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| 13 March | Cllr. Emrys Wynne | 1. Internet and Telephony Connectivity in Denbighshire Invitation to be extended to a representative from Openreach | To consider the progress made to date, and future plans for: (i) 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); and (ii) the provision of support to communities and residents by the Council to help them access fibre/broadband and other digital communication channels with a view to making sure that vulnerable residents and rural communities aren't adversely disadvantaged | Support accessibility for all businesses and residents in the county to fibre broadband/telephony speeds that meet their individual needs, that will in turn support the delivery of the Council's corporate themes of 'a prosperous' county that is 'fairer, safe and more equal' as well as a learning and growing county. | Liz Grieve/ /Cath Taylor/Fran Williams/ Philip Burrows | April 2024 (RhE) |
| | Cllr. Julie Matthews | 2. 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 & | 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 | Gary Williams/ Catrin Roberts/Louise Dougal | <i>July 2023 (rescheduled May, June & November 2024) (RhE)</i> |

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| | | | 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 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) | sustainably deliver its services in future | | |
| | Leader | 3. Economic & Business Development Strategy | 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 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 | 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/ James Evans | By SCVCG November 2022 (rescheduled November 2023, Jan, June & December 2024) (RhE) |
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| 1 May | Cllr. Julie Matthews | 1. Corporate Risk Register: February 2025 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/ Heidi Barton-Price</i> | <i>May 2024 (RhE)</i> |
| | Leader & Cllr. Julie Matthews | 2. Council processes and procedures for applying for high value grant funding (in the post-Brexit era) | To examine current Council processes and procedures for applying for high value grant funding and maximising the benefits of all funding opportunities on offer (incl. any lessons learnt from recent Levelling Up & Shared Prosperity Fund applications with a view to improving our processes for any future funding that becomes available) | Establishment of a simple, effective and easily adaptable funding application process which can be initiated immediately funding streams are announced to enable well-evidenced applications to be submitted within tight timescales, with a view to realising maximum benefit and impact for residents from each application submitted, and wherever possible mitigate the effects of budget pressures | Tony Ward/Gary Williams/ Emlyn Jones/Helen Vaughan-Evans (with input from Liz Grieve on learning from SPF funding) | By SCVCG November 2023 (RhE) (rescheduled January 2025 – RhE) |
| 12 June | Cllr. Gwyneth Ellis | 1 Council Performance Self-Assessment 2024 to 2025 (year-end) | 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 | Rescheduled 03/10/24 (KE) |
| | Cllr. Emrys Wynne | 2. <i>Library Service/One Stop Shop Provision (TBC)</i> | <i>To consider: (i) the initial findings of the Working Group established to measure the impact of the reduction in Library/OSS opening hours on residents, communities, and the authority; and</i> | <i>Formulation of recommendations on the best solutions for delivering a comprehensive citizen focussed service within the resources available for the future which supports the</i> | <i>Liz Grieve/Debbie Owen</i> | <i>January 2024 (reschedule June & November 2024) (RhE)</i> |

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| | | | | (ii) <i>alternative proposals or solutions under consideration for enhancing and/or expanding service delivery going forward</i> | <i>delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan</i> | | |
| 17 July | Cllrs. Diane King & Elen Heaton | 1. | Draft Director of Social Services Annual Report 2024/25 | 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/ Ann Lloyd/Rhiain Morelle/David Soley | May 2024 (RhE) |
| | Cllr. Elen Heaton | 2 | Cefndy Performance Report 2024/25 | To consider Cefndy's annual performance report for the 2024/25 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 | July 2024 (RhE) |
| 18 Sept | Cllr. Gwyneth Ellis | 1. | Medium Term Financial Strategy & Plan Update | To examine the Council's progress in delivering its Medium Term Financial Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan. | Early identification of any slippages in delivering the Strategy and/or pressures experienced with the Plan gives Scrutiny an opportunity to make suggestions or recommendations to Cabinet with a view to strengthening the Council's financial resilience | Liz Thomas | By SCVCG May 2024 (RhE) |
| | Cllr. Barry Mellor | 2. | Climate & Nature Strategy | To monitor the progress made with the Strategy's delivery | An assessment of whether the Council will realise its | Helen Vaughan- | June 2024 (RhE) |

