

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PROFILE & PARTNERSHIPS
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE: MONDAY, 16TH JULY 2012
REPORT BY: MEMBER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER
SUBJECT: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise on the development of the Forward Work Programme for the Committee.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 Members will be aware that items can 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.

2.02 In identifying topics for future consideration, it is useful to apply a 'test of significance'. This can be achieved by asking a range of questions, some of which could come from the following list, which is not intended to be exhaustive:

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. Is there any evidence that local communities think the issues are important and is there any evidence of public dissatisfaction with a particular service?
5. Has there been new Government guidance or legislation?
6. Have inspections been carried out by an Overview & Scrutiny committee or by one of the Council's regulators?
7. Is this area already the subject of an ongoing review of any form?

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.

3.02 A copy of the provisional programme is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration.

3.03 As advised at the previous meeting, we are still awaiting Welsh Government guidance on the implementation of s. 59 of the local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 which deals with 'scrutinising designated persons'.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the committee considers the attached Forward Work Programme (see Appendix 1).

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 (Appendix 1)

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

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