

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> <p>(As part of this report it will be proposed for Local Members from those wards most affected to be invited to attend a working group of the committee to contribute to this matter)</p>

November 2020				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Director Democratic Services & Communications 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – For the O&S Committee to challenge and comment on the draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/2020 (Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs to be invited to attend and contribute to this agenda item)</p>
	<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 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To receive an annual review of procedures for Council owned/occupied buildings.</p>
December 2020				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Safeguarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive an update on Corporate Safeguarding 		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge -This report updates Overview and Scrutiny Committee on arrangements currently in place and those planned that support the Council’s Corporate Safeguarding responsibilities.</p>

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