

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT BY: ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY FACILITATOR

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.

3.02 As agreed by the committee a workshop was held on 2 July 2012 to determine the committees forward work programme for the coming year. Attached at Appendix 1 and 2 are the minutes and draft forward work programme resulting from the workshop for the committee to consider and approve

4.00 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That the Committee considers the minutes and draft Forward Work Programme (attached as Appendix 1 & 2) 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**

Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

12.00 **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Minutes of workshop, 2 July 2012.

Appendix 2 – Draft Forward Work Programme

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

None

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