



ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10TH DECEMBER 2019

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

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Environment and Sustainability 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 Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee forward work programme includes all reports that were identified at the scrutiny committee meeting on 29th October 2019. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period December 2019 to March 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 Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1, which presents the current status as at 2nd December 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 Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
 Appendix 2 Cabinet Forward Work Programme
 Appendix 3 Forward Work Programme Prioritisation Flowchart

Forward Work Programme - Environment & Sustainability				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
10/12/2019	Medium-Term Financial Plan (Environment & Sustainability)	The draft MTFP for 2020/21 includes a number of savings proposals and the views of the scrutiny committee are crucial as part of the consultation process prior to full council consideration.	Williams, Mark S	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
11/02/2020	Performance Management	The DPA contains a significant amount of information and data that provides an overview of relevant service performance. The scrutiny committee will therefore be asked to consider the DPA and to challenge any of its content.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
11/02/2020	Metro Plus Update and Metro CVL (Core Valley Line) Progress	The Cardiff Capital Region City Deal provides a significant investment into the transportation infrastructure of the region. This report provides an update of progress to date within the region and specifically any Caerphilly related projects.	Lloyd, Marcus	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
11/02/2020	Improving Recycling Performance	This report sets out detailed proposals for seeking a Behavioural Change towards Waste Management and Recycling in the home by those who recycle little or not at all. This is to reduce waste, reduce costs, and help protect the environment. The proposals include a communications campaign and a series of escalating letters, with a Fixed Penalty Notice as a measure of last resort, for those who refuse to participate in our recycling schemes.	Hartshorn, Robert	Cllr. George, Nigel
11/02/2020	Community Asset Transfer Policy	Community Asset Transfer, and the development of a policy, is promoted by Welsh Government as a means to rationalise the public sector estate while making certain suitable buildings available for use by community groups where robust, sustainable governance and management can enable transfer.	Peters, Kathryn	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
24/03/2020	Green Infrastructure Strategy	Green Infrastructure is recognised as being central to the means that sustainability principles are put into place and maintained. The social and environmental benefits of green infrastructure are well recognised; of increasing importance are the wider economic benefits. The Vision for the Green Infrastructure Strategy reflects the success over the last 20 years of the implementation and development of the Countryside strategy which it will replace.	Hartshorn, Robert	Cllr. Morgan, Sean

Forward Work Programme - Cabinet				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
11/12/2019	Council Tax Base - 20-21	The report will seek Cabinet approval of the Council Tax base for 2020/21 for tax setting purposes and the collection percentage to be applied.	Southcombe, Andrew; Harris, Stephen R	
15/01/2020	Affordable Housing New Build	For Cabinet to note the progress on a number of new builds and refurbishment projects, and to seek Cabinet approval to appropriate the land at Ty Darren, Risca and the transfer of associated funds to Caerphilly Homes.	Couzens, Shaun; Williams, Mark	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
15/01/2020	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
15/01/2020	Community Sport - Regional agenda	To consider future delivery options for community sport on a regional (pan "Gwent") basis.	Lougher, Jared	Cllr. George, Nigel
15/01/2020	Waste and Recycling Collection Systems	To advise Cabinet of the findings of the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Waste Review Working Group and to seek Cabinet approval for recommendations relating to the Authority's waste and recycling services.	Hartshorn, Robert	Cllr. George, Nigel
15/01/2020	Integrated Wellbeing Hubs	To provide an update to Cabinet	Street, Dave	Cllr. Cuss, Carl J.
29/01/2020	(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
29/01/2020	Proposed Use of Reserves	To consider proposals for the use of reserves.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
29/01/2020	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.
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	(9) Structured programme of service reviews to be agreed	Strategic Action Plan - item to be agreed.	Harris, Stephen R	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
12/02/2020	Caerphilly LA FSM Strategy	Consider a coordinated approach to accelerating the progress of this group of learners	Warren, Paul	Cllr. Marsden, Philippa

Forward Work Programme - Cabinet				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
26/02/2020	(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; Doyle, Vicki	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
26/02/2020	Directorate Performance Assessments	To discuss and approve the new Directorate Performance Assessments and service planning framework.	Roberts, Ros;	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
26/02/2020	(17) Consultation & Engagement Framework	Part of #TeamCaerphilly Action Plan	Lancaster, Hayley	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
11/03/2020	EAS Business Plan	To approve the EAS Business Plan for 20-21	Cole, Keri	Cllr. Marsden, Philippa
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. Jones, Barbara
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
10/06/2020	#Team Caerphilly -Transformation Strategy - 6 Monthly Update		Peters, Kathryn	Cllr. Jones, Barbara
	Hafodyrnys Air Quality Direction - Compulsory Purchase Order Process	To obtain Cabinet agreement on the Compulsory Purchase process on Hafodyrnys Road.	Godfrey, Maria	Cllr. Stenner, Eluned
	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

