

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18TH JULY 2019

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2019

In order to ensure effective Scrutiny, Members need to be clear as to the purpose of requesting specific information and the outcome they are hoping to achieve as a consequence of examining a report. Limiting the number of agenda items may help to keep meetings focused and easier to manage.

Proposed Agenda Item	Background	Reason for report
		<p>What is Scrutiny being asked to do? <i>e.g. undertake a full review of the subject? Investigate different policy options? Be consulted on final proposals before decision making? Monitor outcomes /implementation?</i></p> <p><i>If the item is for information or for noting, can the information be provided in an alternative format i.e. via email?</i></p>
Quarterly Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019	This is a standard quarterly update in relation to Treasury Management	The Revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2017 stipulates that there should be regular reporting to Members and Member scrutiny of the treasury policies. The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee is responsible for ensuring this effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy and policies.
Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2019/20	This is a standard item which allows members to undertake their monitoring role of the departmental and corporate budgets.	The Committee is being requested to scrutinise the budget information.
Corporate Performance Monitoring Report	This is a standard 6-monthly report which allows members to undertake their monitoring role in relation to the relevant departments' services.	To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring and to ensure that any areas of concern are identified and the relevant action taken.
Departmental Performance Monitoring Report	The report sets out the progress against the actions and measures in the New Corporate Strategy 2018-2023 to deliver the 2019/20 Well-being Objectives relevant to the Committee's remit	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires public bodies <i>to take all reasonable steps to meet their Well-being Objectives</i>

May & July 2019 PSB minutes	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 notes the requirement that a designated local government scrutiny committee is appointed to scrutinise the work of the PSB. In Carmarthenshire, the Council's Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the relevant scrutiny committee.	To consider and scrutinise on the content of the PSB minutes.
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2018/19	In accordance with Article 6.2 of the County Council's Constitution, each scrutiny committee must "prepare an annual report giving an account of its activities over the previous year." This report will provide members with an overview of the Committee's work during the 2018/19 municipal year.	The Council's Constitution requires scrutiny committees to report annually on their work.
Complaints & Compliments Annual Report 2018/19	This report will provide the Committee with an opportunity to scrutinise compliments and complaints for the 2018/19 financial year.	To formulate views for submission to the Executive Board for consideration
TIC Annual Report 18/19	This Annual Report details the work of the TIC Programme over the last year and outcomes achieved thus far.	The 'Transform, Innovate and Change' programme was launched in response to the significant financial challenges being faced by the Council. A dedicated team was established to support a programme of radical and transformational change across the Council, and to seek opportunities to drive out waste and inefficiency by delivering more purposeful services.

When choosing a topic a Scrutiny Committee should consider whether:-

- **scrutiny could have an impact and add value**
- **the topic is of high local importance and reflects the concerns of local people**
- **the resources are available that would be required to conduct the review, in terms of resources and budget**
- **it avoids work duplication elsewhere**
- **the issue is one that the committee can realistically influence**
- **the issue is related to an area where the council, or one of its partners, is not performing well**
- **the issue is relevant to all or large parts of the local area**
- **the review would be in the council's interests.**

Topics are not suitable for scrutiny when:

- **the issue is already being addressed elsewhere and change is imminent**
- **the topic would be better addressed elsewhere (and will be referred there)**
- **scrutiny involvement would have limited or no impact upon outcomes**
- **the topic may be sub-judice or prejudicial to the council's interest**
- **the topic is too broad to make a review realistic**
- **new legislation or guidance relating to the topic is expected within the next year**
- **the topic area is currently subject to inspection or has recently undergone substantial change.**