



**CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

COMMITTEE SUMMONS

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YOU ARE SUMMONED to a virtual meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** to be held on **MONDAY, 5TH JULY, 2021** at **5.00 PM.**

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AGENDA

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SCRUTINY RESEARCH

A scrutiny research facility is available within the Council Business Unit to support Members' scrutiny responsibilities and their roles as Elected Members. Such research strengthens scrutiny Committees work programmes to ensure outcome-based topics are identified. For any scrutiny research requirements please contact Scrutiny@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal interest from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct

Note:

1. Members are requested to identify the item number and subject matter that their interest relates to and signify the nature of the personal interest: and
2. Where Members withdraw from a meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chairman when they leave.

2. MINUTES

To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on the 15th June 2021.

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3. CONSULTATION LINKS

Information is provided in respect of relevant [consultations](#) for consideration by the Committee.

4. LAW COMMISSION OF ENGLAND & WALES - PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF COAL TIPS IN WALES

To receive the Law Commission to outline the consultation proposals on the new coal tip safety regime in Wales.

[Regulating Coal Tip Safety in Wales | Law Commission](#)

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5. CABINET & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES 2021-22

To consider the forward plans of the Cabinet and Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.

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6. CHAIR'S REVIEW AND CLOSE

To reflect on the meeting and actions to be taken forward.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items, which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, is of the opinion should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Circulation:-

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
(County Borough Councillor M Adams and County Borough Councillor W Lewis respectively)

County Borough Councillors: Councillor J Bonetto, Councillor J Brencher, Councillor G Caple, Councillor A Cox, Councillor M Griffiths, Councillor G Hughes, Councillor J James, Councillor P Jarman, Councillor D Owen-Jones, Councillor W Jones, Councillor S Rees and Councillor E Stephens

Non Committee Member -Councillor M Webber

Christian Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Education Co-Opted Members for information:-

Mr M Cleverley

Ms A Jones, Representing UNITE

Mr C Jones, Representing GMB

Mrs C Jones, Representing the National Union of Teachers and Teachers' Panel

Mr D Price, Representing UNISON

Mr J Fish, Voting Elected Parent / Governor Representative

Mr A Rickett, Voting Diocesan Authorities' Representative

Mrs R Nicholls, Voting Elected Parent / Governor Representative

Mr L Patterson, Voting Elected Parent / Governor Representative

Chair of the Governance & Audit Committee, Cllr G Davies

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021 at 5.00 pm.

County Borough Councillors - Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor M Adams (Chair)

Councillor W Lewis	Councillor J Bonetto
Councillor J Brencher	Councillor G Caple
Councillor A Cox	Councillor M Griffiths
Councillor D Owen-Jones	Councillor S Rees
Councillor E Stephens	

Officers in attendance:-

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication

Mr R Waters, Service Director Frontline Services

Mr C Bradshaw, Chief Executive

Mr C Davies, Corporate Policy & Consultation Manager

1 Apologies

An apology of absence was received from County Borough Councillors G Hughes, P Jarman, J James and W. Jones.

2 Scrutiny Research Facility

The Chair advised Members of the Committee that the scrutiny research facility is available within the Council Business Unit to support Members' scrutiny responsibilities and their roles as Elected Members. Any requests should be directed to the scrutiny inbox.

3 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor J Brencher made the following declaration of personal interest in relation to Agenda Item 4, North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study:

"My son is a director of Transport for Wales"

4 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 12th May 2021 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

5 Consultation Links

Members acknowledged the information provided through the consultation links in respect of open consultations, Welsh Government consultations and those matters being consulted upon by the local authority.

The Service Director Democratic Services advised that the Law Commission of England and Wales has launched a consultation on a proposed new coal tip safety regime in Wales that would replace outdated laws and improve how a range of risks with coal tips are managed. It was the intention that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee would have the opportunity to respond to the consultation in advance of its deadline in September 2021.

6 North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study

The Service Director Democratic Services outlined the report and the intention for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to comment upon and feedback to Cabinet in respect of the North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study. It was confirmed that identical reports were being considered by Cardiff City Council.

The Service Director advised that the Scrutiny working group to consider the development of future transport infrastructure in response to the South Wales Metro as a result of a Notice of Motion to Full Council would resume on the 7th July 2021 to consider the responses sought by partners in 2020 alongside the information contained with the attached Cabinet report and a wider update on public transport infrastructure.

The Service Director Frontline Service presented his report which explained how due to significant growth identified along the corridor linking Talbot Green, Llantrisant and North West Cardiff, in terms of residential development and economic activity which has been highlighted by the respective Local Development Plans of both Cardiff and RCT, the NW Cardiff corridor was identified as one of the top 4 corridors and was awarded funding in 2020/21 to progress through the first stage of the WelTAG process (Strategic Outline Case (SOC)), with the outcome of the WelTAG Stage 1, being a short list of potential solutions for the corridor. It is a significant corridor which lacks real public transport options at this time.

