



HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23RD JULY 2019

**SUBJECT: HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD
WORK PROGRAMME**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE
SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Forward Work Programmes are essential to ensure that Scrutiny Committee agendas reflect the strategic issues facing the Council and other priorities raised by Members, the public or stakeholder.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That Members consider any changes and agree the final forward work programme prior to publication.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To improve the operation of scrutiny.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee forward work programme includes all reports that were identified at the scrutiny committee meeting on 11th June 2019. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period July 2019 to July 2020.

5.2 The forward Work Programme is made up of reports identified by officers and members. Members are asked to consider the work programme alongside the cabinet work programme and suggest any changes before it is published on the council website. Scrutiny committee will review this work programme at every meeting going forward alongside any changes to the cabinet work programme or report requests.

5.3 The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1, which presents the current status as at 15th July 2019. The Cabinet Work Programme is attached at Appendix 2. A copy of the prioritisation flowchart is attached at appendix 3 to assist the scrutiny committee to determine what items should be added to the

forward work programme.

5.4 **Conclusion**

The work programme is for consideration and amendment by the scrutiny committee prior to publication on the council website.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 No assumptions are necessary.

7. **LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES**

7.1 The operation of scrutiny is required by the Local Government Act 2000. The Local Government Wales Measure 2011 and subsequent Statutory Guidance include requirements to publicise the work of scrutiny committees. The operation of scrutiny committee forward work programmes was agreed following decisions by Council in October 2013 and October 2015.

7.2 **Corporate Plan 2018-2023.**

Scrutiny Committee forward work programmes contributes towards and impacts upon the Corporate Well-being Objectives by ensuring that the Executive is held to account for its Corporate Objectives, which are:

Objective 1 - Improve education opportunities for all

Objective 2 - Enabling employment

Objective 3 - Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people's well-being

Objective 4 - Promote a modern, integrated and sustainable transport system that increases opportunity, promotes prosperity and minimises the adverse impacts on the environment

Objective 5 - Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle in accordance with the sustainable Development Principle within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Objective 6 - Support citizens to remain independent and improve their well-being

8. **WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS**

8.1 This report contributes to the well-being goals and is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in that by ensuring the scrutiny function is effective when reviewing services and policies and ensure it considers the wellbeing goals.

8.2 The Forward Work Programmes contribute to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2016 by ensuring there is an effective scrutiny function and that council policies are scrutinised against the following goals:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales

- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language
- A globally responsible Wales

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising as a result of this report.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising as a result of this report.

12. CONSULTATIONS

12.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been included in this report.

13. STATUTORY POWER

13.1 The Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
Appendix 2 Cabinet Forward Work Programme
Appendix 3 Forward Work Programme Prioritisation Flowchart

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme

APPENDIX 1

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme July 2019 to July 2020			
Meeting Date: 23rd July 2019 (Performance Management Meeting)			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Year End Performance 2018/19 Regeneration and Planning	To provide members with a performance update for the Regeneration and Planning Service.	Impact of austerity on the service moving forward. The report takes a look back over the last twelve months of performance highlighting the exceptions and then through looking forward, i.e. future challenges, setting out our key objectives/priorities for the next twelve months, identifying any areas for improvement.	Rhian Kyte, Head of planning and regeneration
Wellbeing Objectives WBO2 & WBO3 – Year End Performance Report 2018/2019	To provide an update on progress made against WBO2 & WBO3 up to 31/03/19	To advise members on the progress made to address the progress of the wellbeing objectives WBO2-enabling employment WBO3-address the supply, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people’s health and wellbeing.	Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer Rhian Kyte, Head of planning and regeneration
HRA (Housing Revenue Account) outturn 2018/19	Information only report	To provide members with information on the financial outcome of the Housing Revenue Account for the 2018/19 financial year.	Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

