

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSED SHORTLIST OF TOPIC AREAS (FROM THE LONG LIST OF POSSIBLE AREAS)**

Possible topic		Is it in line with a corporate priority??	How well is the service performing?	Does it represent a high financial risk?	Is it identified as a strategic risk?	Is scrutiny likely to impact in service improvements or other measurable benefits?	Will the outcome involve additional expenditure and is it likely that such resources will become available?	Is the scrutiny activity timely – will changes be possible at this stage?	Include as a proposed shortlisted topic?
Topic area(s)	High level scope	Yes / No		Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
<b><u>WALES AUDIT OFFICE REPORT – GOOD SCRUTINY, GOOD QUESTION?</u></b>	- Co-ordinating implementation of actions to further improve the Council's scrutiny arrangements	Not a self-standing priority in itself but deemed to be critical to the Council's corporate governance arrangements	The effectiveness of the arrangements would be judged as part of implementing the agreed plan of actions	Yes – if governance arrangements are not sufficiently robust	Yes – cuts across all strategic risks	Yes – through developing a more focussed approach to scrutiny	Unknown	Yes	Yes (draft action plan compiled as reported to the O&S Scrutiny Committee on 29-7-15)
<b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY EXTERNAL REGULATORS</u></b>	- Monitor the implementation of recommendations made by external regulators	Not a self-standing priority in itself but deemed to be critical to the Council's corporate governance arrangements	The effectiveness of the arrangements would be judged as part of implementing the agreed plan of actions.  This may / will require referrals of matters to other scrutiny committees as deemed appropriate	Yes – if recommendations are not implemented in a timely way to address areas that require improvement	Yes – cuts across all strategic risks	Yes – through developing a more focussed approach to scrutiny	Unknown	Yes	Yes (an action plan would be required bringing together all recommendations made by external regulators and the actions to be taken by services including Responsible Officers and timescales)

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<u>FUEL</u> <u>POVERTY</u>	The Committee to determine whether further review is required of this area following an up date being presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 September 2015.								To be determined

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