

WORK PROGRAMME 2020-2021:UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To enable Members of the Committee to note changes to the Work Programme 2020/2021, which was approved at Committee on 13 October 2020, discuss potential pre-decision items for scrutiny, consider whether any amendments are required and agree an updated work programme for the remainder of 2020/2021.

Background

2. The Council's Constitution (*Scrutiny Procedure Rule 7*) states that each Scrutiny Committee will set its own work programme. Members construct a work programme that most effectively uses the Committee's time, by considering items within the Committee's terms of reference where scrutiny can make a difference. This Committee agreed its work programme at Committee on 13 October 2020.
3. 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 introduced publication of the Committee's "Forward Work Plan" (FWP) on the Council's internet site.

Issues

4. Since October 2020, there have been two changes to committee dates, several proposed additions and one item that has moved; these are set out below.
5. In November 2020, Members agreed to hold an additional meeting to enable pre-decision scrutiny on 16 November 2020. In February 2021, the date of the Cabinet and Council meetings are moving due to the later budget settlement

dates from UK and Welsh Government, necessitating a change in scrutiny committee meeting dates for February; the new date for this Committee is **Monday 22 February at 4.30pm**, as agreed at Council 26 November 2020.

6. At Committee on 5 November 2020, Members decided they wished to hold an Evidence Session regarding the proposals from Sport Wales for regional sports partnerships.
7. The Chair, Councillor Howells, met with Councillor Goodway, Cabinet Member – Investment & Development, and Neil Hanratty, Director of Economic Development, in November 2020. They advised there were additional *possible* pre-decision scrutiny items for Indoor Arena, James Street and Norwegian Church during January – March 2021.
8. Finally, the most recent Cabinet Forward Plan shows that the Cardiff Recovery Strategy report to Cabinet is now expected in January 2021.
9. All these changes are listed below and shown in red in **Appendix A**, which sets out all the items previously agreed for scrutiny along with the possible new items.
 - Members decision to hold Evidence Session re Sport Wales' proposals
 - Additional meeting held 16 November 2020 for pre-decision items
 - Merchant Place pre-decision added - 16 November 2020 meeting
 - City Recovery Strategy – moved to 14 January 2021 meeting
 - Date of February meeting moved to 22 February 2021 at 4.30pm
 - Possible pre-decision - Indoor Arena - to February 2021 meeting
 - Possible pre-decision - James St - to March 2021 meeting
 - Possible pre-decision - Norwegian Church – to March 2021 meeting.
10. There are three items prioritised for scrutiny that do not yet appear on the calendar, which are: Evidence Session regarding Sport Wales' proposals; WAO Review of Leisure Services; and City Deal scrutiny. It is not yet clear when the WAO report will be complete and it will be scheduled when it is available for scrutiny. With regard to City Deal scrutiny, this Committee needs to wait for the work programme of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be agreed, in

order to avoid duplication or overlap. A further report will be brought to Committee on possible scope for City Deal scrutiny for discussion, amendment and approval.

11. The next published Forward Work Programme will cover the period January – April 2021. At this meeting, Members are asked to consider the information set out in **Appendix A** and agree for this to be used in the Forward Work Programme, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting.

Way Forward

12. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the information provided in the report, consider when they wish to hold the Evidence Session for Sport Wales, consider whether they wish to add any of the possible pre-decision scrutiny items to the work programme and agree any amendments to the work programme.

Legal Implications

13. 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

14. 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:

1. Note the changes to the work programme, set out in this report and at **Appendix A**;
2. Consider whether further amendments are required;
3. Agree a final work programme for the remainder of 2020/2021; and
4. Approve the final work programme for use in populating the Forward Work Programme and for this to be published on the Council's website.

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