

# DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

## 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

### CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY FUNCTION – ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

**Recommendations / Key decisions required:**

- That the Democratic Services Committee considers the Scrutiny Function's Annual Report for 2020/21.

**Reasons:**

- To provide the Democratic Services Committee with an overview of the Council's Scrutiny Function and the respective Scrutiny Committees' work during the 2020/21 municipal year.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee to be consulted: NOT APPLICABLE  
Cabinet Decision Required: NO  
Council Decision Required: NO

Relevant Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder(s): N/A

Cllr. Giles Morgan (Chair of the Chairs & Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Forum / Chair of the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee)

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Scrutiny plays a key role in promoting accountability in the decision making process of Local Authorities. It is also useful in ensuring that council policies reflect current priorities, as well as promoting efficiency and encouraging partnership working with external agencies.

Carmarthenshire County Council has five Scrutiny Committees who normally meet on a six weekly basis.

The attached report provides an overview of the Council's Scrutiny Function and makes specific reference to the work of the 5 Scrutiny Committees:-

- Policy & Resources
- Community & Regeneration
- Education & Children
- Environmental & Public Protection
- Social Care & Health

<b>DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?</b>	<b>YES</b>
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# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones                      Head of Administration & Law

**1. Scrutiny Committee(s)** – This report contains information from the individual Scrutiny Committee annual reports, received by the relevant committees during June/July 2021.

**2. Local Member(s)** – N/A

**3. Community / Town Council** – N/A

**4. Relevant Partners** – N/A

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – N/A

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:**

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Scrutiny Committee information and links to Annual Reports for 2020/21	Scrutiny information page:  Cymraeg – <a href="https://www.sirgar.llyw.cymru/cartref/cyngor-a-democratiaeth/pwyllgorau-a-chyfarfodydd/craffu/#.XcqGZcTgpPY">https://www.sirgar.llyw.cymru/cartref/cyngor-a-democratiaeth/pwyllgorau-a-chyfarfodydd/craffu/#.XcqGZcTgpPY</a>  English - <a href="https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/committees-meetings/scrutiny/#.XcqGOcTgpPY">https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/committees-meetings/scrutiny/#.XcqGOcTgpPY</a>  Agendas and Minutes:  Cymraeg - <a href="https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1">https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1</a>  English – <a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1</a>
Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011	English – <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/pdfs/mwa_20110004_en.pdf">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/pdfs/mwa_20110004_en.pdf</a>  Cymraeg – <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/pdfs/mwa_20110004_we.pdf">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/pdfs/mwa_20110004_we.pdf</a>
Council Constitution	<a href="https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/the-council/councils-constitution/">https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-democracy/the-council/councils-constitution/</a>