

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:**                 **WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**REPORT BY:**         **ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FACILITATOR**

**SUBJECT:**            **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**1.00    PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**2.00    BACKGROUND**

2.01    Items feed into a Committee's Forward Work Programme from a number of sources. 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, or by County Council or Chief Officers. 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. Is it an area of major change or risk?
3. Are there issues of concern in performance?
4. Is there new Government guidance or legislation?
5. Is it prompted by the work carried out by Regulators/Internal Audit?

**3.00    CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01    Overview & Scrutiny presents a unique opportunity for Members to determine the Forward Work Programme of the Committees of which they are Members. By reviewing and prioritising the Forward Work Programme Members are able to ensure it is member-led and includes the right issues. A copy of the Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration which has been updated.

**4.00    RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01    That the Committee considers the draft Forward Work Programme attached as Appendix 1 and approve/amend as necessary.

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None as a result of this report.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 None as a result of this report.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None as a result of this report.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None as a result of this report.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None as a result of this report.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 N/A.

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Appendix 1 – Forward Work Programme

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

None.

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