The Service Director advised that there was already a significant amount of work being carried out such as working with Transport for Wales on the Metro to deliver 12 trains per hour to Pontypridd, 4 trains per hour to the Rhondda and Cynon Valley benefitting those communities along the route to Cardiff. Work on new stations in Treforest Estate, Upper Boat and the potential for Pontypridd North. Extensions of rail networks, Aberdare towards Hirwaun and commissioning a study looking at a Treherbert extension to Tynewydd. The Mid Valleys corridor from Porthcawl (with public transport link running along the A473 corridor towards Treforest then on to Pontypridd to Abercynon and a potential new rail link towards Treharris and Nelson using the mineral line to Ystrad Mynach with further public transport links east towards Blackwood,

Pontypool and potentially Usk.

The Porth Hub continues to be developed and Park and Ride considerations around Pontyclun, Porth, Treorchy, Trecynon and Hirwaun. The integrated ticketing project is also being considered.

In conclusion, the Service Director explained that the report is being presented under the WelTAG framework and a shortlist of options has been identified which merit further development and assessment at WelTAG Stage 2.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussed the report and noted the short-term and long-term public transport options that offer the best business cases in order to improve access from RCT through North West Cardiff towards the city centre.

They raised the following queries-

Members were keen to identify how the options within the report connected with the RCT LDP review in terms of whether the routes and sites already allocated in the current LDP would be protected to support the roll out of the work and ensure future funding.

Members made comments and sought assurance that:

- The proposals within the report were realistic proposals and could be delivered within the 2020-2030 timescales (It was noted that some of the projects wouldn't be implemented until the end of this decade)
- The proposals would bring economic benefits to RCT which on first glance were not evident.
- There will be a more enhanced and joined-up approach to bus and rail travel and timetables to accommodate commuters travelling later in the evenings
- The electrification of the South Wales Main Line, which did not receive funding from Central Government, could still be progressed

Members noted that the immediate economic benefits included employment and training opportunities and a joined-up public travel experience between Talbot Green, Llantrisant Industrial Estate and surrounding areas which will bring significant advantage to these communities.

The Committee commented on the number of large housing developments in the South of the County Borough which have created their own volume of traffic and is growing and sought assurance that the Council's own impact assessments are robust enough to inform its decision making. It was pleased to hear that influencing and allocating sites close to transit interchanges would be a way forward and work in tandem with the Council's Tackling Climate Change Strategy would develop a step change approach to the current travel movements, of which 80% of commuter travel is currently by car.

Referring to the Post Covid planning, forecasting, residents' patterns of movement and the impact on office buildings where employees are only travelling into Cardiff two days a week, Members felt there was little evidence within the report that this had been considered.

It was noted that bus journeys into Cardiff are easier with good infrastructure to support travel and residents are using their bus passes. Members were pleased that a similar infrastructure will extend to other areas of RCT but asked how, in the interim period, improvements can be made to the Bus Rapid Transit services between areas such as Gilfach Goch and Cardiff?

The Service Director alluded to the provision of priority bus lanes along the corridors to provide faster and more consistent journey times and acknowledged this may disadvantage car users, whom may be encouraged to switch to bus.

Committee discussed the benefits of electric vehicles which they considered would be more sustainable and acceptable and the importance of having available infrastructure to support the approach such as charging points close to train stations. They also noted the recent news about the development of hydrogen vehicles. Members were reminded that the Overview & Scrutiny Working Group had undertaken a review into the development of infrastructure to support low carbon vehicle ownership.

Committee spoke of the importance of consulting on the proposals with residents, so they feel included and engaged. The Service Director advised that any consultation would be wide-ranging and involve Cardiff residents and businesses as well as those in RCT via a new online engagement platform and social media as recently undertaken with the Climate Change and Active Travel consultations. He also emphasised that the proposals were long-term, and a number of schemes would come before the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in time as and when necessary.

Committee **RESOLVED**:

1. To acknowledge the outcome to date of the North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study;
2. To request that the Service Director Democratic Services & Communication facilitate the feedback of comments and observations to the Cabinet on this matter on the 17th June 2021;
3. To receive further reports for future scrutiny by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

7 Climate Change Consultation Strategy (2021-2025)

The Service Director, Democratic Services presented his report which provided the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to undertake pre-scrutiny of the report on the Draft Climate Change Strategy (2021-2025) Consultation Responses.

The Corporate Policy & Consultation Manager advised that the Climate Change Strategy engagement was branded as "Let's Talk Climate Change RCT" and had been undertaken virtually through an online portal which had facilitated stories, chats short polls and videos. The Social Media team had linked the consultation to key campaigns such as 'Earth Day' to generate more interest and discussion amongst the residents, businesses, schools and Older Persons Groups that had engaged. It was hoped that face to face consultation would be

possible in the summer.

Members welcomed the 'much needed' draft Climate Change Strategy (2021-2025), which had initiated a positive debate amongst the residents and businesses of RCT. They noted the appetite for green initiatives being undertaken by numerous community groups across the county borough but stressed the importance of coordinating the good work locally to avoid a 'scattergun approach'

One Member raised concern regarding the questioning within the consultation which they found to be too 'apple pie' and encouraged only the right responses. The Member felt that more could be done to engage with residents and businesses, asking harder and more challenging questions about the dis benefits and setting priorities.

One Member was disappointed that only 56% of respondents thought that the Climate Commitments would help the Council to meet its carbon reduction targets.

