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Meeting	Lead Member(s)	Item (description / title)		Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered/ Updated by
18 Sept	Cllr. Barry Mellor	1.	Climate & Nature Strategy	To monitor the progress made with the Strategy's delivery	An assessment of whether the Council will realise its 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.	Helen Vaughan-Evans/Jane Hodgson	June 2024 (RhE)
	Cllr. Diane King	2.	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	3.	Promoting School Attendance and Engagement in Education (School staff to be invited to attend)	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	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	Geraint Davies/Wayne Wheatley	September 2024 (RhE)

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			[Education]	WG Guidance (report to include illustrative data)	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 potential and the Council to deliver its corporate priority relating to a learning and growing Denbighshire		
	Cllr. Elen Heaton	4.	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)(rescheduled May 2025)
6 November	Cllr. Delyth Jones	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. Julie Matthews	2.	Corporate Risk Register: September 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.	Helen Vaughan-Evans/ /Heidi Barton-Price	May 2024 (RhE)

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(Committee tbc)	Cllr. Barry Mellor	3.	Proposed Car Park Tariff Structure	To consider proposals for a new car park tariff structure	The development of a new sustainable car park tariff structure that supports the delivery of a prosperous Denbighshire and other themes contained within the Corporate Plan	Emlyn Jones/Mike Jones	March 2025 (RhE)
	Cllr. Alan James/Julie Matthews	4.	Planning Software System	To examine: (i) the effectiveness of the new planning software system in delivering its expected outcomes and benefits 12 months following its implementation (report to outline its performance to date, compliance with purchase specification, costs/value for money, compatibility/operability with other planning systems); and (ii) the impact of the system's introduction on planning officers' caseloads in validating, consulting & determining planning applications.	Determination on whether the project management arrangements associated with its implementation were sufficiently robust to deliver the anticipated benefits to all stakeholders. Identification of lessons learnt from the procurement of the system for application when planning for future major systems upgrades and for managing residents' expectations and staff workloads.	Emlyn Jones/Paul Mead/Dylan Barr	By SCVCG March 2025 (RhE) Rescheduled with the Vice-Chair's permission May 2025
2026							
29 January 2026	Cllr. Diane King	1.	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	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	Nicola Stubbins/Geraint Davies/James Brown/GwE/Christ the Word	January 2025 (RhE)

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				impact of the plans' delivery on the school as a whole	work to ensure that all pupils are supported to achieve their full potential; and (ii) ensure that the lessons learnt by all stakeholders are applied across all schools in Denbighshire as they introduce the new curriculum; and (iii) support the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities of a learning and growing Denbighshire as well as a fairer, safe and more equal county.	staff & Governing Body	
	Cllr. Julie Matthews	2.	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)
	Cllr. Delyth Jones	3.	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	January 2025 (RhE)
	Cllr. Emrys Wynne	4.	Library Service Standards 2024-25	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	Identification of any slippages in performance in order to formulate recommendations to redress the situation and ensure that	Liz Grieve/Debbie Owen	January 2025 (RhE)

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				adapted its service provision during the year	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.		
12 March	Cllr. Alan James	1.	Building Control (TBC)	To monitor the Council's progress in addressing the 4 recommendations aimed at local authorities in Wales in the Auditor General for Wales' report: 'Cracks in the Foundations – Building Safety in Wales' (August 2023)	Effective monitoring of the organisations response in a bid to ensure that all recommendations are being effectively addressed to mitigate and manage all identified risks.	Emlyn Jones/ Jordan Collins	By SCVCG April 2025 (RhE)
30 April	Cllr. Delyth Jones	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	March 2025 (RhE)
	Cllr. Emrys Wynne	2.	Internet and Telephony	To consider the progress made to date, and future plans for:	Support accessibility for all businesses and residents in the county to fibre	Liz Grieve/ /Cath	May 2025 (RhE)

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			Connectivity in Denbighshire Invitation to be extended to a representative from Openreach	(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	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.	Taylor/Philip Burrows	
	Cllr. Julie Matthews	3.	Corporate Risk Register: February 2026 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.	Helen Vaughan-Evans/ Heidi Barton-Price	May 2025 (RhE)
11 June	Cllr. Julie Matthews	1.	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	Identification of potential future workforce pressure areas and the formulation of recommendations with a view to alleviating those pressures and secure the	Gary Williams/ Catrin Roberts/Louise Dougal	March 2025 (RhE)

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				recruitment, retention & workforce planning across the Council; and identification of any hard to recruit services/positions across the authority and interim measures taken to alleviate the pressures caused within those services	Council's ability to sustainably deliver its services in future		
		2.	<i>Review of the Roll Out of the New Waste and Recycling Service (tbc)</i>	<i>To receive the findings and conclusions of the Task & Finish Group following its review of the Service's implementation</i>	<i>Identification of lessons learnt from the roll-out and formulation of recommendations to support the effective delivery of future major service changes or transformation projects</i>	<i>Catrin Roberts/Steve Price/Scrutiny Co-ordinators</i>	<i>January 2025 (RhE)</i>
	Cllr. Julie Matthews	3	Council Performance Self-Assessment 2025 to 2026 (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	June 2025 (RhE)
16 July	Cllrs. Diane King & Elen Heaton	1.	Draft Director of Social Services Annual Report 2025/26	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/Rhian Morelle	July 2025 (RhE)
17 Sept	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 Curriculum's impact on staff	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	Geraint Davies/James Brown/Ruth Thackray	September 2024 (RhE)

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				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.	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		
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					the Council's financial resilience		
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Future Issues

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<i>Learner Travel Measure (Wales)</i> [Education] TBC – once outcome of WG Review available (possibly not until after Senedd elections in 2026)	<i>To outline the conclusions of the recent Welsh Government consultation on the Measure and its implications for Denbighshire schools and pupils</i>	<i>Identification of potential changes to the Council's learner travel policy and any associated costs and budget implications</i>	<i>Geraint Davies/Ian Land</i>	<i>January 2021 (rescheduled Sept 2022 & Jan & May 2023) (RhE)</i>
<i>Customer Contact Project (Transformation Project)</i>	<i>Pre-decision scrutiny of the final specification for the new Customer Contact system, following consultation with all stakeholders, prior to a decision being taken to commence the procurement process for the new system</i>	<i>To ensure that the specification for the new system meet the needs of all users, internal and external to the Council, will deliver the level of service expected, be compatible with other Council systems, provide clear & concise answers to those who interact with it, whilst also realising value for money. It will also support the delivery of the Authority's corporate priority of being a well-run, high performing Council.</i>	<i>Gary Williams/Catrin Roberts/Ffion Angharad</i>	<i>By SCVCG June 2025 (RhE)</i>

Information/Consultation Reports

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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	Quarterly 'Your Voice' complaints performance to include social services complaints	To scrutinise Services' performance in complying with the Council's complaints and identify areas of poor performance with a view	Kevin Roberts/Ann Lloyd	September 2023 (RhE)

[Information]		<p>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>		
July 2025	Christ the Word	To present a report on the support provided to the school and progress made since the core Estyn inspection in May 2022.	Geraint Davies	January 2025

Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

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