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Meeting Date: 3rd September 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
The Grove Flats, Fochriw – Demolition and provision of new shop	To seek members views on proposals to demolish a block of flats in Fochriw and provide a new shop to replace the existing premises on the ground floor of the block.	To advise members of the lack of demand and historical issues associated with this block of flats, which also contains commercial premises to the ground floor, which is the only shop in the community. To seek support to proceed with the provision of a new shop in the community which will then facilitate the demolition of the block.	Fiona Wilkins, Housing Services Manager

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Meeting Date: 15th October 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Heads of the Valleys Masterplan	For Members to consider the Draft Heads of the Valleys Masterplan.	The report is seeking the view of members prior to its presentation to Cabinet, where Cabinet will be asked to endorse the Draft Masterplan as the basis for a public consultation exercise.	Rhian Kyte, Head of planning and regeneration

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Meeting Date: 26th November 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: (Medium-Term Financial Plan Special) – 5th December 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)			

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Meeting Date: 28th January 2020 (Performance Management Meeting)			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Rent increase report 2020/21			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

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Meeting Date: 10th March 2020			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: 21st April 2020			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: 9th June 2020			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: 21st July 2020			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

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Meeting Date: Date – to be confirmed			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Update on increasing Council House supply (Affordable Housing New Build) DATE TBC			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer
Update on the Impact of Universal Credit – Tenancy Support available DATE TBC – May 2020?			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer & Registered Social Landlord/ Housing Association representatives

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – Information Reports July 2019 to July 2020**Meeting Date: 23rd July 2019 (Performance Management Meeting)**

Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
WHQS Progress Report	This report provides members with an overview of the performance of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) Team to date and also sets out the anticipated projected performance up to December, 2020, prior to its consideration by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and thereafter Cabinet.	Details of the year end outturn for 2018/19 for WHQS works are also included, together with an overview of the many achievements that have been made as part of the wider commitments and benefits delivered by the WHQS programme. This report also details further changes to the sheltered housing schemes where survey results have necessitated in two further schemes having to be omitted from the programme, and transferred to the Post 2020 asset management programme on the grounds of health and safety.	Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

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HRA/ General Fund 2019/20 Period 4 Budget Monitoring			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer
Compliments/ Complaints Annual Report			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

Meeting Date: 26th November 2019			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Allocation of New Homes and the role of the Tenancy Enforcement Section			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

Meeting Date: (Medium-Term Financial Plan Special) – December ??? TBC			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

Meeting Date: 28th January 2020 (Performance Management Meeting)			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
HRA/ General Fund 2019/20 Period 7 Budget Monitoring			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

Meeting Date: 10th March 2020			
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Cabinet - Forward Work Programme			
Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
Wednesday - 04/09/2019			
Cabinet & PDM			

Harold Finch Memorial Park	To provide an update	Mike Headington	Cllr. Nigel George
Social Services Reserves	To seek approval for use of Social Services Reserves.	Mike Jones	Cllr. Carl Cuss

Wednesday - 18/09/2019			
Cabinet & PDM			

Annual Performance Report 2018	To discuss and present the Annual performance Report	Ros Roberts	Cllr. Barbara Jones
Cabinet Forward Work Programme	For discussion and update		

Energy efficiency - Tredomen Campus	To present a basket of options to Cabinet for achieving carbon neutrality at the Tredomen Campus	Mark Williams	Cllr. Sean Morgan
Wednesday - 02/10/2019 Cabinet & PDM			
Updated Code of Corporate Governance and Terms of Reference	To approve the updated code.	Stephen Harris	Cllr. Barbara Jones
Wednesday - 16/10/2019 Cabinet & PDM			
Corporate Volunteering	To consider our options for the establishment of a Corporate Volunteering Sceme on a Directorate or Whole Organisation basis.	Kath Peters/ Dave Street	
CCBC Corporate Safeguarding Report	To discuss the report	Dave Street	Cllr. Carl Cuss
Wednesday - 30/10/2019 Cabinet & PDM			
Heads of the Valleys Masterplan		Rhian Kyte	Cllr. Eluned Stenner

Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme Prioritisation