The Chief Executive referred to the many actions within the draft Strategy such as supporting landlords to make their properties 'green' as long-term actions that will be implemented over the next 15-20 years. He stressed that many of the actions, however small, will contribute to the overall strategy and key to achieving targets was to engage with residents as much as possible.

Members made comments and sought assurance that ongoing climate conversations and the draft strategy would consider:

- Support for tree planting which would help mitigate against flooding;
- Community groups purchasing woodland and developing urban garden projects;
- Adopting national minimum standards for contractors and suppliers to encourage them to support the council to become carbon neutral;
- Hydro schemes;
- Appropriate infrastructure to support and facilitate home EV charging and to investigate ways to realise on-street charging, how to make this feasible;
- Early discussions with developers to install EV facilities into all new builds

In response to the queries raised, the Chief Executive advised that a strategy was being developed to ensure natural regeneration of woodland which results in 'the right tree in the right place' more so than planting and can avoid the introduction of disease. Peatbog restoration projects are also underway as a way of mitigating increased storm frequency and potentially higher rainfall by storing more water in the uplands. Restoring the many degraded peatbogs can also increase carbon sequestration in RCT.

Members were keen to applaud that new- build houses will be carbon zero but acknowledged the number of older properties and homes across the county borough that would benefit from retrofit schemes to prevent them from 'leaking

energy’

The Local Member for Taffs Well provided an update in relation to the Taffs Well Spring Renewable Energy Project which it was hoped could expand beyond the supplying the Park Pavilion and Ffynnon Taf Primary School.

Members agreed with the main themes identified within the consultation responses such as ‘everyone must play a part’ and ‘engagement and education’ with the suggestion that all councillors can play a key role in influencing their local communities and schools through their roles as School Governors.

RESOLVED to:

1. Provide the comments and observations of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to the Council’s Cabinet in advance of its meeting on the 24th June 2021; and
2. Acknowledge that this is the starting point of the climate change discussions with residents and businesses across RCT with additional public engagement to follow and opportunity for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to further engage with the issues raised.

8 Chair’s Review and Close

The Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee summarised the key points raised from the earlier discussions around the North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study and from the consultation responses received from the Climate Change Strategy engagement held during April and May 2021.

In conclusion, the Chair thanked Members for their contributions to the Committee.

This meeting closed at 6.30 pm

**CLLR M. ADAMS
CHAIR.**



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 5th JULY 2021

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to consider the proposals within the Law Commission's consultation on Regulating Coal Tip Safety in Wales through discussions with representatives from the Law Commission of England and Wales at its meeting.
- 1.2 This report proposes a mechanism for members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to provide their responses to the consultation on a proposed new coal tip safety regime in Wales that would replace outdated laws and improve how a range of risks with coal tips are managed

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members: -

- 2.1 Acknowledge the presentation from the Law Commission representatives in respect of its proposals contained within the consultation which was launched on the 9th June 2021; and
- 2.2 Consider, where appropriate, any comments committee may wish to make to the consultation before its closure on the 10th September 2021.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. As the overarching scrutiny committee, the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for undertaking scrutiny of matters which impact upon the whole council.
- 3.2 It is important that Scrutiny has the opportunity to respond to the consultation by the 10th September 2021 so that its response will contribute to the final

recommendations for the Welsh Government and subsequently to the final report of the Law Commission in early 2022.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Across the whole of Wales there are approximately 2,000 disused coal tips which present a number of risks such as instability and coal tip slides, flooding, pollution which can have a detrimental impact on the surrounding environment and spontaneous combustion.
- 4.2 In Rhondda Cynon Taf, disused tips are regulated by the Mines and Quarries (Tips) Act 1969. Some tips are owned by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council (formerly under the ownership of Mid Glamorgan County Council) while some are privately-owned, and others are under the control of the Coal Authority or Natural Resources Wales. Tips in Rhondda Cynon Taf Council are categorised on a risk-based approach from A to D, with D being the highest risk.
- 4.3 Following the Storms in February 2020, a number of landslides occurred across Wales including Tylortstown Tip making the national news where over 30,000 cubic metres of the hillside slid into the river valley. In order to improve the outdated laws and manage the range of risks associated with coal tips, the Law Commission of England and Wales has launched a consultation on a proposed new coal tip safety regime in Wales.
- 4.4 Amongst the proposals is the establishment of a 'supervisory authority' with responsibility for the safety of all disused coal tips. The proposed functions for the authority include:
- *'Compiling and maintaining a register of all disused tips in Wales*
 - *Arranging for inspections of tips and the creation of tip management plans*
 - *As required, designating tips as high risk (in relation to tip slides and/or other risks) which would bring into play an enhanced safety regime with increased involvement of the supervisory authority to minimize dangerous hazards occurring'.*
- 4.5 The proposals look to improve how coal tips are regulated and maintained under a new regulatory framework which would promote consistency across the country and more importantly avoid risk and danger through an enhanced safety regime. The regime would develop a coal tips register, compiled and maintained by the supervisory authority and ensure regular inspections of coal tips.

5. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 As the Council's overarching scrutiny committee it is appropriate that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee contributes to the discussions and consultation which will respond to the proposals as set out in the following links:

[Rheoleiddio Diogelwch Tomennydd Glo yng Nghymru | Law Commission](#)
[Regulating Coal Tip Safety in Wales | Law Commission](#)

- 5.2 Representatives of the Law Commission for England and Wales will be in attendance at the meeting to assist discussions and support the Scrutiny Committee with its consultation responses.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications as a result of the recommendations set out in the report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

- 9.1 This is an information report presenting the Law Commission's consultation on 'Regulating Coal Tip Safety in Wales'. No decisions are being taken in this report.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in line with its Terms of Reference, has been afforded the opportunity to respond to the consultation published on the 9th June 2021 by the Law Commission for England and Wales which sets out provisional proposals for a new regulatory framework for coal tips in Wales.
- 10.2 Developing its response to the consultation by the closing date of the 10th September 2021 will contribute to the recommendations for the Welsh Government and publication of a final report in early 2022.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5th JULY 2021

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021 /22

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5th July 2021

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Members' comment and approval on the draft Work Programme of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year and to receive a list of matters requiring consideration by the Cabinet over the 2021/22 Municipal Year and ascertain whether there are any topics that can undergo pre-scrutiny by this Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- 2.1 Agree on issues for inclusion on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the 2021/22 Municipal Year (as set out in **Appendix 1**) (with appropriate amendment as necessary); and
- 2.2 Ascertain if there are any topics that can undergo pre-scrutiny by this Committee from the Cabinet Work Programme for the 2021/22 Municipal Year (as set out at **Appendix 2**).

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 There is a requirement to devise and publish a Work Programme for each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution (Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules). The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is responsible for setting and agreeing its own Work Programme. However, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee also has a co-ordinating role and will ensure that there is no duplication of work across the thematic scrutiny committees.
- 3.2 In consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee together with appropriate Council Officers and the relevant Cabinet Members, through the one-to-one engagement sessions, an initial list of work topics for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been produced and is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 Opportunity is provided to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider the proposed list of matters requiring consideration by Cabinet during the 2021/22 Municipal Year to ascertain whether there are any topics which can undergo pre-scrutiny by this committee. (A copy of the Cabinet Work Programme is attached for information at Appendix 2).

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As Members will recall, the Scrutiny Work Programmes have a reduced number of meetings for this Municipal Year to allow for the work to be timetabled with the best use of resources available. This will allow for a more flexible approach to recognise the needs of emerging priorities and provides opportunity for Scrutiny Working Groups to be taken forward and training provision where requested.
- 4.2 The work programme should reflect the committee's aims and objectives as well as add value to the work of the Council. It is up to the Committee to agree the items for inclusion in its work programme, but ideas are brought together from a number of sources to assist members in their choices. It is important that all Members have the opportunity to put forward items for consideration.
- 4.3 Recently, 1-1 Engagement sessions have been undertaken to provide an opportunity for the respective Cabinet Members, Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs and Scrutiny lead Officers to discuss their respective work programmes, identify any key topics for inclusion and enhance dialogue and the flow of information between Cabinet and Scrutiny.
- 4.4 There are a number of areas which will be revisited in 2021/22 where work was commenced during the previous municipal year or where strands of work are

ongoing such as the opportunity to undertake scrutiny of the Section 19 statutory reports on conclusion of the investigations that the Council has undertaken into the February Floods as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the modernisation of the council's residential care home service for older people.

4.5 Other principles which have been taken into account:

- The work programme represents a mixed selection of topics;
- It meets deadlines in relation to other Council meetings and those of external partners;
- Consideration as to whether the topic duplicates review activity which is taking place elsewhere; and
- Flexibility- to ensure that new topics can be factored in and changes accounted for.

5. **CABINET WORK PROGRAMME**

5.1 Attached at Appendix 2 is the Cabinet Work Programme for 2021/22 and Committee is asked to consider if there are any topics that can undergo pre-scrutiny by this Committee.

6. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only and further analysis of each of the Work Programme will be needed if the recommendations are to be taken forward.

7. **CONSULTATION**

7.1 The draft Work Programme has been compiled in discussion with the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees in consultation with Council Officers as well as the relevant Cabinet Member.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

9. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

9.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph Part 4 of the Constitution (Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5th JULY 2021

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATIONS**

APPENDIX 1 & 2

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

CABINET WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

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

Ensuring People: are independent, healthy and successful; 2. Creating Places: where people are proud to live, work and play; 3. Enabling Prosperity: creating the opportunity for people and businesses to: be innovative; be entrepreneurial; and fulfil their potential and prosper.

