

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE:** **WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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** As agreed by the committee a workshop was held on 3 July 2012 to determine the committees forward work programme for the coming year. Due to the close proximity of the workshop and the deadline for despatch of reports it has not been possible to provide the minutes and draft forward work programme resulting from the workshop. These will be provided at the next meeting of the committee on 12 September 2012 to allow the full committee to consider and approve.

**3.03** Following a member request and in agreement with the Chair, members present at the workshop and the Director it was agreed that the committee would consider an item on Town Centre Action planning and the approach adopted by Flintshire at the next meeting in September. This has been scheduled into the forward work programme attached.

#### **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**

None.

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