, business and social well-being objectives	To ensure the future financial and business sustainability of Cefndy in order that it effectively supports the delivery of the Council's corporate themes of learning and growing; healthier and happier, caring; and prosperous Denbighshire	Ann Lloyd/Nick Bowles	January 2023
	Cllr. Gwyneth Ellis	2. Council Performance Self-Assessment Update (Q4 & Annual)	To present an update on the Council's performance against its functions, including Corporate Plan and Strategic Equality objectives	Identification of areas for improvement and potential future scrutiny	Helen Vaughan-Evans/Emma Horan/Nicola Kneale	June 2023
	Cllr. Julie Matthews	3. Recruitment, Retention & Workforce Planning	To provide details of: (i) the work underway to recruit, develop, support and retain staff (ii) interventions put in place to support and strengthen recruitment, retention & workforce planning across the Council; and (iii) identification of any hard to recruit services/positions across the authority and interim measures taken to alleviate the pressures caused	Identification of potential future workforce pressure areas and the formulation of recommendations with a view to alleviating those pressures and secure the Council's ability to sustainably deliver its services in future	Gary Williams/Louise Dougal	July 2023

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			within those services (Heads of Service for those services to be invited to attend to discuss the impact of staffing pressures on operational service delivery)			
18 July	Cllrs. Gill German & Elen Heaton	1. Draft Director of Social Services Annual Report 2023/24	To scrutinise the content of the draft annual report to ensure it provides a fair and clear evaluation of performance and clearly articulates future plans	Identification of any specific performance issues which require further scrutiny by the committee in future	Nicola Stubbins/A nn Lloyd/Rhiai n Morelle/Da vid Soley	June 2023
	Cllr. Gill German	2. Christ The Word [Education]	To consider the progress made in delivering the Post Inspection Action Plan (PIAP) and the joint local authority & GwE school support plan following the 2022 Estyn inspection of the school, along with the consequential impact of the plans' delivery on the school as a whole	Regular monitoring of the arrangements in place to address the recommendations contained in the Regulator's report will: (i) secure continual improvement in all aspects of the school's work to ensure that all pupils are supported to achieve their full potential; and ensure that the lessons learnt by all stakeholders are applied across all schools in Denbighshire as they introduce the new curriculum; and (ii) support the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities of a learning and growing Denbighshire as	Nicola Stubbins/ Geraint Davies/Jam es Brown/Gw E/Christ the Word staff & Governing Body	September 2023

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26 September	Cllr. Gill German	1. Curriculum for Wales [Education] (School staff to be invited to attend)	To detail the progress made in relation to implementing and embedding the new Curriculum for Wales: (i) in primary schools and in year 7 and 8 in secondary schools – what worked well, areas for improvement and lessons learnt by all stakeholders during the initial implementation phase; and (ii) provide an evaluation of the implementation process across all key stages, the Curriculum’s impact on staff recruitment and retention, along with feedback from headteachers, teachers and school-based staff on their experiences of the implementation process and the advantages and/or disadvantages of the new Curriculum for learners.	Assurances that all educational establishments and staff are fully equipped and trained to deliver the new curriculum, identification of any gaps or risks associated with the provision and solutions to address them, with a view to ensuring that children and young people in Denbighshire realise their full potential in line with the Council’s Corporate Plan	Geraint Davies/James Brown/GwE	July 2023
	Cllr. Gill German	2. Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Transformation (School staff to be invited to attend) [Education]	To analyse: (i) the effectiveness of the funding provided to schools to meet the Act’s requirements; (ii) progress made in recruiting and supporting Educational Psychologists; (iii) school-based educational practitioners’ feedback on the resources and support	To reduce the risk of the Authority not complying with any of the requirements of the Act and to ensure that every pupil and student in the County is given the required support and opportunities to realise their full potential whilst ensuring that school-based staff are adequately	Geraint Davies/Ruth Thackray/Joseph Earl	July 2023

