

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES 2020/21
FINANCE & PERFORMANCE

‘Holding the Executive to account in respect of all three priorities within the Council’s Corporate Plan.... People (Ensuring People are independent, healthy and successful), Places (Creating Places where people are proud to live, work and play) and Prosperity (Enabling Prosperity creating the opportunity for people and businesses to: be innovative; be entrepreneurial; and fulfil their potential and prosper) as well as its key principle ‘Living within our Means’.

Each of the Council’s Scrutiny Committees is responsible for setting and agreeing its own work programme by identifying a list of themes and topics which fall under the remit of each individual Scrutiny Committee. Following discussion with the Chair, Vice Chair and Scrutiny Members a practical, realistic and timetabled programme can then be developed.

The scrutiny forward work programmes should provide a clear rationale as to why particular issues have been selected; be outcome focussed; ensure that the method of scrutiny is best suited to the topic area and the outcome desired; align scrutiny programmes with the Council’s performance management and improvement arrangements.

Throughout the year, there are a number of ways in which additional issues can be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme and ideas for inclusion may come from a number of sources such as:-

- Individual Councillors;
- Performance or budget monitoring information;
- Inspection reports;
- Referrals from Council (such as Notices of Motion), Cabinet/Audit or other scrutiny committees;
- Service users;
- Monitoring the implementation of recommendations previously made by the Committee; and
- Local Residents.

The Cabinet is also required to produce forward work programmes and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee keeps abreast of forthcoming items or topics which may enable scrutiny to be involved in the development of Council policy prior to its formal consideration by Cabinet. It is important

to bear in mind that an element of flexibility is applied to each individual work programme that provides Committees with the capacity to scrutinise new / urgent issues that arise during the year.

FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE					
Date/Time	Overarching Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Invited/ In attend ance	Scrutiny Focus
Monday, 19th of October 2020, Virtual	Treasury Management Training Session	External Trainers - Airlingclose	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Yes	To receive an overview of Treasury Management, delivered by Airlingclose (the Council's Treasury Management Advisors), to assist Members in undertaking their role
	2020/21 Work Programme	Service Director, Communications & Democratic Services			Scrutiny & Challenge – For Members to consider the work programme for the 2020/2021 Municipal year.
	Treasury Management Annual Report	Head of Finance: Education and Financial Reporting.			For Committee Members to consider the Council's Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20

	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Monitoring Report</p> <p>Quarter 1 Performance Report</p> <p>Engagement on the Council's Budget</p>	<p>Director of Prosperity and Development</p> <p>Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services</p> <p>Service Director, Communications & Democratic Services</p>		<p>Scrutiny & Challenge</p> <p>Scrutiny will undertake pre scrutiny of the Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Monitoring Report</p> <p>For Committee members to consider the Council's Quarter 1 Performance Report (2020/21)</p> <p>To receive an overview of the Council's approach to the 2021/22 Budget Consultation Process</p>
<p>Monday, 16th November 2020 Virtual</p>	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2020/21 to 2023/24</p> <p>Budget Consultation 2021/22 (Phase 1)</p>	<p>Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services</p> <p>Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services</p>		<p>For Committee members to consider the Council's MTFP 2020/21 to 2023/24 and to use the information contained within the MTFP to inform the Committee's feedback as a consultee of the Council's phase 1 2021/22 Budget Consultation process</p> <p>For Committee members to feedback their views as part</p>

					of phase 1 of the 2021/22 Budget Consultation process
Monday, 21st December 2020 Virtual	Quarter 2 Performance Report	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services			For Committee members to consider the Council's Quarter 2 Performance Report
	Draft Tourism Strategy update	Director of Prosperity and Development			For Committee members to receive an update in respect of the Council's draft Tourism Strategy.
Thursday 4th February 2021 Virtual	Budget Consultation 2021/22 (Phase 2)	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services		Scrutiny & Challenge – To undertake pre-scrutiny of the draft 2021/22 Budget Strategy agreed by Cabinet on the 28.01.21
	2020/21 Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report	Head of Finance: Education and Financial Reporting			To consider the 2020/21 Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report
	Review of the Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee 2020/21 Work Programme.	Service Director, Communications & Democratic Services			Scrutiny and Challenge.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Is the Work Programme suitable and relevant to the Terms of Reference? •Does the Work Programme illustrate clear outcomes and objectives? <p>Members of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee to provide comment in relation to the Work Programme and to consider the remaining 2020/21 F&P Work Programme.</p>
<p>Monday 15th March 2021 Virtual</p>	<p>Rhondda Cynon Taf's Employment and Skills Strategy and Action Plan 2020 – 2022 update.</p> <p>Tourism Strategy update</p> <p>To receive a presentation outlining the role of digitalisation by supporting the transformation of services</p>	<p>Head of Community Services</p> <p>Director of Prosperity and Development</p> <p>Service Director – Digital & ICT</p>	<p>Councillor R Bevan Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing</p> <p>Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services</p>	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge – For Committee members to receive an update in respect of the Council's Employment and Skills Strategy and Action Plan and to scrutinise the outcomes emanating from the strategy.</p> <p>For Committee members to receive an update in respect of the Council's Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To scrutinise the role digitalisation has played in respect of new ways of working and transformation of services.</p>

Tuesday 13th April 2021 - Virtual	<p>Quarter 3 Performance Report</p> <p>Overview of the Council's 2021/22 revenue budget and 3 year capital programme</p> <p>Corporate Asset Management Plan (<i>INFORMATION ONLY</i>) (<i>Exempt Item</i>)</p> <p>2021/22 Capital Strategy Report and 2021/22 Treasury Management Strategy Report</p>	<p>Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services</p> <p>Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services</p> <p>Director of Corporate Estates</p> <p>Head of Finance – Education and Financial Reporting</p>	<p>Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services</p>		<p>For Committee Members to consider the Council's Quarter 3 Performance Report.</p> <p>Scrutiny & Challenge – To scrutinise and challenge the overview provided in respect of the Council's revenue budget and capital programme.</p> <p>For Committee Members to consider an interim update of the Corporate Asset Management Plan</p> <p>To provide the Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise the 2021/22 Capital Strategy Report and 2021/22 Treasury Management Strategy Report</p>

Training Requirements:-

- Treasury Management Training – Airlingclose (September 2021)

Potential Future Items for consideration

- Regeneration Grants - To scrutinise the impact of the refocus and review of the Regeneration Business Grants.
- Local Government & Elections (Wales) Bill - to receive timely updates as and when applicable.
- Cabinet / Scrutiny Engagement Sessions

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