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| | | | | ambition of becoming a Net Carbon Zero authority by 2030, identification of any slippages with the Strategy's delivery and the formulation of recommendations in order to address performance with a view to delivering the Strategy on time. | Evans/Jane Hodgson | |
| | Cllr. Diane King | 3. Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Transformation (School staff to be invited to attend) [Education] | To analyse the Local Education Authority and the county's schools progress in fully complying with the statutory requirements placed upon them under the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act 2018. | Assurances that the Authority and its schools are complying with all of Act's duties ensuring that every pupil and student in the County is provided with the required support and opportunities to realise their full potential whilst ensuring that school-based staff are adequately supported and equipped to deliver the required support. | Geraint Davies/Ruth Thackray/ Joseph Earl | September 2024 (RhE) |
| | Cllr. Diane King | 4. Promoting School Attendance and Engagement in Education (School staff to be invited to attend) [Education] | To detail the progress made in improving school attendance rates and educational engagement across the county's schools during the 2024/25 academic year following the introduction of the new template attendance policy and in line with WG Guidance (report to include illustrative data) | Assurances that all possible steps are being taken to monitor pupils' engagement with education, including the provision of 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. All of which should support the county's pupils to reach their full | Geraint Davies/Wayne Wheatley | September 2024 (RhE) |

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| | | | | potential and the Council to deliver its corporate priority relating to a learning and growing Denbighshire | | |
| 6 November | Cllr. Gwyneth Ellis | 1. Medium Term Financial Strategy & Plan Update | To examine the Council's progress in delivering its Medium Term Financial Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan. | Early identification of any slippages in delivering the Strategy and/or pressures experienced with the Plan gives Scrutiny an opportunity to make suggestions or recommendations to Cabinet with a view to strengthening the Council's financial resilience | Liz Thomas | By SCVCG May 2024 (RhE) |
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| 2026 | | | | | | |
| January 2026 | Cllr. Gwyneth Ellis | 1. Council Performance Self-Assessment Update (Q1 & Q2)) | 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> | May 2024, rescheduled 07/10/2024(RhE) |
| Sept 2026 | Cllr. Diane King | 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 and provide an evaluation of the implementation process across all key stages, the | Assurances that all educational establishments and staff are fully equipped and trained to deliver the new curriculum, identification of any gaps or risks | Geraint Davies/James Brown/Ruth Thackray | September 2024 (RhE) |

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| | | | 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. | 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 | | |

Future Issues

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| <p><i>Learner Travel Measure (Wales)</i></p> <p>[Education]</p> <p><i>TBC – once outcome of WG Review available (possibly not until after Senedd elections in 2026)</i></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) (RhE)</i></p> |
| <p>Denbigh Health and Social Care and the Rebalancing of Social Care Agenda (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)</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) (RhE)</i></p> |

Information/Consultation Reports

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| January 2025 | Car Parking Fees | To provide information on the progress to date in achieving the estimated £700K increase from car parking fees | Mike Jones/Liz Thomas | July 2024 (RhE) |
| January/July | Corporate Risk Register Review – Risk Review Summary | To share with the Committee a summary of the conclusions of the 'light-touch' review of the Register | Helen Vaughan-Evans/Heidi Barton-Price | April 2024 (RhE) |
| Feb/May/Sept/November each year [Information] | Quarterly 'Your Voice' complaints performance to include social services complaints | <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>Consideration of the information provided will assist the Committee to determine whether any issues merit detailed scrutiny</p> | Kevin Roberts/Ann Lloyd | September 2023 (RhE) |
| March 2025 [Education] | <i>Elective Home Education</i> | <i>To provide data on the number of home educated pupils in Denbighshire along with information on current trends with respect of the number of families choosing to educate</i> | <i>Geraint Davies/Ruth Thackray/Jayne Williams</i> | <i>March 2024 (RhE)</i> |

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| | | <i>their children at home and the measures in place to support those families and those wishing to return to mainstream education.</i> | | |
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Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

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| 13 March | 27 February | 1 May | 15 April (due to Easter B/Hs) | 12 June | 29 May |

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