

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21st JULY 2021

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 20TH OCTOBER 2021

In order to ensure effective Scrutiny, Members need to be clear as to the purpose of requesting specific information and the outcome they are hoping to achieve as a consequence of examining a report. Limiting the number of agenda items may help to keep meetings focused and easier to manage.

| Proposed Agenda Item | Background | Reason for report |
|--|---|---|
| | | <p>What is Scrutiny being asked to do? <i>e.g. undertake a full review of the subject? Investigate different policy options? Be consulted on final proposals before decision making? Monitor outcomes /implementation?</i></p> <p><i>If the item is for information or for noting, can the information be provided in an alternative format i.e, via email?</i></p> |
| Revenue & Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22 | This is a standard item which allows members to undertake their monitoring role of the departmental and corporate budgets. | The Committee is being requested to scrutinise the budget information. |
| Annual Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 2020-2021 | The Council adopted the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy and the five-year capital programme for 2017-2018 on the 21 st February 2018. This Annual Report lists the activities that took place in 2020-2021 | The Committee has a key role to play in scrutinising the Treasury Management function within the Authority. |
| Quarterly Treasury Management and Prudential Indicator Report 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 | This is a standard quarterly update in relation to Treasury Management | The Revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice 2017 stipulates that there should be regular reporting to Members and Member scrutiny of the treasury policies. The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee is responsible for ensuring this effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy and policies. |
| May & July 2021 PSB minutes | The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 notes the requirement that a designated local government scrutiny committee is appointed to scrutinise the work of the PSB. | To consider and scrutinise on the content of the PSB minutes. |

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| | In Carmarthenshire, the Council's Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee has been designated as the relevant scrutiny committee. | |
| Quarter 1 performance management report | This is the standard Performance Management report on our progress in delivering the objectives/actions and targets set out in the New Corporate Strategy. It covers those elements of the strategy that fall under the remit of this Scrutiny. | To enable the committee to undertake its monitoring role. |
| Digital Schools Strategy Annual Report 2021 | This annual progress report provides an update on Carmarthenshire County Council's Digital Schools Strategy | The Digital Schools Strategy 2018-2021 was approved in May 2018 by the Executive Board and CMT. A commitment was given within that strategy to produce an annual report to inform the Authority of the progress made against the key priorities and approved projects. |

When choosing a topic a Scrutiny Committee should consider whether:-

- **scrutiny could have an impact and add value**
- **the topic is of high local importance and reflects the concerns of local people**
- **the resources are available that would be required to conduct the review, in terms of resources and budget**
- **it avoids work duplication elsewhere**
- **the issue is one that the committee can realistically influence**
- **the issue is related to an area where the council, or one of its partners, is not performing well**
- **the issue is relevant to all or large parts of the local area**
- **the review would be in the council's interests.**

Topics are not suitable for scrutiny when:

- **the issue is already being addressed elsewhere and change is imminent**
- **the topic would be better addressed elsewhere (and will be referred there)**

- **scrutiny involvement would have limited or no impact upon outcomes**
- **the topic may be sub-judice or prejudicial to the council's interest**
- **the topic is too broad to make a review realistic**
- **new legislation or guidance relating to the topic is expected within the next year**
- **the topic area is currently subject to inspection or has recently undergone substantial change.**