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			provided to schools with a view to meeting the Act's additional requirements; and (iv) staff recruitment and retention matters relating to the implementation of the Act's requirements."	supported and equipped to deliver the required support.		
	Cllr. Gill German & Cllr. Emrys Wynne [Education]	3. Delivery of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) in the County's Schools	To report on the progress made to date in delivering the WESP in all of the county's schools in line with the Welsh Government's vision for Welsh language provision	To ensure that all schools are appropriately resourced and supported to achieve their statutory targets in relation to the delivery of Welsh-medium provision whilst also supporting all pupils to realise their full potential	Geraint Davies/Marc Lloyd Jones/James Curran/Carwyn Edwards	September 2023
28 November	Cllr. Rhys Thomas	1. Denbighshire's Housing and Homelessness Strategy Action Plan <i>(1st business item on agenda)</i>	To examine the progress made to date in delivering the revised Strategy and Action Plan approved by County Council in December 2020	The identification of actions that will support and ensure the delivery of the Council's Corporate Theme of quality housing that meets people's needs and ultimately the Corporate Plan.	Emlyn Jones/Angela Loftus/Jane Abbott	September 2023
	Cllr. Gwyneth Ellis	2. Council Performance Self-Assessment Update (July – Sept)	To present an update on the Council's performance against its functions, including Corporate Plan and Strategic Equality objectives	Identification of areas for improvement and potential future scrutiny	<i>Helen Vaughan-Evans/Emma Horan</i>	November 2023
	Cllr. Julie Matthews	3. Corporate Risk Register: September 2024 Review	To seek the Committee to review the risks facing the Council and the Council's risk appetite statement.	Determination of whether the Committee is satisfied with risk management within the Council and is assured that all identified risks are appropriately managed.	<i>Helen Vaughan-Evans/Iolo McGregor/Heidi Barton-Price</i>	November 2023

Future Issues

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<p><i>Learner Travel Measure (Wales)</i></p> <p>[Education]</p> <p>TBC – once outcome of WG Review available (review autumn 2023 & report considered by CET)</p>	<p><i>To outline the conclusions of the recent Welsh Government consultation on the Measure and its implications for Denbighshire schools and pupils</i></p>	<p><i>Identification of potential changes to the Council’s learner travel policy and any associated costs and budget implications</i></p>	<p><i>Geraint Davies/Ian Land</i></p>	<p><i>January 2021 (rescheduled Sept 2022 & Jan & May 2023)</i></p>
<p>Denbigh Health and Social Care and the Rebalancing of Social Care Agenda <i>(now widened was Dolwen Residential Care Home (now to be considered as part of the future vision for health and social care services in the Denbigh area)</i></p> <p><i>Sometime during 2024/25 (tbc)</i></p>	<p>To review the future provision of services at Dolwen to meet the growing demand and complexity of need, whilst supporting people to live in a home that meets their needs and allows them to live an independent and resilient life.</p>	<p><i>Pre-decision scrutiny of the task and finish group’s findings and the formulation of recommendations for presentation to Cabinet with respect of the future provision of services at Dolwen with a view to ensuring that everyone is supported to live in homes that meet their needs and are able to live independent and resilient lives</i></p>	<p><i>Task and Finish Group/Ann Lloyd/Katie Newe</i></p>	<p><i>July 2018 (delayed due to COVID-19)</i></p>
<p>Post 16 provision at Rhyl College (suggested for scrutiny during service challenge)</p> <p>Date tbc following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions</p>	<p><i>To examine the post 16 provision at Rhyl College</i></p>	<p><i>The development of an effective working relationship between the College and the Council to secure the delivery of courses required to support the delivery of the North Wales Growth Deal and improve the future prospects of the area’s students</i></p>	<p>Rhyl College (and invite Geraint Davies & John Evans – post 16 officer from DCC)</p>	<p><i>By SCVCG July 2020</i></p>

Information/Consultation Reports

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<p>March & September 2024 [Information]</p>	<p>Council Performance Self-Assessment Update Q1 & Q3</p>	<p>To present an update on the Council's performance against its functions, including Corporate Plan and Strategic Equality objectives</p>	<p>Emma Horan/Nicola Kneale</p>	<p>September 2023</p>
<p>Feb/May/Sept/November each year [Information]</p>	<p>Quarterly 'Your Voice' complaints performance to include social services complaints</p>	<p>To scrutinise Services' performance in complying with the Council's complaints and identify areas of poor performance with a view to the development of recommendations to address weaknesses. The report to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a comprehensive explanation on why targets have not been met when dealing with specific complaints, reasons for non-compliance, and measures taken to rectify the failures and to ensure that future complaints will be dealt with within the specified timeframe; (ii) how services encourage feedback and use it to redesign or change the way they deliver services; and (iii) details of complaints which have been upheld or partially upheld and the lessons learnt from them. <p>Report to include example(s) of complaints and compliment(s) received.</p> <p><i>Consideration of the information provided will assist the Committee to determine whether any issues merit detailed scrutiny</i></p>	<p>Kevin Roberts/Ann Lloyd</p>	<p>September 2023</p>
<p>Information Report (March 2024)</p>	<p>Management of the Council's Housing Stock</p>	<p>To review the effectiveness of practices in place to manage the Council's Housing stock, incl. dealing with complaints, reports of mould & condensation, provision of personal advice and support to tenants including those who reside in older persons schemes, the new</p>	<p>Liz Grieve/Geoff Davies</p>	<p>March 2023</p>

		working model for Housing Officers and the development of new ways of working with residents from the lessons learnt through COVID-19		
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Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

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25 January 2024	11 January	7 March	22 February	18 April	4 April

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