

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10TH JUNE 2021

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 21ST JULY 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>
Draft Carmarthenshire County Council's Annual Report for 2020/21	The report provides an overview of 2020/21 Performance	Under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 the Council must publish an Annual Report on past performance by the end of October each year.
Strategic Equality Plan Annual Report 2020-21	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 2020-21
Annual Report on the Welsh Language 2020-21	To receive the annual report in relation to the Welsh language and compliance with the Welsh language Standards during 2020-21.	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.
Annual Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 2020-2021	The Council adopted the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy and the five-year capital programme for 2017-2018 on the 21 st February 2018. This Annual Report lists the activities that took place in 2020-2021	The Committee has a key role to play in scrutinising the Treasury Management function within the Authority.
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee Actions and Referrals update	These quarterly updates provide details on progress made in relation to actions and requests which arose at previous meetings.	To enable the Committee to scrutinise progress made in relation to actions and requests arising from previous meetings.

Annual Digital Transformation [and Technology] Strategy Report 2021-24	A revised Digital Transformation Strategy is required that sets out the Council's strategic digital priorities and aspirations and outlines what we plan to do to achieve our vision for a Digital Carmarthenshire over the next 3 years.	The Digital Transformation Strategy is aligned to delivering key outcomes of the Corporate Strategy and the Authorities Future Generations Well Being Plan. Embedded within the action plans for delivering the key projects are the five sustainable development principles.
Digital Schools Strategy Annual Report 2021	This annual progress report provides an update on Carmarthenshire County Council's Digital Schools Strategy	The Digital Schools Strategy 2018-2021 was approved in May 2018 by the Executive Board and CMT. A commitment was given within that strategy to produce an annual report to inform the Authority of the progress made against the key priorities and approved projects.
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.

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.**