



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-24

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24th May 2023

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME PLANNING

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

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the Cabinet Work programme to determine if there are items that they wish to include in their Scrutiny Work Programme and the opportunity to consider items for referral to the thematic Scrutiny Committees, for purposes of Pre-Scrutiny and to support them in determining a Work Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- 2.1 Agree any matters arising from the Cabinet Work Programme for inclusion in the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.
- 2.2 Agree to the inclusion of topics, listed in 6.1 in the overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme or where necessary, refer such matters to the thematic Scrutiny Committees.

- 2.3 Determine if there are any further topics that are suitable for pre-scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees from the Cabinet Work Programme for the 2023-24 Municipal Year (as set out at **Appendix 1**).
- 2.4 Agree which matters arising from the Cabinet Work Programme, should be referred to the thematic Scrutiny Committees for inclusion in their individual Work Programmes.

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 Opportunity is provided to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider the proposed list of matters requiring consideration by Cabinet during the 2023/24 Municipal Year to ascertain whether there are any topics which can undergo pre-scrutiny by this Committee as detailed in 6.1 of the report

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Members should be reminded that the Scrutiny Work Programmes will remain a flexible "working" document, which will allow for a more flexible approach to be adopted and 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 Other principles which are 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 1** is the Cabinet Work Programme for 2023/24 and Committee is asked to consider if there are any topics that can undergo pre-scrutiny by this Committee.

6 **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

- 6.1 When considering the Cabinet Work Programme 2023/24, it is recommended that Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider that the following items should be included as pre-scrutiny items within the Overview and Scrutiny work Programme, or referred to the thematic Scrutiny Committees where the remit extends to those Committees

- Review of Dog Control PSPO
- Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Director of Social Services Annual Report
- Adult Services Strategy
- Council Corporate Plan - Investment Priorities
- Cwm Taf Carer's Annual Report
- Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Report
- Corporate Asset Management Plan

- 6.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are advised that where items have been identified as part of the ongoing updates section in the cabinet work programme, specific timelines will be identified and opportunity will be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to determine whether such matters should be added to their Work Programme for consideration.

7. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 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.

8. **CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 A draft Work Programme will be compiled following discussion with Overview and Scrutiny Committee in consultation with Council Officers, the Chair and Vice Chair as well as the relevant Cabinet Member.

9. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

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