

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

30TH APRIL 2021

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10TH JUNE 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? <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>
Carmarthenshire Well-Being Plan Annual Report 2020-21 & PSB Update	To consider and approve the Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan.	<p>Carmarthenshire County Council is a statutory member of Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (along with Hywel Dda University Health Board, Natural Resources Wales and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service). Before the Plan can be published it has to be approved by the statutory members of the Board.</p> <p>The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee is also the designated local government scrutiny committee appointed to scrutinise the work of the PSB.</p>
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.

Sickness Absence Monitoring Report - end of year 2020/21	This report provides the committee with sickness absence data for the 2020/21 financial year.	The Committee has requested that half yearly reports are provided to its members to allow them to fulfil their scrutiny role.
Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21	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.
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2020/21	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 2020/21 municipal year.	The Council's Constitution requires scrutiny committees to report annually on their work.
CCTV Policy	There is a need for effective governance arrangements to be in place to ensure the Council's use and management of its public space CCTV camera systems are compliant with the Protection of Freedoms Act (POFA) 2012. It is also important to embed a consistent approach across the Council in relation to all aspects of its CCTV systems.	This is a new policy being adopted by the Authority.

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.**