

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14th JANUARY 2022

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2022

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>
Revenue Budget Strategy Consultation 2022/23 to 2024/25	This item will provide members with an opportunity to consider and comment on the budget settlement, departmental service budgets and efficiency savings proposals.	To undertake consultation with the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee on the 3-year Revenue Budget Strategy.
Five Year Capital Programme 2022/23 - 2026/27	This item will provide members with an opportunity to consider and comment on the draft five-year capital programme.	To undertake consultation with the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee on the five year Capital Programme.
Treasury Management Policy & Strategy 2022/23	This item will enable members to consider and approve the content of the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2022/23. This information will form the basis of this Committee's role in scrutinising the activity and function during the forthcoming financial year. The report is presented to the Committee in order to comply with the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and CIPFA Prudential Code 2009.	To comply with the revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and CIPFA Prudential Code 2017. To formally approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022-23 including the Treasury Management Indicators, Prudential Indicators, the MRP Statement and recommendations therein.
Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22	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.
Business Plans	This item will enable the Committee to consider and comment on the Business Plans 2022-23 relevant to its remit.	To enable the committee to undertake its monitoring role of the Chief Executive's &, Corporate Services Departments and Environment which fall within its remit.
TIC Position Statement 20/21	To provide the committee with an update on the TIC Programme.	This report is for information.

Digital Schools Strategy	To provide members with an opportunity to consider and comment on the revised and updated strategy that will allow digital learning over the next 3 years. digital technologies that will be adapted by the Council to underpin all digital services.	To review and consult on the content of the Strategy.
Digital Technology Strategy reports	To provide members with an opportunity to consider and comment on the revised and updated strategy which provides direction of the digital technologies that will be adapted by the Council to underpin all digital services.	To review and consult on the the content of the Strategy.
November 2021 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 - Half Year Q2 2021/22	This report provides the committee with absence data for the cumulative period Q2 2021/22 financial year plus a summary of actions.	Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee has requested that half/full EOY reports are provided to allow members 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.**