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/Governance & 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
5 th July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Overview & Scrutiny Work 2021/2022 • Cabinet Work Programme 2021/2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – For O&S to agree its own work programme and identify pre-scrutiny opportunities within the Cabinet Work Programme for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals to improve safety of coal tips in Wales- To receive the Law Commission of England & Wales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Commission of England & Wales • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications • Service Director Frontline Services 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To contribute to the consultation on a proposed new coal tip safety regime in Wales</p>
16 th July 2pm (Special Committee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band B Mutual Investment Module - To receive the on costs and programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications • Director, Education & Inclusion Services 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To undertake pre-scrutiny of the Band B Mutual Investment</p>

21 st September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 19 Statutory Flood Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications • Service Director Frontline Services 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge- To consider the Section 19 statutory reports on conclusion of the ongoing investigations that the Council is undertaking into the February Floods as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ombudsman Annual Report and Letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Legal Services 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To consider the Annual Report and letter of the Ombudsman</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny Recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive the recommendations of the Scrutiny Working Group -Rail Development</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications • Director of Legal Services 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To consider the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales review of the Electoral Arrangements of the Council</p>
16 th November 2021	Crime & Disorder Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications • Director Public Health, Protection & Community Services 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – to scrutinise the update report to include matters as requested by the O&S Crime & Disorder Committees & invited partners</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety Partnership 		
25th January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		Scrutiny & Challenge -Scrutiny of the Council's support and implementation of the legislative requirements.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
15th March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Annual Overview & Scrutiny Report 2021/2022 	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 2021/22?

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O&S- Ongoing Matters for Future Review:-

The Council's Response to Covid-19

Modernisation of Residential Care and Day Care for Older People

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

Councils Corporate Feedback Scheme (CFS)

Scrutiny Feedback

Cardiff Capital Region – City Deal

Brexit – Updates when appropriate

Feedback to relevant consultations

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation

Working Groups

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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Cabinet Work Programme.

Forward plan of proposed Cabinet Business for the 2021/22 Municipal Year

Specific Period: -June 2021 – May 2022.

(Summary of proposed Key Decisions coming forward for Cabinet Members consideration.)

N.B – The work programme is subject to change to take account of any additional / deletion of reports, including any new consultative documents or legislative initiatives from the Welsh Government, which require urgent attention.

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Chief Executive

Cabinet Work Programme	In line with the Council's Constitution there is a need to advise and publish the Cabinet Work Programme.	Continuous	Cabinet	Every 3 months June 21 September 21 December 21 March 22	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication – C Hanagan	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Members • SLT • Overview & Scrutiny
Council's Performance & Resources Report	To provide Cabinet with an overview of the Council's performance, both from a financial and operational perspective	Continuous	Cabinet	Quarter 4 – July 2021 Quarter 1 – September 2021 Quarter 2 – November 2021 Quarter 3 – March 2022	Councillor M Norris. Director of Finance & Digital Services - B Davies	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report is presented to the Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee following consideration by Cabinet

JUNE

Leader's Scheme of Delegation	To formally receive the Leader's Scheme of Delegation following the 2021 Council AGM		Cabinet	June 2021	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication – C Hanagan	Open	Cabinet Members
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Climate Change Consultation Strategy	To receive the findings from the recent consultation on the Council's Draft Climate Change Strategy.		Cabinet	June 2021	Councillor R Lewis – Climate Change Champion Chief Executive	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny • Climate Change Cabinet Steering Group
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Access and Engagement Improvements within Democracy	To receive an update in respect of the introduction arrangements to enable the broadcasting of committee meetings and the ability to operate through a hybrid approach. These developments aim to encourage engagement and improve public participation in the democratic process.		Cabinet	June 2021	Deputy Leader Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication – C Hanagan	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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Corporate Asset Management Plan Interim Update	To brief members on progress with the plan		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor M Norris. Director of Corporate Estates – D Powell	Exempt	

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Medium Term Financial Plan Update	To provide Members with an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2021/22 – 2024/2025		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor M Norris. Director of Finance & Digital Services - B Davies	Open	Report is presented to the Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee following consideration by Cabinet
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SEPTEMBER

Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report	To consider the Annual report of the Corporate Parenting Board.		Cabinet	September 2021	Cllr C Leyshon Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication – C Hanagan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Parenting Board Children & Young People Scrutiny
Ombudsman Annual Report and Letter	To consider the Annual Report and letter of the Ombudsman		Cabinet	September 2021	Deputy Leader, Councillor M Webber. Director of Legal Services – A Wilkins		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview & Scrutiny Governance & Audit
Council Corporate Plan - Investment Priorities	To consider the investment priorities.		Cabinet	September 2021	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies		
Council's Corporate Performance Report	To consider the Corporate Performance Report and recommend its	Complete	Cabinet	September 2021	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Chief Executive – C Bradshaw	Open	

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Budget Consultation Report	To inform Members of the proposed approach to resident engagement and consultation in respect of the 2022/23 budget.		Cabinet	October 2021	Councillor M Webber Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication – C Hanagan	Open	
Digital Strategy Work - Update	To provide Members with an update in respect of the Digital Strategy Work Programme	Complete	Cabinet	October 2021	Councillor M Norris. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies	Open	

