

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3RD FEBRUARY 2021

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2021

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? e.g. undertake a full review of the subject? Investigate different policy options? Be consulted on final proposals before decision making? Monitor outcomes /implementation?</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>
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.
Complaints Policy	The Council is required to adopt a new policy in line with a model and guidance issued by the Complaints Standards Agency under powers contained within Section 36 of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019.	The implementation of a new Complaints Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Complaints Standards Agency / Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.
Strategic Equality Plan Annual Report	To report on the implementation of the Council's Strategic Equality Plan and Equality Objectives	To consider, comment and approve the Strategic Equality Plan Annual Report for 2019-20
Welsh Language Annual report	To receive the annual report in relation to the Welsh language and compliance with the Welsh language Standards during 2019-20.	It is a statutory responsibility for the Authority to implement the Welsh language Standards. As part of the Standards, we must publish an Annual Report which outlines the implementation work.

<p>BUSINESS PLANS for the following departments:</p> <p>Chief Executives Corporate Services Environment</p>	<p>This item will enable the Committee to consider and comment on the Business Plans 2021-22 relevant to its remit.</p>	<p>To enable the committee to undertake its monitoring role of the Chief Executive's &, Corporate Services Departments and Environment which fall within its remit.</p>
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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.**