

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY 12 JULY 2012

REPORT BY: LEARNING AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY FACILITATOR

SUBJECT: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the Forward Work Programme of the Lifelong Learning 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 from Directors. 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 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.

3.02 The Chair of the Committee has suggested that some meetings of the committee be held in community settings, e.g. schools, libraries and leisure centres. This approach would give Members an opportunity to visit and familiarise themselves with the facilities available and could also encourage citizen engagement in the scrutiny process.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the Committee considers its Forward Work Programme (attached as Appendix 1).

4.02 That the Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree to holding some meetings of the Committee in community settings.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising directly from this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

None arising directly from this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

None arising directly from this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

None arising directly from this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

None arising directly from this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

Not applicable

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

.Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

12.00 APPENDICES

Current Forward Work Programme

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

Minutes of previous meetings of the committee.

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