



HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28TH JANUARY 2020

**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 26th November, 2019. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period 28th January, 2020 to 21st 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 20th January 2020. 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

Forward Work Programme - Housing & Regeneration				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
28/01/2020	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.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
28/01/2020	Housing Revenue Account Charges 2020/ 21	To advise members of the process that is applied to determine rent increases including WG guidance. The report will also identify the impact on tenants weekly rents and identify the proportion of tenants in receipt of housing benefit. Members views on proposed rent increases will be sought prior to the report being submitted to Cabinet for approval.	Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
28/01/2020	Information Item - HRA/General Fund 2019/20 Period 7 Budget Monitoring	To identify current levels of expenditure and income. To identify any over or underspends and explain the reasons for these. To provide an update on current and projected levels of borrowing required to support the housing service.	Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
28/01/2020	Information Item - Budget Monitoring Report (Communities Directorate)		Eedy, Michael	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
28/01/2020	Information Item - WBO 6-month update (WBO2 Enabling Employment)		McMahon, Tina	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
28/01/2020	Information Item - WBO 6 Month Update (WBO3 Affordable, Sustainable Housing)		Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
10/03/2020	Decarbonisation Strategy		Dallimore, Allan	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
10/03/2020	Affordable Housing Grant Bids	AHG is a 2 year programme of revenue funding to assist with the provision and maintenance of new Council owned social homes provided at 58% intervention rate for social rents.	Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
21/04/2020				
09/06/2020	Replacement Strategy for the Historic Environment 2020-2035		Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
21/07/2020				

Forward Work Programme - Cabinet				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
29/01/2020	Targeted Regeneration Investment Thematic Grant	To make Cabinet aware of Welsh Government's Targeted Regeneration Investment Urban Centre Property/Living Enhancement thematic grant programme. To seek delegated powers for the Council's Regeneration Project Board to make decisions on grant awards of up to £250,000 under this programme.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
29/01/2020	To determine a specific discretionary rate relief scheme in respect of Welsh Government (WG) 2019/20 Grant Funding	To agree proposals for distribution of the funding	Carpenter, John	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
29/01/2020	Proposed Use of Reserves	To consider proposals for the use of reserves.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
12/02/2020	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.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
12/02/2020	Land adjacent to Transcend, Ystrad Mynach	To consider options for the sale of land.	Williams, Mark	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
12/02/2020	ERDF 4.4 Funding opportunities - The Lawn Industrial Estate, Rhymney and Ty Du, Nelson	This report outlines the opportunities for the council to enhance the development at Ty Ddu, Neslon with further industrial units	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
12/02/2020	Caerphilly LA FSM Strategy	Consider a coordinated approach to accelerating the progress of this group of learners	Warren, Paul	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
26/02/2020	Gateway to Employment - Caerphilly Skills and Apprenticeship Academy	To develop a model to deliver a sustainable and framework compliant programme that provides holistic skills, training and apprenticeship provision that includes work experience, placements and apprenticeships.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
26/02/2020	Directorate Performance Assessments	To discuss and approve the new Directorate Performance Assessments and service planning framework.	Roberts, Ros	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
26/02/2020	(17) Consultation & Engagement Framework	Part of #TeamCaerphilly Action Plan	Lancaster, Hayley	Cllr. Gordon, Colin J
11/03/2020	EAS Business Plan	To approve the EAS Business Plan for 20-21	Cole, Keri	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
11/03/2020	Caerphilly County Borough Council's Strategic Equality Plan 2020-2024	To seek approval of the Strategic Equality Plan 2020-2024 to be formally adopted as Council Policy.	Cullinane, Anwen	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
11/03/2020	Integrated Transport Unit with RCT CBC/ CCBC	Consideration of a collaborative approach to the delivery of Integrated Transport Unit services.	Lloyd, Marcus	Cllr. Morgan, Sean

Forward Work Programme - Cabinet

Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
11/03/2020	Gender Pay Gap	For CMT and Cabinet to agree the Gender Pay Gap report which has to be published by 31st March 2020	Donovan, Lynne	Cllr. Gordon, Colin J
25/03/2020	(16) Community Asset Transfer Policy to be finalised and approved by Cabinet	Strategic Plan - Development of a policy and options to deliver a framework for Community Asset Transfer	Peters, Kathryn; Broadhurst, Timothy	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
10/06/2020	#Team Caerphilly - Transformation Strategy - 6 Monthly Update		Peters, Kathryn	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
	Hafodyrynys Air Quality Direction - Compulsory Purchase Order Process	To obtain Cabinet agreement on the Compulsory Purchase process on Hafodyrynys Road.	Godfrey, Maria	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
	(9) Structured programme of service reviews to be agreed	Strategic Action Plan - item to be agreed.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	(11) Commercial and Investment Strategy to be drafted and approved by Cabinet	To consider the draft Strategic Plan	Camp, Victoria; Harry, Christina	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	Renewable Energy Generation - Tredomen Campus	To present a basket of options to Cabinet for achieving carbon neutrality at the Tredomen Campus	Rossiter, Paul	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
	Membership of Stonewall		Donovan, Lynne	Cllr. Gordon, Colin J
	Review of the Balances Position in Schools	To provide an update & review of the School Balances position within the Authority and a comparison of the wider position across Wales.	Southcombe, Jane	Cllr. Marsden, Philippa

Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme Prioritisation

