

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18TH MARCH 2020

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 24TH APRIL 2020

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 <i>What is Scrutiny being asked to do? 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> <i>If the item is for information or for noting, can the information be provided in an alternative format i.e. via email?</i>
Corporate Strategy 2018-23 and Wellbeing objectives 2020/21	In January 2018, the new Administration published its plan – <i>Moving Forward in Carmarthenshire: the next 5 Years</i> . It required that a new Corporate Strategy should be developed to reflect its plans and programmes, in line with the Well-being Future Generations Act (WbFG).	The Draft New Corporate Strategy document together with the relevant Well-being Objectives detailed action plans for Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee.
January 2020 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 Forward Work Programme for 2020/21	Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee's programme of reports throughout 2020/21.	

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.