

**Community Services Scrutiny Committee - Draft Forward Work Programme 2025-26**

Date/Time	Overarching Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Invited/ In attendance	Scrutiny Focus/Challenge
<b>June 2025</b>	Community Services Draft Work Programme 2025-26 including Terms of Reference	Christian Hanagan, Service Director Democratic Services & Communications			For Members to consider the work programme for the 2025-26 Municipal year and acknowledge the Terms of Reference.  * to be approved by the O&S committee at a later date*
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>	RCT Adult Community Learning Partnership Estyn Inspection Progress Update	Louise Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services			To review progress of implementation of recommendations as identified by Estyn ahead of link inspection in Autumn 2025.
	Disabled parking bay scheme review (Consultation)	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services / Sian Nowell Director Adult Services	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To act as consultees as part of the scheme to review disabled parking bay allocation.
	Bi-Annual Cabinet Member Engagement	Christian Hanagan, Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities		
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	Feedback on consultation and Pre-Scrutiny of My Stay, My Way respite model  September 2025	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services / Sian Nowell Director Adult Services	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To undertake pre-Scrutiny on the My Stay, My Way respite model, including consultation feedback, prior to consideration by Cabinet
	Social Services Annual Complaints and Compliments Report	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services (Annabel Lloyd / Sian Nowell)	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To receive an overview of the operation and effectiveness of the Council's statutory Social Services complaints procedure

	Director Social Services Annual Report	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services (Annabel Lloyd / Sian Nowell)	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To undertake pre-Scrutiny
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b>	Cwm Taf Youth Justice Service Inspection Update	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To review the progress of the action plan following the Cwm Taf Youth Justice Service Inspection Update
	Public Toilets Strategy Interim Update	Louise Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services (Caroline O'Neill)	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities	OPAG / Crohns Colitis Association	To scrutinise the progress of the Public Toilets Strategy – interim report and the impact of public toilet access on residents with health conditions.
	Home Care Remodelling Update	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To review the impact of the home care remodelling since service changes in 2023.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Housing support programme	Louise Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities		To scrutinise the housing support programme that aims to ensure people can access help to maintain their housing, regardless of tenure.
	Pathways to Care Delays (November 2025) (OPAG request to look at assessment)	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services / Sian Nowell Director Adult Services	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To scrutinise arrangements to address pressures across the Health and Social Care system and the impact on hospital avoidance and discharges.
	Private Rented Housing strategy and action plan	Louise Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services			To scrutinise the Council's private rented housing strategy and action plan including Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO's)

<b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	Libraries Strategy	Louise Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services (Caroline O'Neill)	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities		To undertake pre-Scrutiny of new Libraries Strategy
	Children Looked After Prevention Strategy	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services / Annabel Lloyd Director Children's Services	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To receive an update in respect of the progress of the delivery of the Children Looked After Prevention Strategy
	Children's Services Residential Transformation	Neil Elliott, Director of Social Services / Annabel Lloyd Director Children's Services	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care		To receive an update in respect of the progress of the delivery of the Children's Residential Strategy
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026</b>	Bi-Annual Cabinet Member Engagement	Christian Hanagan, Service Director Democratic Services & Communications	Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care		
	Bereavement Services Strategy	Louise Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities		To receive a progress update following implementation in 2024.
	Community Meals on Wheels Update	Gaynor Davies, Director of Education and Inclusion Services	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities		To receive an update report in respect of the Community Meals on Wheels service including service user feedback

**Crime & Disorder (Dates to be determined based on items put forward)**

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13th October 2025	Community Cohesion	Louise Davies, Director of Public Health, Protection & Community Services (Gary Black)	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities	SWP	To receive a report focusing on community cohesion activities in response to recent high profile events, concerns from communities and South Wales Police / Community Safety Partnership strategic priority
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Cwm Taf Morgannwg Community Safety Partnership – RCT Impact and progress				To review the progress of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg CSP and the impact for RCT as a result of the changes and progress of the partnership.

**Working Group: (1 additional meeting to be added in during municipal year)**

To request Officers to consider the feasibility of having a lifesaving defibrillator placed in every school in Rhondda Cynon Taf and how these can be made as publicly available as possible.

Items for consideration

Item	Comments
Information Reports	
Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report	To receive for information only outside of a formal agenda. Questions arising from information reports can be emailed directly to Scrutiny Officers.
Cwm Taf Safeguarding Board Annual Report	
Performance Reports	
Cabinet Work Programme	

Publication of the Air Quality Progress Report 2025 (Feb 2026)	Items identified from the Cabinet Work programme with the month identified that they are due to be received by Cabinet.
Youth Support Services Strategy (Feb 2026)	
SLT Officer Suggestions	
Children’s Services Workforce Strategy	Items identified by SLT Officers
Additional Items	
Delivery of the Housing Support Strategy and Supported Housing Projects.	Items raised by Members during workshop discussions last year or as follow up requests from meetings held during 2024/25.
Children's Services Right Help, Right Place Right Time Strategy (Request a further report regarding the progress of the strategy including tangible outcomes and performance data.)	
Opportunities to act as Consultee	
Carers Support Consultation (September 2025)	