



HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15TH OCTOBER 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 Tuesday 3rd September, 2019. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period October 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 7th October 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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 Councillor John Ridgewell Chair of Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
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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
15/10/19	Complaints and Representations - Caerphilly Homes Task Group	To provide information on the level of complaints received from customers and/or their advocates and how these are being dealt with using the Corporate Complaints Procedure as well as including details on any lesson learned. The report also provides information on compliments received in relation to service provision.	Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
15/10/19	HRA (Housing Revenue Account)/ General Fund 2019/20 Period 4 Monitoring Report	The report will highlight where any major variances against budget are expected and explain the reasons for the variance. The report will also include a high level account of the HRA capital budget which is currently funding the WHQS programme, and how that is being funded.	Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
15/10/19	Budget Monitoring (Regeneration – Communities Directorate)	Details of the latest revenue budget position for Regeneration & Planning Services within the Communities Directorate including anticipated revenue budget over and underspends and other budget pressures and an update on the achievement of MTFP savings applied in 2019/2020.	Eedy, Michael	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
26/11/19	Caerphilly Homes - #Building Together	Due to an increasing demand for housing the report sets out proposals for increasing supply using a number of options such as purchasing existing empty homes, identify land sites for future development, purchase new build properties through Section 106 Agreements and building new homes. The report contains a number of recommendations which will be presented to cabinet in due course for consideration/approval	Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
26/11/19	WHQS Progress Report (Nov 2019)		Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
26/11/19	Information Item - Allocation of New Homes and the role of the Tenancy Enforcement Section		Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
05/12/19	Medium-Term Financial Plan (Housing & Regeneration)		Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
28/01/20	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
28/01/20	Rent Increase Report 2020/21		Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
28/01/20	Information Item - HRA/General Fund 2019/20 Period 7 Budget Monitoring		Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa

Forward Work Programme - Cabinet				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
16/10/19	Annual Improvement Report 2018/19	To present the Annual Improvement Report for 2018/19	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
16/10/19	Hafodyrynys	To update Cabinet on discussions with Welsh Government in relation to implementing the recommendations within the Air Quality plan for Hafodyrynys Road	Godfrey, Maria; Edwards, Ceri	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
16/10/19	Annual Performance Report 2018	To discuss and present the draft Annual Performance Report	Roberts, Ros	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
16/10/19	Land at Pontymister Industrial Estate	The matter has been consulted on with local Risca members and 2 of the 5 members have raised objections to the proposed sale principle. While any development would be subject to planning considerations, the scrutiny committee's views are being sought on the principle of the sale prior to consideration by cabinet.	Williams, Mark	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
16/10/19	Free Swim Initiative	Changes to Grant Funding to deliver the Welsh Government Free Swimming Initiative	Reynolds, Jeff	Cllr. George, Nigel
30/10/19	Chartist Gardens - Development Options	To seek approval of the development proposal and associated financial model prior to submitting scheme for planning approval.	Couzens, Shaun; Williams, Mark	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
13/11/19	20/21 Draft Budget Proposals	To discuss the draft budget proposals	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
13/11/19	Proposed Use of Reserves	To consider proposals for the use of reserves.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara

13/11/19	Corporate Volunteering	To consider our options for the establishment of a Corporate Volunteering Scheme on a Directorate or Whole Organisation basis.	Peters, Kathryn; Street, Dave	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.
13/11/19	Integrated Wellbeing Hubs	To provide an update to Cabinet	Street, Dave	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.
13/11/19	(9) Structured programme of service reviews to be agreed	Strategic Action Plan - item to be agreed.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
13/11/19	(11) Commercial and Investment Strategy to be drafted and approved by Cabinet	Strategic Plan - item to be approved	Harrhy, Christina	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
27/11/19	Renewable Energy Generation - Tredomen Campus	To present a basket of options to Cabinet for achieving carbon neutrality at the Tredomen Campus	Williams, Mark	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
11/12/19	Cabinet Forward Work Programme	For discussion and update	Tranter, Robert J.	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
15/01/20	Community Asset Transfer Policy to be finalised and approved by Cabinet (16- #Team Caerphilly Strategic Action Plan)	Approval by Cabinet of Community Asset Transfer Policy	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
15/01/20	Community Sport - Regional agenda	To consider future delivery options for community sport on a regional (pan "Gwent") basis.	Lougher, Jared	Cllr. George, Nigel
15/01/20	Develop a Consultation and Engagement Framework to support empowered communities to come on this journey with us. - (17- #Team Caerphilly Strategic Action Plan)		Harrhy, Christina	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
29/01/20	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. Jones, Barbara
12/02/20	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
11/03/20	EAS Business Plan		Cole, Keri	Cllr. Marsden, Philippa
	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

Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme Prioritisation

