

PROPOSAL FORM FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES					
NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Communities				
DATE OF MEETING / TIMESCALE FOR CONSIDERATION	23 rd January 2014				
TITLE OF REPORT	Concept Design of Green Space – West Rhyl Housing Improvement Project (WRHIP)				
P U R P O S E	1. Why is the report being proposed? (see also the checklist overleaf)	The WRHIP is potentially the most complex project undertaken by the Council in partnership with Welsh Government and Clwyd Alyn Housing Association. The project seeks to redress the imbalance of housing tenure in west Rhyl and reduce the density of housing, particularly HMOs by acquiring properties in the heart of the ward, demolishing them and introducing an open green space and re-modelling the surrounding properties for family accommodation. DCC are responsible for delivering the Green Space in the heart of West Rhyl which has entailed the acquisition of 36 properties for demolition in order to create the park. Despite extensive consultation over a number of years which revealed that open space in West Rhyl was desirable, there has been some limited community opposition to this proposal. In order to overcome this negativity the Design Consultant is instructed to carry out extensive public engagement, particularly from residents who will benefit from the proposal and whose views will shape the design. In addition a west Rhyl ward Member who is a Green Space stakeholder group member has requested that in addition to Cabinet approval, the proposals are considered by Communities Scrutiny Committee to ensure that the community has been effectively engaged, and the design proposals are acceptable in terms of ongoing maintenance			
	2. What issues are to be scrutinised?	Effective community engagement Concept design captures the community's desires The design ensures easy and affordable on going maintenance			
	3. Is it necessary/desirable for witnesses to attend e.g. lead members, officers/external experts?	Desirable for ward Members and Head of Environmental Services to be present			
	4. What will the committee achieve by considering the report?	Assurance that the design is in accordance with the brief given should a challenge occur			
	5. Score the topic from 0 – 4 on aims & priorities and impact (see overleaf)*	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Aims & Priorities</th> <th>Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Aims & Priorities	Impact	4
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS					
REPORTING PATH – what is the next step? Are Scrutiny's recommendations to be reported elsewhere?	SIG report 24 th September 2013 Audit and Finance approval of tender submission 27 th September 2013 Concept design to Cabinet on 14 th January 2014 Scrutiny Committee 23 rd January 2014 Detailed design to Cabinet briefing on 3 rd March 2014				
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Please complete the following checklist:

	Yes	No
Is the topic already being addressed satisfactorily?		X
Is Scrutiny likely to result in service improvements or other measurable benefits?	X	
Does the topic concern a poor performing service or a high budgetary commitment?	X	
Are there adequate resources / realistic possibility of adequate resources to achieve the objective(s)?	X	
Is the Scrutiny activity timely, i.e. will scrutiny be able to recommend changes to the service delivery, policy, strategy, etc?	X	
Is the topic linked to corporate or scrutiny aims and priorities?	X	
Has the topic been identified as a risk in the Corporate Risk Register or is it the subject of an adverse internal audit or external regulator report?	X	

*The following table is to be used to guide the scores given:

Score	Aims & Priorities	Impact
0	No links to corporate/scrutiny aims and priorities	No potential benefits
1	No links to corporate/scrutiny aims and priorities but a subject of high public concern	Minor potential benefits affecting only one ward/customer/client group
2	Some evidence of links, but indirect	Minor benefits to two groups/moderate benefits to one
3	Good evidence linking the topic to both aims and priorities	Moderate benefits to more than one group/substantial benefits to one
4	Strong evidence linking both aims and priorities, and has a high level of public concern	Substantial community-wide benefits

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Aims & Priorities

4	Possible topic for Scrutiny – to be timetabled appropriately	Priority topic for Scrutiny – for urgent consideration
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2	Reject topic for Scrutiny – topic to be circulated to members for information purposes	Possible topic for Scrutiny – to be timetabled appropriately
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