NOVEMBER

Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Company Limited and Amgen Rhondda Limited – Annual General Meeting	To provide Members with details of the AGM in respect of the Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Company Ltd and Amgen Rhondda Ltd.		Cabinet	November 2021	Councillor A Crimmings Director of Legal Services - A Wilkins	Exempt	
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Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) - Use of RIPA in 2020-21 by RCTCBC	To enable Members to review the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 ('RIPA')		Cabinet	November 2021	Deputy Leader, Councillor M Webber. Director of Legal & Services – A Wilkins	Open	
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Council Tax Base 2022/23	To receive the report in respect of setting the Council Tax Base 2022/23		Cabinet	November 2021	Councillor M Norris. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies	Open	
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Budget Report	To agree a draft Revenue Budget Strategy for 2022/23 as a basis to consult with stakeholders		Cabinet	January 2022	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies		
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Corporate Asset Management Plan Interim Update	To brief members on progress with the plan		Cabinet	January 2022	Councillor M Norris. Director of Corporate Estates – D Powell	Exempt	
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Budget Report	The need to adopt a budget strategy to recommend to Council as the basis of the budget strategy for the financial year ending March 2023, following consideration of the consultation feedback		Cabinet	February 2022	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Consultation - Service Users, Road shows, School Budget Forum & Scrutiny.
Council Fees & Charges	The need to advise Cabinet of the proposed Council Fees and Charges for the financial year 2022/23		Cabinet	February 2022	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies	Open	
Capital Programme	To propose to Council the three year capital programme		Cabinet	February 2022	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies	Open	
NDR relief schemes	To receive an update in respect of the NDR relief schemes		Cabinet	February 2022	Councillor M Norris. Director of Finance & Digital Services – B Davies	Open	

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Annual Equalities Report	To receive the report of the Director, Human Resources in respect of the Annual Equalities Report.		Cabinet	March 2022	Deputy Leader, Councillor M Webber Director, Human Resources – R Evans	Open	

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Strategic Equality Plan	To provide Members with details of the Councils Strategic Equality plan		Cabinet	May 2022	Deputy Leader, Councillor M Webber Director, Human Resources – R Evans	Open	
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ON GOING UPDATES

The Council's Response to Covid-19	To formally receive a service update on the Council's service response to the Covid-19 pandemic	Continuous	Cabinet	When Applicable	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan, Chief Executive – C Bradshaw	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Members • SLT • Overview & Scrutiny
RCT Flooding Update	To receive updates in respect of flooding in		Cabinet	When Applicable	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan,		

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	Rhondda Cynon Taf in addition to statutory reporting requirements into flooding.				Chief Executive – C Bradshaw		
Brexit	To receive a verbal update in respect of Brexit		Cabinet	When appropriate	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Chief Executive – C Bradshaw	Open	
Corporate Plan – Updates on delivery	To receive reports outlining delivery and ambition of the Corporate Plan		Cabinet	When Applicable	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan & Chief Executive, C Bradshaw	Open	
Cardiff Capital Region - City Deal	The need to advise of the progress being made in respect of the City Deal		Cabinet	When Applicable	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan & Chief Executive, C Bradshaw	Open	
Staff Panel Report	To receive details of the proposals put forward by the Council's Staff Panel in respect of efficiency savings and smarter ways of working		Cabinet	When Applicable	Councillor M Webber & Service Director, Democratic Services & Communication - C Hanagan	Open	

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Scrutiny Recommendations	To receive recommendations coming forward following a scrutiny review.		Cabinet	Continuous	Specific to the Scrutiny Review undertaken	Open	
Write off of irrecoverable Debts	Need to provide Cabinet with a position statement on irrecoverable debts		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan & Councillor M Norris. Director, Finance & Digital Services – B Davies	Exempt	

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Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services

JUNE

Online Active Travel Consultation : Outcome Of Exercise	To consider the outcome of an online active travel consultation exercise that the Council undertook a few months ago, in collaboration with the Welsh Government.		Cabinet	June 2021	Councillor A Crimmings Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services – N Wheeler		
North West Cardiff Corridor Transportation Study	To receive an update on a transportation study which is determining which public transport options offer the best business case in order to improve access through North West Cardiff towards the city centre.		Cabinet	June 2021	Councillor A Crimmings Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services – N Wheeler		

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UK Levelling Up fund	To receive information relating to the UK Levelling Up Fund		Cabinet	June 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Removal of means testing for medium and large DFG's	Update in relation to the Removal of means testing for medium and large DFG's		Delegated Decision	June 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		

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Pontypridd Placemaking Plan	To receive the Pontypridd Placemaking Plan		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Approval of the Tourism Strategy	To receive the Tourism Strategy consultation		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Local Broadband Fund	To receive information relating to the Local Broadband Fund		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
National Heritage Lottery Fund Priorities	To receive information relating to the National		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor R Bevan		

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	Heritage Lottery Fund Priorities				Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Bingo Hall Future Use	To consider the future use of the Bingo Hall, Pontypridd		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Pontypridd M&S Future Use	To consider the future use of M&S, Pontypridd		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		

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Tonypany Placemaking Plan	To receive the Tonypany Placemaking Plan		Cabinet	September 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Town Centre Strategy (Aberdare Acquisitions)	To receive the Town Centre Strategy		Delegated Decision	September 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		

OCTOBER

Community infrastructure levy annual monitoring report	CIL regulations require a report to update Cabinet on the performance of		Cabinet	October 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		Finance & Performance
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	CIL during the last year and make any amendments deemed necessary.						
Revised LDP Preferred Strategy	To receive the Revised LDP Preferred Strategy		Cabinet	October 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Planning Annual Monitoring	To approve the Planning Annual Performance Report , prior to submission to Welsh Government		Delegated Decision	October 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
LDP Annual Monitoring Report	To approve the LDP annual monitoring report, prior to submission to Welsh Government		Delegated Decision	October 2021	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		

