

## **FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** SOCIAL & HEALTH CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**DATE:** THURSDAY 24 MAY 2012

**REPORT BY:** LEARNING AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FACILITATOR

**SUBJECT:** FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

### **1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report to the committee on work which was left outstanding at the end of the municipal year. To outline how topics can be brought to Overview & Scrutiny and to suggest items to be included on the Forward Work Programme for the successor committee to consider.

### **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 Executive 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 Executive Work Programme and the Strategic Assessment of Risks and 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. By continually reviewing and prioritising the forward work programme Members are able to ensure it is member-led and includes the right issues.

**3.02** At the last meeting of the committee, when the Facilitator reported on the Forward Work Programme, there were items outstanding for consideration as follows:-

- Rota Visits activity & outcomes report
- North Wales Adoption Service, Short Break Provision at Arosfa,
- Children's Integrated Disability Service/Direct Payments.
- Quarter 4/End of year Performance Report

**3.03** In addition there are a number of items which are identified as items to be scheduled as identified in Appendix 1.

**3.04** The committee had a number of items still waiting to be scheduled, together with a series of regular items upon which it has previously decided that it wished to receive updates on a regular basis. These items are identified in **Appendix 1** together with a schedule of the meetings of the committee as agreed at County Council on 21 February 2012 in the form of a draft Forward Work Programme.

#### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the committee has regard to the considerations above, and identifies a draft Forward Work Programme for the forthcoming periods: (i) June - July 2012 and (ii) September 2012- April 2013.

#### **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

#### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

Not applicable.

#### **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

#### **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**

Draft Forward Work Programme.

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

None

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