

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 13 April 2023

LOCATION: Hybrid

TITLE: Draft Forward Work Programme 2022/23

PURPOSE OF REPORT: Review the current work programme of the Committee

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: The forward work programme of the Committee is reviewed and updated at each meeting

BACKGROUND:

Overview and Scrutiny Committees oversee the work of the Council to make sure that it delivers services in the best way and for the benefit of the local community.

The role of Overview and Scrutiny is to look at the services and issues that affect people in Ceredigion. The process provides the opportunity for Councillors to examine the various functions of the council, to ask questions on how decisions have been made, to consider whether service improvements can be put in place and to make recommendations to this effect.

Scrutiny plays an essential role in promoting accountability, efficiency and effectiveness in the Council's decision making process and the way in which it delivers services.

The main roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

- Holding the cabinet and officers as decision-makers to account
- Being a 'critical friend', through questioning how decisions have been made to provide a 'check and balance' to decision makers, adding legitimacy to the decision making process
- Undertaking reviews of council services and policy
- Undertaking reviews to develop council services and policies
- Considering any other matter that affects the county
- Ensuring that Ceredigion is performing to the best of its ability and delivering high quality services to its citizens
- Assessing the impact of the Council's policies on local communities and recommending improvement
- Engaging with the public to develop citizen centred policies and services

Effective Overview and Scrutiny can lead to:

- Better decision making
- Improved Service Delivery and Performance
- Robust Policy Development arising from public consultation and input of independent expertise
- Enhanced Democracy, Inclusiveness, Community Leadership and Engagement
- Adds a clear dimension of transparency and accountability to the political workings of the Council
- Provides an opportunity for all Members to develop specialist skills and knowledge that can benefit future policy making and performance monitoring processes
- Creates a culture of evidence based self-challenge

CURRENT SITUATION:

Questions to consider when choosing topics

- Is there a clear objective for examining this topic?
- Are you likely to achieve a desired outcome?
- What are the likely benefits to the Council and the citizens of Ceredigion?
- Is the issue significant?
- Are there links to the Corporate Strategy
- Is it a key issue to the public?
- Have the issues been raised by external audit?
- Is it a poor performing service?

Choosing topics

Overview and Scrutiny Committees should consider information from the Corporate Strategy, the Corporate Risk Register, budget savings – proposals and impact, Quarterly Corporate Performance Management panel meetings and departmental input in choosing topics and designing their Forward Work Programmes, as well as any continuing work.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To review and update the current Forward Work Programme.

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Acronyms:	FWP – Forward Work Programme

Committee	Item (description/title)	Invited Speakers	Purpose i.e. monitoring, policy, recommendation
Healthier Communities			
28 July 2022	Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report 1.10.21 – 31.12.21 Housing Support Programme 2022-2026 Licensing - Fees	Elizabeth Upcott Llyr Evans Heddwyn Evans	Update Pre-Cabinet Pre-Cabinet
27 October 2022	Regional Dementia Strategy IRO quarterly report Air Quality	Donna Pritchard Sian Howys Heddwyn Evans	Pre-Cabinet Monitoring Pre-Cabinet

23 January 2023 Special meeting	<p>Update on the situation relating to Covid-19</p> <p>Invitation extended to CAMHS</p> <p>Carers Annual Report</p> <p>Regional Carers Annual Report</p> <p>IRO</p> <p>Results of Sport Wales School Sport Survey 2022 (information only)</p>	<p>Carwen Evans</p> <p>Elen James</p> <p>Elizabeth Upcott</p> <p>Elen James</p>	<p>Monitoring</p> <p>Yearly</p> <p>monitoring</p> <p>Information only – Learning O&S Committee Members</p>

			invitation to attend.
16 February 2023 9.30am	Budget preparation		
13 April 2023	<p>Housing Strategy</p> <p>Occupational Therapy update</p> <p>Regional Advocacy Strategy</p> <p>IRO quarter 3</p> <p>Director of social Services annual report 2020-2021 and 2021-2022</p>	<p>Cerys Purches-Philips</p> <p>Donna Pritchard</p> <p>Donna Pritchard</p> <p>Elizabeth Upcott</p> <p>Audrey Somerton-Edwards</p>	

	<p>24 May – Update on Domiciliary Care</p> <p>Regional Maternity and Early Years Strategy</p> <p>Joint Adoption Arrangements</p> <p>Through Age and Wellbeing Recruitment/Retention</p> <p>3 July – Report on the delivery of food hygiene/standards and animal feed inspections in Ceredigion</p> <p>Direct Payments</p> <p>CSSIW inspection report</p> <p>18 September – Respite & Day Services</p> <p>Dementia Action Plan</p> <p>Housing Strategy</p> <p>Statutory Director of Social Services Annual Report 22/23</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Donna Pritchard</p> <p>Iwan Davies</p> <p>Audrey Somerton-Edwards</p> <p>James Starbuck</p> <p>Carwen Evans</p> <p>Donna Pritchard</p> <p>James Starbuck</p> <p>Donna Pritchard</p> <p>Donna Pritchard</p> <p>Llyr Hughes</p> <p>Audrey Somerton-Edwards</p>	
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Future Items	Update on Fostering following 6 October 2021 report Wellbeing Centres		
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