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Community Infrastructure Levy "CIL" Consultation Responses	To update Cabinet on the responses resulting from the Community Infrastructure Levy "CIL" consultation in respect of the Council's Regulation 123 List		Cabinet	February 2022	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale	Open	
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Review of Adapted Housing	To review Adapted Housing		Cabinet	March 2022	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Local Housing Market assessment	To receive the Local Housing Market assessment		Cabinet	March 2022	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		
Supplementary Capital Programme - Highways, Transportation & Strategic projects	The need to seek approval for detailed investment within the service following Council's approval of		Cabinet	March 2022	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Group Director – Prosperity, Development &	Open	

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	the 3 year Capital Programme.				Frontline Services – N Wheeler		
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ONGOING UPDATES

Processing Of Mixed Kerbside Recycling	To provide Members with an update in respect of the opportunities of investment into processing of Mixed Kerbside Recycling		Cabinet		Leader of the Council Councillor A Morgan. Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services – N Wheeler	Exempt	
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Highways Investment Scheme	To receive regular updates in respect of the Highways Investment Scheme		Cabinet		Leader of the Council Councillor A Morgan. Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services – N Wheeler		
Review of Mainstream School Transport Provision	Need to provide Cabinet with the outcomes of the periodic review of the Council's mainstream School Transport Provision		Cabinet	Periodic Review / when applicable	Leader of the Council, Councillor A Morgan. Group Director – Prosperity, Development & Frontline Services – N Wheeler	Open	
Porth Town Centre Strategy	To receive updates as and when applicable		Cabinet	When appropriate	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale		

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Taff Vale Update and Business Plan	Taff Vale Update Report.		Cabinet	When appropriate	Councillor R Bevan Director of Prosperity & Development - S Gale	Open	
Scrutiny Recommendations	To receive any recommendations coming forward following a scrutiny review.		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Specific to Scrutiny Review undertaken	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny

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Community & Children's Services

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Asylum Seeker Dispersal Scheme Participation	To receive an update in respect of the Asylum Seeker Dispersal Scheme Participation		Cabinet	June 2021	Cllr R Lewis Director, Public Health Protection & Community Services – L Davies		
Community Renewal Fund	To receive an update on the delivery status of the UK Community Renewal Fund within Rhondda Cynon Taf, identified as a Priority Place for the funding opportunity by UK Government.		Cabinet	June 2021			

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Director Social Services Annual Report (Draft)	Statutory required- Annual report on the delivery, performance, risks & planned improvements to the Social Services function of the Council	Draft	Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor G Hopkins & Councillor C Leyshon - Group Director Community & Children's Services - P Mee	Open	Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Cwm Taf Carer's Annual Report	To approve for submission to WG the annual report.		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor G Hopkins & Group Director Community & Children's Services - P Mee	Open	multi agency Cwm Taf Carers Partnership
Cwm Taf Safeguarding Annual Plan	To receive the Cwm Taf Safeguarding Annual Plan		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor G Hopkins, Cllr T Leyshon Group Director Community & Children's Services – P Mee	Open	
Publication of 2021 Air Quality Progress Report	To publish the 2021 Air Quality Progress Report		Delegated Decision	July 2021	Cllr R Lewis Director, Public Health Protection & Community Services – L Davies	Open	

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Cwm Taf Safeguarding Board Annual Report	In accordance with the SSWB Act, the need to report the Cwm Taf Safeguarding Annual Report to the Cabinet, setting out their priorities for the coming year.		Cabinet	September 2021	Councillor G Hopkins & Councillor C Leyshon Group Director Community & Children's Services – P Mee	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cwm Taf Safeguarding Board
Social Services Annual Complaints Report	Provide Cabinet with an overview of the operation & effectiveness of the Council's Social Services complaints procedure		Cabinet	September 2021	Councillor G Hopkins Group Director Community & Children's Services – P Mee	Open	
Early Years Transformation Programme update	To provide Cabinet with an update on the Early Years Transformation Programme		Cabinet	September 2021	CLlr R Lewis Director, Public Health Protection & Community Services – L Davies		

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Homelessness Strategy	To provide Cabinet with an update on the Homelessness Strategy		Cabinet	September 2021	Cllr R Lewis Director, Public Health Protection & Community Services – L Davies		
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Food Resilience	To provide Cabinet with an update		Cabinet	October 2021	Cllr R Lewis Director, Public Health Protection & Community Services – L Davies		
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Leisure Strategy	To provide Cabinet with the Leisure Strategy		Cabinet	October 2021	Cllr R Lewis Director, Public Health Protection & Community Services – L Davies		
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Director Social Services Annual Report	To receive the final report of the Director, Social Services prior to its publication		Cabinet	October 2021	Councillors G Hopkins & T Leyshon. Group Director Community & Children's Services – P Mee	Open	Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
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ONGOING UPDATES

