

PWYLLGOR GWASANAETHAU DEMOCRATAIDD 28^{ain} O DACHWEDD 2016

Swyddogaeth Graffu Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin – Adroddiad Blynyddol 2015/16

Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

- Bod y Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Democrataidd yn ystyried ac yn derbyn adroddiad blynyddol 2015/16 y Swyddogaeth Graffu.

Rhesymau:

- Darparu trosolwg i'r Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Democrataidd o waith Swyddogaeth Graffu y Cyngor, ynghyd â'r pwyllgorau craffu priodol, yn ystod blwyddyn y cyngor 2015/16.

Ymgynghorwyd â'r pwyllgor craffu perthnasol:
Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud
penderfyniad: Angen i'r Cyngor wneud
penderfyniad:

DDIM YN BERTHNASOL
NAC OES
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Hyrwyddwr Craffu Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE 28th NOVEMBER 2016

Carmarthenshire County Council's Scrutiny Function – Annual Report 2015/16

Scrutiny plays a key role in promoting accountability in the decision making process of local authorities. It is also useful in ensuring that council policies reflect current priorities, as well as promoting efficiency and encouraging partnership working with external agencies.

All non-executive elected members can be appointed to at least one scrutiny committee, depending on their specialist interests or expertise. Carmarthenshire County Council has 5 scrutiny committees:

- Policy & Resources
- Community
- Education & Children
- Environmental & Public Protection
- Social Care & Health

The committees normally meet on a 6 weekly basis to consider issues and reports included in a scrutiny forward work programme, which is developed at the beginning of the municipal year. Additional meetings are sometimes arranged if required and special or joint meetings may be held to consider urgent or cross-cutting issues.

The attached report provides an overview of the Council's Scrutiny Function and the respective scrutiny committees' work during the 2015/16 municipal year and includes details of:

- The scrutiny committees and their activities
- Other scrutiny-related activities
- The year ahead

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Scrutiny function has an important role in helping the Council to achieve its expressed aims:

- People in Carmarthenshire are healthier
- People in Carmarthenshire fulfil their learning potential
- People who live, work and visit Carmarthenshire are safe and feel safer
- Carmarthenshire's communities and environment are sustainable
- Carmarthenshire has a stronger and more prosperous economy

2. Legal

Article 6.2 of the County Council's Constitution states that a scrutiny committee must:

"Prepare an annual report giving an account of the Committee's activities over the previous year."

Each Committee has prepared individual annual reports which have been combined in this report of scrutiny activity during 2015/16 to the Democratic Services Committee.

3. Risk Management

- An ineffective scrutiny function could undermine the Council's corporate governance arrangements and lead to poor quality decision making.
- Lack of progress in enhancing the role of scrutiny will impact on its effectiveness and esteem within the Council.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration & Law

1. Scrutiny Committee(s) – This report contains information from the individual scrutiny committee annual reports, received by the relevant committees at their between July and October 2016.

2. Local Member(s) – N/A

3. Community / Town Council – N/A

4. Relevant Partners – N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Scrutiny Committee Annual Reports for 2015/16	<p>Community Scrutiny Committee (20th July 2016) – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s7505/Report.pdf</p> <p>Education & Children Scrutiny Committee (22nd September 2016) – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s8647/Report.pdf</p> <p>Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee (26th September 2016) – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s8617/Report.pdf</p> <p>Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee (5th October 2016) – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s8936/REPORT.pdf</p> <p>Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee (20th September 2016) – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s8637/Annual%20Report.pdf</p>
Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS)	http://www.cfps.org.uk
Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011	<p>English – http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/pdfs/mwa_20110004_en.pdf</p> <p>Cymraeg – http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/pdfs/mwa_20110004_we.pdf</p>

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Scrutiny Committee Agendas and Minutes	<p>Community Scrutiny Committee Cymraeg – http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=186 English – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=186</p> <p>Education & Children Scrutiny Committee Cymraeg – http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=153 English – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=153</p> <p>Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Cymraeg – http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=134 English – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=134</p> <p>Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee Cymraeg – http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=170 English – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=170</p> <p>Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee Cymraeg – http://democratiaeth.sirgar.llyw.cymru/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=169 English – http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=169</p>
Carmarthenshire County Council's Constitution (Revised as at Council 15th May 2013)	<p>Cymraeg – http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/Cymraeg/cyngorademocratiaeth/CyarfodydPwyllgor/Pages/TheCouncilsConstitution.aspx</p> <p>English – http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/english/council/councillors/pages/councilsconstitution.aspx</p>

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<p>Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 – Welsh Government Explanatory Memorandum and Guidance for Principal Authorities and Community and Town Councils</p>	<p>Cymraeg – http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/publications/lgmeasure11/?skip=1&lang=cy</p> <p>English – http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/publications/lgmeasure11/?lang=en</p>