

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
DATE: MONDAY 11TH JUNE 2012
REPORT BY: MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER
SUBJECT: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To outline how topics can be brought to Overview & Scrutiny and to suggest items to be included on the Forward Work Programme..

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** The Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee differs slightly from the other Overview & Scrutiny committees because of the larger number of recurring items. For instance, budget monitoring features on most agenda.
- 3.03** An outline work programme is attached. Previous practice has been for the Chair and Vice-chair in conjunction with the Member Engagement Manager to manage the work programme between meetings.
- 3.04** It has also been our previous practice to put a work programme item to each meeting of the committee, thus ensuring that Members have access to it and an ability to have input. .

4.00 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the committee has regard to the considerations above, and identifies a draft Forward Work Programme for the ensuing municipal year.

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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