

Recommendation Ref No.	Name of Audit	Recommendation	Update Feb 2020	Update Dec 2020	Lead Officer	RAG Status	Open/Closed
SFF1	Scrutiny Fit for the Future	The Council should build on its experience of using different ways of working to consider more innovative methods for undertaking scrutiny activity.	Scrutiny undertook an internal review of the existing ways of working to consider their feasibility for future use. This review was then supplemented at a regional workshop designed to share good practice and to identify innovative ways of working in the future. Appropriate methods of working would be used, although these may need to be adapted to reflect the situation and available resources.		Gary Jones	Green	Closed
SFF2	Scrutiny Fit for the Future	The Council should consider the skills and training that scrutiny members may need to better prepare them for current and future challenges and develop and deliver an appropriate training programme, including providing additional training on the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.	An initial member development pilot session relating to the Wellbeing of Future Generation Act has been undertaken. Further sessions are planned to be delivered corporately.	The rollout of the corporately delivered Member learning sessions has been delayed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Member development programme for 2021 is being developed and will include the delivery of this Member Development activity.	Gary Jones	Amber	Open
SFF3	Scrutiny Fit for the Future	The Council should make scrutiny committees' forward work programmes more accessible to the public and consider how it can involve the public in its scrutiny activity more effectively.	Scrutiny Work Programmes have been made available online since January 2019 although the original procedure was subsequently reviewed and a less burdensome process has been put in place.		Gary Jones	Green	Closed
SFF4	Scrutiny Fit for the Future	The Council should publish final versions of scrutiny committee meeting minutes on its website in a more timely manner.	The timely production of minutes has been monitored and revised, however, recent increases in workload from Educational Appeals have required the process to be reviewed again, as the original timelines became unachievable. Following a further period of monitoring, it is anticipated that the timeliness of the production of minutes may not improve significantly, but the consistency of their production will.	Regulation changes arising from the Covid-19 pandemic have led to the introduction of a revised arrangement for the production and publication of a minimal set minutes within 5 days of the meeting. Following the end of the Covid regulations, a period of management monitoring will still be required to determine a suitable timescale for the production of minutes.	Gary Jones	Amber	Open
SFF5	Scrutiny Fit for the Future	The Council should review the type of scrutiny support required to enable the scrutiny function to respond to current and future challenges.	The WAO report concluded that scrutiny arrangements are well-developed and supported by a culture that makes them well-placed to respond to current and future challenges. There is an ongoing assessment of the type of scrutiny support required to respond to future challenges.		Gary Jones	Green	Closed