

CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



15th July 2022

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS, RCTCBC

DRAFT FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: 2022- 2023 MUNICIPAL YEAR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with a Forward Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:-
- i. Acknowledge the contents of the proposed draft forward work programme of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the 2022/23 Municipal Year, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
 - ii. Consider progress, achievements, and the effectiveness of the scrutiny work programme and scrutiny practice; and,
 - iii. Consider and determine other matters it may wish to consider, challenge and scrutinise over this period.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is proposed that Members of the Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to consider its work programme for the 2022/23 Municipal Year and that the proposed work programme allows for an element of flexibility and taking into account any additional consultative documents or legislative matters requiring attention.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 An effective Forward Work Programme will identify the issues that the JOSC wishes to focus on throughout the year and provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected, as well as the approach that will be undertaken. The intention is to adopt a flexible approach to the FWP and to revisit it at regular intervals to ensure the items are valid and worthwhile. Members' input will also be sought on

suggested topics for consideration as determining its own work programme and deciding on what evidence to seek to fulfil its scrutiny role; asking relevant and timely questions at meetings are all key to good scrutiny

- 4.2 This year, it is proposed that the JOSC agrees to scrutinise the Wellbeing Plan as well as the PSB delivery plans for existing Well-being Objectives, which will provide the Committee with the opportunity to produce a meaningful outcome at the end of the year. The items listed for consideration by the Committee are attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.3 Members of the JOSC will be able to ensure the PSB is taking all reasonable steps to meet its objectives, monitor progress to date and consider the extent to which differences are being made to the communities of Cwm Taf in improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the area.
- 4.4 The JOSC will also receive timely copies of the minutes and the Work Programme of the Cwm Taf PSB to inform the JOSC's future Work Programme.

5. LOCATION OF MEETINGS

- 5.1 This year, it is proposed that the JOSC will meet quarterly. The meetings will utilise the hybrid meeting capabilities of both Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Councils; both authorities will host one hybrid meeting each and there will be two additional virtual meetings during the course of the Municipal Year.

6. CONSULTATION / INVOLVEMENT

- 6.1 The draft Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme has been developed in discussions with the relevant senior officers.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 12.1 (Part 4) of the Council's Constitution.

10. LINKS TO PSB'S WELL-BEING OBJECTIVES

10.1 The recommended approach set out supports the Public Service Board Wellbeing objectives by ensuring progress of the JOSC is robustly scrutinised by the Committee, the public and others with a vested interest.

10.2 The proposed approach will also support the requirements set out in the 'Statutory guidance on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015' which states:

- A public body must take account of the importance of involving other persons with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensure those persons reflect the diversity of the population;
- Effective involvement of people and communities in decisions that affect them is at the heart of improving well-being currently and in the future; and,
- It is vital to factor people's needs; ensuring engagement is meaningful and effective.

11. CONCLUSION

11.1 Members of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee are asked to identify any items they would like to review in greater detail and to agree the draft Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee forward work programme for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

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