



REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151
OFFICER**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Regeneration and Environment 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 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

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee forward work programme includes all reports that were identified at the scrutiny committee meeting on 4th July 2017 and workshop held on 20th July 2017. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period September 2017 to June 2018.

4.2 The forward work programme is made up of reports identified by officers and members and has been prioritised into three priority areas, priority 1, 2 or 3. 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.

- 4.3 The Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1. The Cabinet Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 2.

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 any changes 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 Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.
Appendix 2 Cabinet Work Programme.

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Regeneration & Environment Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme September 2017 to July 2018			
Meeting Date: 19th September 2017			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Communities First (P1)	To outline the impact of the decision made by WG to "phase out" Communities First and outline a proposal that aligns with WG new guidance	Highlight the impact of the decision made by WG to phase out Communities First Seek the views of the committee on the new proposals that align with WG new guidance prior to Cabinet consideration.	Tina McMahon
Speed Limit Review of A & B Class Roads within CCBC (P2)	To explain the Speed review process to Members and advise of the outcomes and way forward.	Highlight those stretches of the Council's highway network that will be changing speed restrictions.	Marcus Lloyd
Apportionment of Highway Maintenance Budget 17/18 (P2)	To provide members with details of the proposed apportionment of the highway maintenance budget for 2017/2018.	For members to provide comment on how the highways budget apportionment is proposed to be spent during 2017/18 and consider if the proposed apportionment is the most appropriate way to spend the budget whilst taking on board the required MTFP savings and how these can be achieved through efficiencies and use of new technologies limiting the effect on front line service delivery.	Marcus Lloyd
Active Travel Integrated Network Map (P2)	To seek the views of the committee on the proposed Active Travel Integrated Network Map prior to Cabinet consideration and then submission to Welsh Government.	To consider the proposed map and its appropriateness, as well as consider any financial considerations.	Marcus Lloyd

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Meeting Date: 31st October 2017			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Proposals to commence a consultation exercise to close Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre	To consider proposals to commence a consultation exercise to close Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre		Christina HARRY
Management of Trees (P2)	To seek the views of the scrutiny committee on the current management arrangements in relation to trees and the formal adoption of a tree strategy	To consider the strategy proposed and the resources towards it and consider any associated risks identified.	Mark S. Williams Mike Headington
Street Lighting (P2)	To seek the views of the committee in relation to a series of options that aim to reduce the future pressure of increased energy costs.	To consider each option and its financial implications against the ability to reduce energy consumption.	Marcus Lloyd
Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18 (P2)	To consider the budget monitoring report.	To consider any pressures and associated mitigation measures.	Mike Eedy

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Meeting Date: December 2017 -- MTFP Special Meeting			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Draft Savings Proposals for 2018/19			
Draft Budget Proposals for 2018/19			

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Meeting Date: 12th December 2017			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Annual Performance Report – Planning (P2)	To consider the annual performance report for the planning service, prior to submission to WG.	To consider any variances to the previous year.	Tim Stephens
Decriminalization of Parking (P1)	To consider the options available to us following the announcement from Gwent Police that they wish to transfer on-street parking enforcement to the councils across the Gwent area.	To determine the approach that the Council wishes to take in exercising this power.	Marcus Lloyd
Planning Consultation Procedure for Applications that Involve Telecommunication Masts (P2)	To consult Scrutiny on the planning consultation procedure for applications that involve telecommunication masts	To consider whether the number of properties consulted and the impact that has on resources is justified, particularly in terms of the level of response.	Tim Stephens

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Meeting Date: 13th February 2018			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Budget Monitoring Report 2017/18 (P2)	To consider the budget monitoring report	To consider any variances and associated mitigation measures.	Mike Eedy
Tourism Venues (P1)	To consider the current operation of tourism venues and their ability to reduce council subsidy, through difference operating models.	To consider the current financial position and to consider various options in order to ensure a sustainable financial model over the medium to long term.	Paul Hudson Site Visits

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Meeting Date: 27th March 2018			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Waste Review (P1)	To consider various options of delivery following the detailed option appraisal carried out by WG consultants.	Consideration of each model in terms of budget and recycling performance and a view is sought from the committee on any preferences.	Mark S Williams

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Meeting Date: 15th May 2018			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Street Scene Review (GM, Cleansing, Parks, Cemeteries) (P1)			
Local Development Plan (LDP) Update (P2)	To consider the current position of the local development plan and consider a way forward.	To consider a way forward in the context of any regional development of a strategic development plan or equivalent.	Rhian Kyte
Regeneration Strategy (P2)	To consider the existing strategy and our performance against it and consider a draft strategy that reflects the changing landscape and priorities	To consider the performance made against the existing strategy and to consider a proposed new strategy.	Rhian Kyte
Decriminalisation of Parking (P1)	Having previously considered the approach to be taken by the council, this report provides the detail delivery of the enforcement of on street parking across the county borough	To consider the cost, income and resource requirements of delivering on-street parking enforcement as well as the reputation of the council.	Marcus Lloyd

