

FORWARD WORK PLAN: JANUARY – APRIL 2020

Purpose of Report

1. This report provides Members with an opportunity to discuss an indicative Committee Forward Work Plan January – April 2020.

Background

2. As part of the Council's response to the Wales Audit Office report '*Overview and Scrutiny - Fit for the Future?*' (July 2018), the Head of Democratic Services has introduced publication of the Committee's "Forward Work Plan" (FWP) on the Council's internet site. These have been published for October 2018 – January 2019, January 2019 – April 2019, May 2019 – July 2019 and September- December 2019.
3. The next published FWP will cover the period January – April 2020. At this meeting, Members are asked to consider the information set out in **Appendix A** and agree for this to be published, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting as part of the Work Programme item considered earlier in the meeting.

Way Forward

4. During their meeting, Members will have the opportunity to reflect on and discuss the information provided in **Appendix A** and agree any amendments.

Legal Implications

5. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this

report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

6. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters, there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to consider the updated Committee Forward Work Plan attached at **Appendix A**, agree any amendments required and approve for publication on the Council's internet.

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