

PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES	
NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Communities
DATE OF MEETING / TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION	6th December 2012
TITLE OF REPORT	Supporting People strategy and Spend plan
PURPOSE	<p>1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf)</p> <p>The Supporting People (SP) programme enables vulnerable people to live independently and contributes to the prevention of homelessness. The programme supports people who need housing and contributes towards tackling the issues of transience, poverty and multiple deprivation. The purpose of proposing the report is to consult with members on the changes proposed to SP services and on allocation of the new Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG)</p> <p>Significant changes have been introduced by the Welsh Government into the SP programme effective from 1/8/12. A report was taken to cabinet in September 12 with a recommendation that there should be in depth scrutiny of the changes. A report will be included in the scrutiny forward work programme in February 2013, to allow this to take place. By 2013 we will be clearer about the impact of the changes which have been introduced. The SP Strategy and spend plan report will update members on the developments in the programme so far, as a basis for the report in 2013.</p> <p>The SP strategy and spend plan report was originally proposed for partnerships scrutiny on 8th November; however, members allocated this to the communities scrutiny meeting on 25th October 12. Due to a regional exercise looking at comparable spend across the region; it has not been possible to complete this work for 25th October meeting. It is therefore proposed that this should be considered at the following communities meeting on 6th December.</p>

<p>2. What issues are to be scrutinised?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of spend and projects for 3 years from 2012 to 2015 • Update on Supporting People Strategy actions for 2013-14 • Update on recent developments within the SP programme as a basis for further scrutiny (scheduled for 2013), of the impact of changes introduced. 	
<p>3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts?</p>	<p>Yes: the Supporting People Manager and Director for Planning and Wellbeing.</p>	
<p>4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report?</p>	<p>Scrutiny of ring-fenced grant funding proposals for housing related support services in Denbighshire currently valued at approximately £6.7million per year. To note the impact of funding cuts for Denbighshire.</p>	
<p>5. Score the topic from 0 – 4 on aims & priorities and impact (see overleaf)*</p>	<p>Aims & Priorities</p>	<p>Impact</p>
	<p>3</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>The Supporting People programme in Wales was reviewed by Welsh Government in 2010. New guidance and SPPG conditions were issued late July 2013 for implementation within very tight timescales on 1st August 2013. It is a requirement of the new grant conditions for local SP commissioning plans and spend plans to be reported to the Welsh Government via a new regional governance group called a regional collaborative committee (RCC). Once plans have been agreed in Denbighshire, they will be collated into a regional plan for North Wales and submitted to the Welsh Government to allocate SPPG. The role of the RCC is to scrutinise local and regional plans and make recommendations to the minister on the allocation of SPPG in future years.</p>	
<p>REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny's recommendations to be reported elsewhere?</p>	<p>Scrutiny recommendations will be reported to the Supporting People Planning Group (a multi agency commissioning group chaired by the Corporate Director for Planning & Wellbeing). Recommendations will also be included in the cabinet report in December 12, when the strategy and spend plan are finalised.</p>	
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