

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES 2021/22

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.

Date/Time	Overarching Item	Officer	Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
Tuesday, 20th July 2021, 5pm	2021/22 Work Programme	Service Director, Communications & Democratic Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Councillor Bevan, Cabinet Member For Enterprise Development and Housing	Scrutiny & Challenge – For Committee Members to consider the work programme for the 2021/22 Municipal year.
	Quarter 4 Performance Report	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to consider the Council's Quarter 4 Performance Report (2020/21)
	Draft Tourism Strategy Update	Director of Prosperity and Development	Councillor Bevan, Cabinet Member For Enterprise Development and Housing	For Committee members to receive an update in respect of the Council's Tourism Strategy.
Wednesday, 8th September 2021, 5pm	Treasury Management Training	External Provider – AirlingClose	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	To receive an overview of Treasury Management, delivered by Airlingclose (the Council's Treasury Management Advisors), to assist Members in undertaking their role
	Treasury Management Annual Report	Head of Finance: Education & Financial Reporting	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to consider the Council's Treasury Management Annual Report 2020/21

	Understanding the Council's Budget	Service Director – Finance and Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	To provide Committee Members with an overview of the Council's 2021/22 Revenue Budget and 3-year Capital Programme (2021/22 to 2023/24)
	Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Monitoring Report	Director of Prosperity and Development	Councillor R Bevan Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing	Scrutiny will undertake pre scrutiny of the Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Monitoring Report
Thursday, 21 October 2021, 5pm	Quarter 1 Performance Report	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to consider the Council's Quarter 1 Performance Report (2021/22)
	Engagement on the Council's Budget	Service Director, Communications & Democratic Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	To receive an overview of the Council's approach to the 2022/23 Budget Consultation Process
	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2021/22 to 2024/25	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to consider the Council's MTFP 2021/22 to 2024/25 (in preparation for the Committee to provide feedback, as a consultee of the Council's Budget Consultation process, at a future meeting(s) during the year)
	Corporate Asset Management Plan	Director of Corporate Estates	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member	For Committee Members to consider an interim update of

	(INFORMATION ONLY) (Exempt Item)		for Corporate Services	the Corporate Asset Management Plan
	Regeneration Grants	Director of Prosperity and Development	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Members to scrutinise the impact of the refocus and review of the Regeneration Business Grants.
Tuesday, 30 November 2021, 5pm	Budget Consultation 2022/23 (Phase 1)	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to feedback their views as part of phase 1 of the 2022/23 Budget Consultation Process
	Quarter 2 Performance Report	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to consider the Council's Quarter 2 Performance Report (2021/22)
	Digital Strategy Update	Service Director, Digital & ICT	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to receive an update on the Council's Digital Strategy
Wednesday, 2nd February 2022, 5pm	Budget Consultation 2022/23 (Phase 2)	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	To undertake pre-scrutiny of the draft 2022/23 Budget Strategy agreed by Cabinet
	2021/22 Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report	Head of Finance: Education & Financial Reporting	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	To consider the 2021/22 Mid-Year Treasury Management Stewardship Report
	Rhondda Cynon Taf's 'Kickstart Programme' Update	Service Director – Community Services	Cabinet Member Councillor R. Lewis, for Strong Economies, Wellbeing and Cultural Services	For Committee members to receive an update in respect of the Council's 'Kickstart Programme'.

Thursday, 17th March 2022, 5pm	Quarter 3 Performance Report	Service Director – Finance & Improvement Services	Councillor Norris, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	For Committee Members to consider the Council's Quarter 3 Performance Report (2021/22)
	Town Centre Strategy Update	Director of Prosperity and Development	Councillor R Bevan Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing	For Committee Members to receive an update in respect of Town Centres across the County Borough.
	RCT Manufacturing Strategy	Director of Prosperity and Development	Councillor R Bevan Cabinet Member for Enterprise Development and Housing	For Committee Members to receive an update in respect of the Council's Manufacturing Strategy.

Training Requirements:-

- Treasury Management Training – Airlingclose