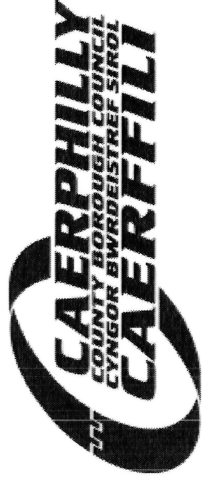
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Meeting Date: 26th June 2018			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Community Centres (P1)	To consider how the community centres are currently operated and to set out a new delivery model in the context of the MTFP.	To consider the current method of delivery, the financial position and the risks and to consider a new delivery model.	Mark S Williams/Jeff Reynolds
Highway Maintenance Plan (P2)	To consider all the procedures that ensure we fulfil our statutory duty, prior to adoption by Cabinet.	To consider the procedures within the plan, check their robustness and ascertain if you are satisfied that they fulfil our statutory duty.	Marcus Lloyd

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Date To Be Confirmed			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Leisure Strategy (P1) (Special Meeting of Scrutiny)	To update the Committee on the outcome of the Sport & Leisure Review (s) agreed by the Committee at its June 2016 meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the recommendations of the WAO report. Next steps in terms of adoption of strategy by the Authority. 	Mark S Williams
Vibrant Viable Places Proposal (P3)	To consult on the Viable Vibrant Places (VVP) grant bid proposals.	The report will outline the Welsh Government (WG) VVP funding criteria and submission timetable which currently waits to be published. It will detail the bid being made by CCBC for funding to engage the local community in a range of social, environmental and economic projects.	Awaiting for confirmation from WG. Anticipated the following officers will attend: Tina McMahon Jane Roberts-Waite Dave Whetter

(Key P1,2,3,4 – Priority 1,2,3 or 4)



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20TH SEPTEMBER 2017	Key Issues	Service Area
Anti Money Laundering and Anti Fraud Polices	To seek Cabinet approval of update policies in relation to Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering	Corporate Finance
Demolition of Oakdale and Pontllanfraith Comprehensive Schools	The report seeks to progress the demolition of the now vacant school buildings on the Oakdale and Pontllanfraith Comprehensive School sites.	Property Services
Community Centre Management Committees - CCBC Representation	The report seeks approval of the nominations for Member representation upon the Council's Community Centre Management Committees.	Community & Leisure Services
Proposals to Commence a Consultation Exercise to Close Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre	To seek Cabinet approval to commence the closure of Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre in conjunction with the opening of Islwyn High School and support the sale and development of the Pontllanfraith High School / Leisure Centre campus.	Community and Leisure Services
4TH OCTOBER 2017	Key Issues	Service Area
Active Travel Integrated Network Map	The Cabinet report will seek endorsement of the Active Travel Integrated Network Map prior to submission to the Welsh Government in November 2017 in order to meet the Council's statutory obligations.	Housing
Annual Performance Report 2016/17	The Annual Performance Report is a statutory requirement and an important part of the Council's Performance Framework. The Council is required to assess its own performance and provide the public with a balanced picture of that performance. In addition, the report must also show how the Council performed against the Well-being Objectives.	Public Protection
Air Quality Action Plan	This report will advise Cabinet on the outcome of a public consultation exercise on the draft Hafodyrnys Air Quality Action Plan and seek approval of the final Action Plan.	Public Protection
Phasing Out of Communities First, Proposals for Revised Welsh Government Priorities and Associated Staff Re-Structure.	The report details the phasing out of Communities First between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018 within a 30% budget cut, and the proposals for a new programme model from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2022 within a designated budget not yet confirmed by Welsh Government.	Community Regeneration



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Risca - Tesco Development Section 106 Agreement - Commitment of Funding	To outline and agree the priority projects to be implemented via the S106 funding resulting from the Tesco development.	Engineering
18TH OCTOBER 2017	Key Issues	Service Area
Car Salary Sacrifice Scheme	To advise Cabinet of the implications of HMRC changes in relation to the treatment of tax and national insurance for the Car Salary Sacrifice Scheme and to make appropriate recommendations on the future of the Scheme.	Human Resources
Proposal for the Development of a Combined Sensory and Communication Service (SENCOM) Made Up of the Visual Impairment (VI) Service, Hearing Impairment (HI) Service and the Communication Intervention Team.	The report sets out the consultation and project group activities undertaken to scope and develop an action plan to combine the Visual Impairment Service, the Hearing Impairment Service and the Communication Intervention Team, under a single employer and governance structure operated by Torfaen CBC	Education
1ST NOVEMBER 2017	Key Issues	Service Area
Wales Audit Office Review of the WHQS Programme	To advise members on the outcome of the WAO Review of the WHQS Programme. The report will highlight the key findings of the WAO Review, detail the key recommendations and actions to be taken by officers to address these.	Housing
15TH NOVEMBER 2017	Key Issues	Service Area
The Management of Trees Rheolaeth Coed	To seek the approval of Cabinet to formally adopt a Tree Strategy, following consideration at Scrutiny Committee.	Communities and Leisure
29TH NOVEMBER 2017	Key Issues	Service Area



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13TH DECEMBER 2017	Key Issues	Service Area
Council Tax Base	The report provides details of the Council Tax base for 2018/19 for tax setting purposes and the collection percentage to be applied.	Corporate Finance
Affordable Homes New Build Proposals	To confirm the new build Council Housing programme, including the preferred delivery option in order for the Council to utilise the Affordable Housing Grant funding that has been allocated to CCBC.	Housing