

COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14TH DECEMBER 2021

FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 31ST JANUARY 2022

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 <i>What is Scrutiny being asked to do? 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> <i>If the item is for information or for noting, can the information be provided in an alternative format i.e. via email?</i>
HRA Budget Service Charges and Rent setting 2022/23	As part of the Annual Budget preparation setting process, the Committee is consulted on the proposed HRA Budget Service Charges and Rent Setting for the 2022/23 budgetary period.	The report will provide members of the Committee with the opportunity to consider and comment on the budget settlement, relevant departmental service budgets and efficiency savings and to make any suggested recommendations for change for consideration by the Cabinet and Council.
Carmarthenshire Homes Standards Plus (HRA Business Plan 2022-25)	As part of the Annual Budget preparation process the Committee is consulted on the proposed Carmarthenshire Home Standards Plus (HRA Business Plan for the budgetary period 2022-2025) which explains its vision and detail and what it means for tenants.	The report will provide members of the Committee with the opportunity of commenting on the CHS+ Business Plan, and the financial and delivery programme over the next three years and to make any suggested recommendations for change for consideration by the Cabinet /Council and onward submission to the Welsh Government.
Welsh Public Library Standards Annual Report 2020/21: Carmarthenshire	The report covers the Annual Assessment for 2020/21 by the Museums, Archives & Libraries Division of Welsh Government of the Annual Return submitted by Carmarthenshire Libraries	To monitor the performance of the Library Service against the 6 th Quality Assessment Framework of the Welsh Public Library Standards, as contained in the Annual Return for 2020/21.

	under the Welsh Public Library Standards	
Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22	This is a standard quarterly budget report covering the revenue and capital budgets for the Chief Executive, Community and Environment Departments which fall within the remit of the Community Scrutiny Committee	To enable the committee to undertake its monitoring role of the Chief Executive, Community and Environment Department budgets which fall within its remit
Revenue Budget Consultation 2022/23 – 2024/25	As part of the Council's consultation procedures on the development of its 2022/23 – 2024/25 budget strategy, all scrutiny committees are provided with the opportunity of considering commenting on the Strategy.	To enable the scrutiny committee to consider and comment on the budget settlement, departmental service budgets and efficiency savings proposals and to make any recommendations for change to the Cabinet and Council
5 year Capital Programme Budget Consultation	As part of the Council's consultation procedures on the development of its 5 year Capital Programme, all scrutiny committees are provided with the opportunity of considering commenting on the Strategy.	To enable the scrutiny committee to consider and comment on the 5 year Capital Programme and to make any recommendations for change to the Cabinet and Council
City Deal Procurement Update	Pentre Awel is a key strategic development for the Authority. As part of the Project's member engagement programme, scrutiny committees are informed of key milestones at appropriate reporting periods.	This item will provide members with an important update on recent procurement activities and milestones, including the appointment of a contractor for Zone 1 and design consultants for Zone 3.
Housing and Regeneration Masterplan	This Plan sets out our ambition to support the delivery of over 2,000 additional homes across the County, over the next five years. It builds on the success of the existing affordable homes Delivery Plan but will also stimulate economic growth across the County and create more sustainable communities.	The report will provide members of the Committee the opportunity to comment on the delivery programme over the next five years, the wider benefits and ensuring that it aligns with the Council economic recovery plans. The committee may make any recommendations for change for consideration by the Cabinet /Council.

Decarbonisation and Affordable Warmth Strategy	The Strategy outlines our approach to decarbonise our existing housing stock, new homes and our housing services, in line with the Councils commitment to becoming net zero by 2030. This pipeline of work will also stimulate the growth of the local green economy, encourage new skills and industry to emerge, and more importantly it will make our tenants homes more affordable to heat.	The report will provide members of the Committee the opportunity to comment on the Strategy, ensuring that it aligns with the Councils net zero commitment and that it contributes to other wider social, economic and community benefits. The committee may also make any recommendations for change for consideration by the Cabinet /Council.
Departmental Business Plans	As part of the Business Plan Development process the Committee is invited to consider and comment on an annual basis on the Business Plans for the Communities, Chief Executive and Environment Departmental Business Plans 2021/22 – 2022/23 relevant to its remit.	To afford the Committee the opportunity of commenting on and making any recommendations for changes to the Communities, Chief Executive and Environment Departmental Business Plan relevant to its remit.

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.**