



HOUSING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17TH SEPTEMBER 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 Leadership Group meeting on Thursday 20 August, 2020. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period September 2020 to November 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 September 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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Consultees: Dave Street, Corporate Director – Social Services and Housing
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 Shaun Couzens, Chief Housing Officer, Communities
 Robert Tranter, Head of Legal Services/ Monitoring Officer
 Lisa Lane, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer, Legal Services
 Councillor John Ridgewell Chair of Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
 Councillor Christine Forehead Vice Chair of Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
 Appendix 2 Cabinet Forward Work Programme
 Appendix 3 Forward Work Programme Prioritisation Flowchart

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme April 2020 to April 2021			
Meeting Date: 17th September 2020			
Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Presentation giving a Planning & Regeneration Overview			Rhian Kyte, Head of planning and regeneration
Leaseholder Management Charges	To update members on proposals to increase service charges to existing leaseholders	To report on proposals to increase service charges to existing leaseholders to ensure actual charges for delivering the service are recovered and not subsidised by the Housing Revenue Account. To also seek views on proposals to buy back leasehold properties where owners of flats may have financial difficulties.	Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer
WHQS Update	To update members on the progress being made in the delivery of the WHQS programme	To update members on performance relating to the WHQS programme and in particular the impact the Covid pandemic has had on delivery.	Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme April 2020 to April 2021**Meeting Date: 13th October 2020**

Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Decarbonisation Strategy and Action Plan (to include ELV's)			Rhian Kyte, Head of planning and regeneration Alan Dallimore
Valleys Taskforce Initiative			Rhian Kyte, Head of planning and regeneration
Homelessness	To provide members with an update on the Homelessness situation In Caerphilly	To update members on the homelessness situation in Caerphilly and how this has been impacted by the Covid pandemic. The report will provide some comparative data and the actions taken during the pandemic in response to increase demand and changing regulations issued by WG	Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme April 2020 to April 2021

Meeting Date: 24th November, 2020

Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme April 2020 to April 2021**Meeting Date: Date to be Confirmed**

Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Caerphilly Homes – Building Together Update			Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer
Fochriw Flats	To seek members views on proposals to demolish a block of flats in Fochriw and provide a new shop to replace the existing premises on the ground floor of the block.	To advise members of the lack of demand and historical issues associated with this block of flats, which also contains commercial premises to the ground floor, which is the only shop in the community. To seek support to proceed with the provision of a new shop in the community which will then facilitate the demolition of the block.	Shaun Couzens – Chief Housing Officer

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Budget Monitoring Report 2020/2021			Michael Eedy, Finance Manager, Environmental Finance

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme April 2020 to April 2021

Meeting Date: 13th October 2020 (INFORMATION REPORTS)

Subject	Purpose	Key Issues	Witnesses
Housing Revenue Account Budget Monitoring – Period 3 2020-21			Lesley Allen, Principal Accountant WHQS Steve Harris, Interim Head of Business Improvement Services

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Forward Work Programme - Cabinet				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
30/09/2020 10:30	Leaseholder Management Charges	To seek Cabinet approval to increase leaseholder service charges to recover actual costs and avoid ongoing subsidisation by the Housing Revenue Account	Couzens, Shaun	Cllr. Phipps, Lisa
30/09/2020 10:30	Economic Recovery Framework	To provide Cabinet with an overview of the proposed framework for economic recovery in response to the Covid crisis.	Kyte, Rhian	Cllr. Morgan, Sean
30/09/2020 10:30	Covid Recovery Framework	To propose the principles of the council's recovery plans to covid	Harrhy, Christina	Cllr. Marsden, Philippa

Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme Prioritisation

