

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Democratic Services Committee

DATE: 7 March 2022

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

TITLE: Self-evaluation of Scrutiny

It was agreed at the Democratic Services Committee meeting held on the 23 February 2018, that the Scrutiny Officers would undertake a review of the effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny in Ceredigion County Council, and that this would be undertaken annually in future.

It was resolved at the Democratic Services Committee meeting held on 27 January 2020 to:

- a) Continue to carry out the survey on an annual basis;
- b) To reduce the number of questions with an aim to increase participation;
- c) To review the format of the report, combining the Welsh and English responses, and translating the document as a whole.

Responses to the questions asked are shown in Appendix A attached. A total of 15 responses were received, this is a reduction in comparison to the 25 responses received in 2020, some completed online and some by post. Members' names are not disclosed.

The report was considered by the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee at its meeting dated 1 December 2021 and it was agreed to note the responses receive.

RECOMMENDATION:

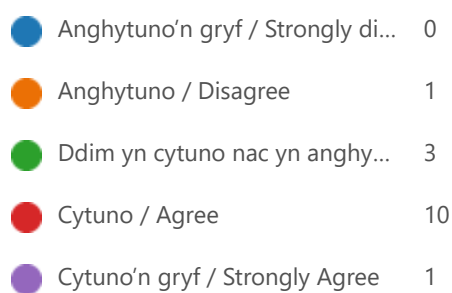
To consider the responses received from the scrutiny self-evaluation questionnaire (appendix A) and identify any areas for improvement if necessary.

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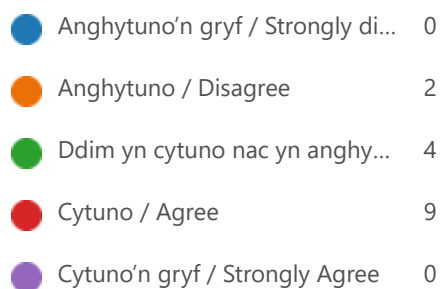
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15 Responses 04:28 Average time to complete Active Status

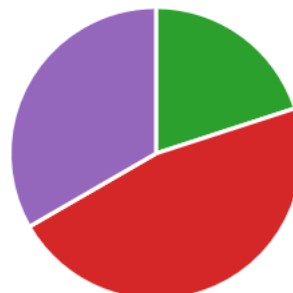
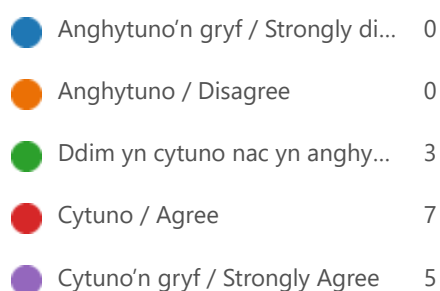
1. Mae Partneriaethau a sefydliadau partner wedi bod yn destun Craffu effeithiol / Partnerships and partner organisations have been the subject of effective Scrutiny



2. Mae'r cyhoedd yn gallu cyfrannu at y gwaith trosolwg a chraffu / The public able to contribute to overview and scrutiny



3. Mae gan Craffu berchnogaeth dros ei raglen waith ei hun / Scrutiny have ownership of its own work programme



4. Mae aelodau'r pwyllgor Craffu o'r farn fod ganddynt rôl werthfawr a boddhaus / Scrutiny members consider that they have a worthwhile and fulfilling role

● Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly di...	0
● Anghytuno / Disagree	2
● Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghy...	2
● Cytuno / Agree	11
● Cytuno'n gryf / Strongly Agree	0



5. Mae yna bartneriaeth waith adeiladol gyda'r swyddogion / There is a constructive working partnership with officers

● Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly di...	0
● Anghytuno / Disagree	0
● Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghy...	2
● Cytuno / Agree	12
● Cytuno'n gryf / Strongly Agree	1



6. Mae digon o drefniadau cymorth ar gael i'r broses Graffu / There is sufficient support arrangements for scrutiny

● Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly di...	0
● Anghytuno / Disagree	1
● Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghy...	2
● Cytuno / Agree	9
● Cytuno'n gryf / Strongly Agree	3



7. Darperir hyfforddiant a datblygiad gyda'r nod o wella craffu / Training and development has been provided with a view to improving scrutiny

● Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly di...	0
● Anghytuno / Disagree	1
● Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghy...	3
● Cytuno / Agree	10
● Cytuno'n gryf / Strongly Agree	1



8. Mae newidiadau wedi digwydd o ganlyniad i waith craffu / Changes have been brought about as a result of scrutiny activity

● Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly di...	0
● Anghytuno / Disagree	2
● Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghy...	3
● Cytuno / Agree	9
● Cytuno'n gryf / Strongly Agree	1



9. Mae cyfarfodydd Craffu sy'n cael eu cynnal o bell drwy fideogynadledda yr un mor effeithiol â chyfarfodydd yn adeiladau'r Cyngor / Scrutiny meetings held remotely by video-conferencing are as effective as meetings in person

● Anghytuno'n gryf / Strongly di...	1
● Anghytuno / Disagree	4
● Ddim yn cytuno nac yn anghy...	5
● Cytuno / Agree	5
● Cytuno'n gryf / Strongly Agree	0



10. Sylwadau / Comments

Perhaps greater clarity is required for some of the questions, e.g. for the training question, I recall in particular a training session by WLGA but that wasn't during the period under review. Public participation in scrutiny, I'm unsure as to how to respond in terms of the public being invited to provide views to scrutiny as opposed to the public making their views known, e.g. safe zones, music service, gold command. I know that we will be engaging with tenants on the issue of county farms, but that is not the same as the general public. The Authority consults with the Public seeking views on different policies, which might inform discussions at scrutiny, but that is not the same as involving them in a piece of scrutiny work. Are the questions produced by the Authority or are they set by external bodies, if they are internal, it might be worth considering a discussion within the overview committee that has as its membership every Chair/ Vice Chair to see how some of the questions are framed.

Er bod cyfarfodydd rhithiol wedi siwtio sawl aelod, nid yw'n ddelfrydol ar gyfer pawb felly bydd system 50:50, pan ddaw, yn rhoi'r dewis i bobl p'run ai gweithredu o adre neu mynd i adeilad(au)'r Cyngor. Serch hynny, o ran y pwyllgor craffu Dysgu, teimlo'n gryf bod hwn wedi gweithredu'n effeithiol.

Too many agenda items limit the time to discuss properly. This is forgetting that the agendas need to be read. Scrutiny members do not have access to dual screens in order to pick points from agendas as well as following the speakers on video. Reluctance to allow questioning of people with letters behind their names. Limitation on No of questions to be asked.