

PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SUBJECT: PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK

PROGRAMME

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & SECTION 151

OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Partnerships 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 stakeholders.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The operation of scrutiny is required by the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent Assembly legislation. The Forward Work Programmes contribute to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2016 by ensuring that there is an effective scrutiny function and 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

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Partnerships Scrutiny Committee forward work programme attached in Appendix 1 of the report outlines provisional and previously agreed reports planned for the period September 2017 to December 2018 and is presented for Members discussion and consideration as they determine their priorities for the year ahead.
- 4.2 The forward work programme is made up of reports identified by officers and members, which the committee prioritise into three priority areas, priority 1, 2 or 3. Members are asked to consider the work programme, set their priorities, consider any expert witnesses they would like to invite in relation to any of the reports presented, and any report requests made by Committee Members and agree its content before it is published on the council website. The

Partnerships Scrutiny committee will review this work programme at every meeting going forward alongside report requests.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 This report contributes to the well-being goals as set out in links to strategy above. It 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.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

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

9. CONSULTATIONS

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Members consider and agree the final forward work programme prior to publication.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 To improve the operation of scrutiny.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 The Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Partnerships Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.