

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24th January, 2023

Health & Social Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Plan for 2022/23

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the Committee confirm its Forward Work Plan for 2022/23

Reasons:

- The County Council's Constitution requires scrutiny committees to develop and publish annual forward work Plans that identify issues and reports to be considered during the course of the municipal year.

To be referred to the Cabinet / Council for decision: NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: N/A

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Purpose of the Forward Work Plan

Article 6.2 of the County Council's Constitution states that: *"Each scrutiny committee is required to develop and publish an annual forward work plan, identifying issues and reports to be considered during the course of a municipal year"*.

The development of a work plan:

- Provides an opportunity for members to determine the priority issues to be considered by their scrutiny committee over the course of the next year.
- Provides a focus for both officers and members and is a vehicle for communicating the work of the Committee to the public. The Plan (see attached report) will be published on the council's website www.carmarthenshire.gov.uk/scrutiny and it will be updated on a quarterly basis.
- Ensures agreement of provisional agendas for scheduled scrutiny meetings within the council diary. The Plan is a flexible document that can be amended to reflect additional meetings and agenda items during the course of the year.

The draft Forward Work Plan includes statutory and annual reports as well as those reports requested by the Committee during the course of previous meetings.

Forward Work Plan Update

In view of the Council decision in September 2022 that Scrutiny remits be amended it was felt prudent for the Committee to re-visit its forward plan and a forward planning session was held on the 9th January.

The Committee agreed the items for consideration at today's meeting and that the following items would be agendaed for 9th March 2023: -

- Corporate Strategy
- Communities Departmental Business
- Annual Safeguarding report

The Committee also agreed the following Development Sessions:-

- Learning Disability Strategy

- Autism
- Domiciliary Care
- Carers

As part of the session, the Committee noted the lack of Health and Social Services and Children’s Service reports on the Cabinet Forward Plan and agreed to meet again in February in order to consider any relevant reports that had since been added.

The Committee also agreed to consider whether an update on Loneliness (Task & Finish Report) as per its previous Forward Plan would still be required. An updated version of the Committee’s Forward Plan will be submitted to the March meeting for formal approval.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES – Draft Forward Work Plan
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities – In line with requirements of the County Council’s Constitution.

2. Legal - In line with requirements of the County Council’s Constitution.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

- 1. Local Member(s) - N/A
- 2. Community / Town Council - N/A
- 3. Relevant Partners - N/A
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S)
AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

**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
Health & Social Services Committee Reports and Minutes		Meetings from September 2015 onwards: http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeed=169