Modernisation of Residential Care and Day Care for Older People – Consultation feedback	To receive the consultation feedback		Cabinet	When Applicable	Councillor G Hopkins, Group Director Community & Children’s Services – G Isingrini		Overview and Scrutiny Committee
SS&WB Board Development	To consider any updates as appropriate in respect of the SS&WB Board		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Councillor C Leyshon Group Director Community & Children’s Services – P Mee	Open	
Regional Transformation Agenda	To receive an update on the regional transformation agenda		Cabinet	When Applicable	Councillor C Leyshon and Group Director Community & Children’s Services – P Mee		
Development of Community Hubs	To consider the development of Community Hubs across the County Borough		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Councillor R Lewis Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services	Open	
Extra Care Strategy	To receive update reports on the Councils progress in respect of delivery of the Extra Care Strategy		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Councillor C Leyshon Group Director Community & Children’s Services – P Mee	Open	

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Advocacy	To provide Cabinet with an update in respect of advocacy		Cabinet	When Applicable	Councillor C Leyshon and Group Director Community & Children's Services – P Mee		
Cwm Taf MASH Annual Report	To receive the Annual report of the Cwm Taf MASH		Cabinet	When Applicable	Councillor C Leyshon Group Director Community & Children's Services – P Mee	Open	
Social Services & Wellbeing Act	To provide updates as and when necessary on the Council's duties in respect of the Act		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Councillor C Leyshon Group Director Community & Children's Services – P Mee	Open	
Local Air Quality Management Reports	To provide details of the Local Air Quality Management Reports		Delegated Decision	Continuous / When Applicable	Councillor R Lewis Director, Public Health, Protection & Community Services	Open	
Scrutiny Recommendations	To receive any recommendations coming forward following a scrutiny review.		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Specific to Scrutiny Review undertaken	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutiny

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Education & Inclusion Services

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Page 52	School Holiday Enrichment Programme	To provide information on the SHEP pilot			June 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author: Andrea Richards)	Open	
	Progress report Greater Pontypridd Schools Band B	To receive updated project costs and re-profiling of programme following JR determination	Cabinet		June 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Gaynor Davies/Andrea Richards)	Open	
	YGG Llyn-y-Forwyn	To receive the outcome of the consultation for the proposed new school	Cabinet		June 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Gaynor Davies/Andrea Richards)	Open	
	FEO Pilot & potential rollout to Primaries	To seek approval on the extension of the secondary FEO pilot	Cabinet		June 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies	Open	

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	and a new primary FEO pilot				(Author(s): Daniel Williams)		
Additional repairs and maintenance investment in schools	To provide an update on additional repairs and maintenance following additional WG grant funding.		Cabinet	June 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Andrea Richards/Lisa Howell)	Open	

JULY

RCT SACRE Annual Report	To receive the annual report of RCT SACRE		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Angela Hill, CSC SACRE Consultant)	Open	
Proposal re. Virtual School Model for CLA			Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author: Ceri Jones)	Open	
Band B Mutual Investment Module	To receive update on costs and programme		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Gaynor Davies/Andrea Richards)	Open	

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WESP	To receive the draft 10 year Welsh in Education Strategic Programme to approve for consultation		Cabinet	July 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Gaynor Davies/Grace Zecca-Hanagan)	Open	
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SEPTEMBER

Page 54 School Performance Update (2020 – 21) - provisional	To receive details of the School Performance for 2020-21		Cabinet	September 2021	Councillor J Rosser & Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author: Gaynor Davies)	Open	
Special School report - provisional			Cabinet	September 2021	Councillor J Rosser & Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Andrea Richards/Ceri Jones)	Open	
Joint report with environmental services Update on food safety legislation (Natasha's Law)			Cabinet	September 2021	Councillor J Rosser & Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Andrea Richards/Louise Davies)	Open	

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YGG Llyn-y-Forwyn	To receive the outcome of the statutory notice period new school and make a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal		Cabinet	September 2021	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Gaynor Davies/Andrea Richards)	Open	
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OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

ALNET Transformation and Implementation	To provide an update on the implementation of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal Act (2018)		Cabinet	December 2021	Councillor J Rosser & Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies (Author(s): Ceri Jones)	Open	
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JANUARY

Update on proposals to strengthen the continuum of school provision for pupils with			Cabinet	January 2022	Councillor J Rosser & Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies	Open	
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social, emotional and behavioural difficulties (SEBD)					(Author: Ceri Jones)		
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FEBRUARY

MARCH

Childcare Sufficiency Update – Pre-scrutiny	The need to provide details of the Childcare Sufficiency Audit undertaken, in line with Welsh Government Requirements		Delegated Decision	March 2022	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services -G Davies; (Author(s): Andrea Richards/Denise Humphries)	Open	Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee
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Supplementary Capital Programme – Education & Inclusion Services	The need to seek Cabinet approval for further detailed investment within the service following Council's approval of the 3 year Capital Programme.		Cabinet	March 2022	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services -G Davies (Author(s): Andrea Richards)	Open	
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APRIL

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ONGOING UPDATES

Scrutiny Recommendations	To receive any recommendations coming forward following a scrutiny review.		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Specific to Scrutiny Review undertaken	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutiny
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21 st Century Schools	To receive any updates in respect of the 21 st Century Schools Programme		Cabinet	Continuous / When Applicable	Councillor J Rosser. Director, Education & Inclusion Services - G Davies	Open	
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