

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY**

'Holding the Executive & Council to account in respect of all three priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan'

Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees is responsible for setting and agreeing its own work programme by identifying a list of themes and topics which fall under the remit of each individual Scrutiny Committee. Following discussion with the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny Members a practical, realistic and timetabled programme can then be developed.

The scrutiny forward work programmes should provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected; be outcome focussed; ensure that the method of scrutiny is best suited to the topic area and the outcome desired; align scrutiny programmes with the council's performance management, self-evaluation and improvement arrangements.

Throughout the year, there are a number of ways in which additional issues can be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme and ideas for inclusion may come from a number of sources such as:-

- Individual Councillors;
- Performance or budget monitoring information;
- Inspection reports;
- Referrals from Council (such as Notices of Motion), Cabinet/Audit or other scrutiny committees;
- Service users;
- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations previously made by the Committee; and
- Local Residents

The Cabinet is also required to produce forward work programmes and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee keeps abreast of forthcoming items or topics which may enable scrutiny to be involved in the development of Council policy prior to its formal consideration by Cabinet. It is important to bear in mind that an element of flexibility is applied to each individual work programme that provides Committees with the capacity to scrutinise new / urgent issues that arise during the year.

Date/Time	Overarching Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
14 th October 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Draft Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme October to December 2020</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – For O&S to agree its own revised work programme for the next 3 months (Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs to be invited to attend and contribute to this agenda item)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RCT Flooding Review - To consider matters associated with flooding in Rhondda Cynon Taf during 2020.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications • Group Director - Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services • Service Director Frontline Services • Resilience And Sustainability Manager • Head of South Wales Central Operations for Natural Resources Wales 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – For O&S and invited Members to agree a way forward in respect of the issues and challenges</p> <p>Assessment of local flood risk management</p>

November 2020				
9th November 2020	<p><u>Scrutiny Inquiry Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCT Flooding Review - To consider matters associated with flooding in Rhondda Cynon Taf during 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Director Democratic Services & Communications Group Director - Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services Service Director Frontline Services Head of South Wales Central Operations for Natural Resources Wales Welsh Water/Dwr Cymru 		<p>(As part of this report it will be proposed for <i>Local Members from those wards most affected to be invited to attend a working group of the committee to contribute to this matter</i>)</p>
December 2020				
1st December 2020- Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre Scrutiny - Modernisation of Residential Care for Older People – Consultation feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Director Democratic Services & Communications Group Director Community & Children’s Services Director Adult Services 		<p>Pre Scrutiny- Report to include the consultation results following the consultation process undertaken in respect of the strategic transformation of residential care in RCT</p> <p>Scrutiny will undertake pre-scrutiny of the consultation results prior to Cabinet’s consideration.</p>

				<i>(Members of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will be invited to attend and contribute to this process)</i>
9th December 2020	RCT Flooding Review - To consider matters associated with flooding in Rhondda Cynon Taf during 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications • Service Director Frontline Services 		Position Statement - Scrutiny of the Council's Response to Flooding during 2020
	• Fire Risk Assessments – A review of procedures for Council owned/occupied buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Health & Safety Advisor • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive an annual review of procedures for Council owned/occupied buildings.
	• Welsh Government Consultation: Draft Regulations to Establish Corporate Joint Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		Members to feedback on the consultation initiated by Welsh Government in respect of those draft regulations.

O&S- Ongoing Matters for Future Review:-

The Council's Response to Covid-19

Modernisation of Residential Care and Day Care for Older People – Consultation feedback

Update on the RCT Scrutiny Review –'Fit for the Future'

Wales Audit Office – Rhondda Cynon Taf Annual Improvement Report

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

Councils Corporate Feedback Scheme (CFS)

Welsh Language Standards Compliance Report

Scrutiny Feedback

Quarterly Review of the O&S Scrutiny Work Programme

Review of Cabinet Work Programme

Draft Annual Scrutiny Report 2020/2021

Crime & Disorder Committee - County Lines & Protection of Vulnerable People' and 'Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

Working Group Updates

The development of future transport infrastructure in response to the South Wales Metro

Local Development Plan (LDP) - Review of the Local Development Plan for RCT

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18 th January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme January to April 2021 • Cabinet Work Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – For O&S to agree its own revised work programme for the next 3 months (January-April 2021)</p> <p>To consider and develop a schedule of training requirements for members of the O&S Committee.</p> <p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive the Cabinet Work Programme to identify any future opportunities for pre-scrutiny by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils Corporate Feedback Scheme (CFS) 	Customer Feedback, Engagement & Complaints Manager		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive an overview of the Council's Corporate Feedback Scheme with a view to identifying themes, trends and improvements for future review.</p>
February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwm Taf Safeguarding Annual Plan 	Group Director Community & Children's Services		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive the Cwm Taf Safeguarding Annual Plan</p>
		Service Director Democratic Services & Communications		

March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Equalities Report 2020/21 	Director of Human Resources		
		Service Director Democratic Services & Communications		Pre Scrutiny of the Annual Equalities Report.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Wales – Rhondda Cynon Taf Annual Improvement Report 	Service Director Performance & Improvement		Scrutiny & Challenge – For Scrutiny to consider the proposals for improvement and the progress made against these actions to be reported to the respective Scrutiny Committees.
April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Annual Overview & Scrutiny Report 2020/2021 	Service Director Democratic Services & Communications		Scrutiny & Challenge – For the O&S Committee to challenge and comment on the draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the Scrutiny Annual Report illustrate clear outcomes and objectives? • Has it demonstrated clear evidence and impact of scrutiny outcomes? • Do Members agree it is an accurate reflection of the Scrutiny activity for 2020/21?

O&S- Ongoing Matters for Future Review:-

The Council's Response to Covid-19

Scrutiny response to the Council's Section 19 Investigation Report

Modernisation of Residential Care and Day Care for Older People

Electric Vehicles (EV) and Charging Infrastructure.

Update on the RCT Scrutiny Review –'Fit for the Future'

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

Welsh Language Standards Compliance Report

21 Century Schools and Colleges Programme – Mutual Investment Model

Scrutiny Feedback

Feedback to relevant consultations

Quarterly Review of the O&S Scrutiny Work Programme

Review of Cabinet Work Programme

Draft Annual Scrutiny Report 2020/2021

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation

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