

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2012

REPORT BY: MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

SUBJECT: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 Experienced Overview & Scrutiny Members will be aware that items feed into a committee's Forward Work Programme from a number of sources. Individual Members can suggest topics for review by Overview & Scrutiny committees; members of the public can suggest topics; items can be referred by the Cabinet for consultation purposes; items can be referred by the County Council, or Directors can request that a committee gives a view on a particular topic. Other possible items are identified from the Cabinet Work Programme and the Strategic Assessment of Risks & Challenges.

2.02 In identifying topics for future consideration, it is useful for a 'test of significance' to be applied. This can be achieved by asking a range of questions as follows:

1. Will the review contribute to the Council's priorities and/or objectives?
2. Are there issues of weak or poor performance?
3. How, where and why were the issues identified?
4. Do local communities think the issues are important and is there any evidence of this? Is there evidence of public dissatisfaction?
5. Is there new Government guidance or legislation?
6. Have inspections been carried out?
7. Is this area already the subject of an ongoing review?

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 Overview & Scrutiny presents a unique opportunity for Members to determine the Forward Work Programmes of the committees of which they are Members

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.02 That the Committee considers its Forward Work Programme (attached as Appendix 1) and approve/amend as necessary.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

Not applicable

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not applicable

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not applicable

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

Not applicable

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

Not applicable

12.00 APPENDICES

Draft Forward Work Programme (Appendix 1)

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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