

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE:** **THURSDAY, 21 JUNE 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 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 Executive for consultation purposes, or by County Council, or Directors. Other possible items are identified from the Executive Work Programme and the Strategic Assessment of Risks & Challenges.

**2.02** In identifying topics for future consideration, it is useful or 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 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 following the last meeting.

**3.02** At the last meeting of the committee on 23 May 2012 it was agreed that a workshop would be arranged to allow members to consider and develop their forward work programme for the coming year. In consultation with the Chair and Director of Environment this has been arranged for Tuesday 3 July 2012 from 10.00am in the Clwyd Room, County Hall, Mold.

**4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None as a result of this report.

**6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

None as a result of this report.

**7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

None as a result of this report.

**8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

None as a result of this report.

**9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

None as a result of this report.

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

N/A

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

## 12.00 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Forward Work Programme

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

Minutes from meeting held on 23 May 2012.

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