MEETING	COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	22 February 2024
TITLE	Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	<ul> <li>To adopt an amended work programme for 2023/24.</li> <li>To confirm arrangements to identify items to be discussed at the Committee's meeting in May 2024.</li> </ul>
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- 1. A revised Forward Programme for 2023/24 was adopted at the Committee's meeting on 30 November 2023.
- 2. At the Committee meeting, the 'Article 4 Direction Public Consultation' item was scheduled for the 18 April 2024 meeting. The meeting will be held during the pre-election period of the Police and Crime Commissioner election which is to be held on 2 May 2024. It is necessary to consider what is intended to be scrutinised during the pre-election period.
- 3. Considering the nature of the discussion in relation to introducing an Article 4 Direction, the Monitoring Officer has given guidance that the matter should not be scrutinised during the pre-election period.
- 4. To ensure that scrutiny takes place prior to the Cabinet making a decision, a timely date has been identified in the draft calendar for the Committee's first meeting in the 2024/25 council year. It is anticipated that the meeting will be held on 16 May 2024, but this is dependent on the Full Council's decision at the 7 March 2024 meeting, when the Council will consider the committee calendar.
- 5. As a result, following consulting with the Chair, the 'Highway Maintenance Manual' item was re-scheduled from this meeting to the 18 April 2024 meeting. This was decided on the basis that it would be possible to give due attention to the items with three items per meeting.
- 6. See attached as an appendix to the report, the revised work programme for 2023/24.
- 7. Given that the last Committee meeting in the present council year will be held on 18 April 2024 and the draft date earmarked to hold the subsequent meeting on 16 May 2024, to ensure sufficient time for the Departments to prepare reports, a request is made for the Committee to agree that the Chair and Vice-chair in their contact meetings with the Heads of Department and relevant Cabinet Members identify items to discuss alongside the 'Article 4 Direction Public Consultation' item at the May meeting.

- 8. A report will be submitted to the Committee on 18 April 2024, to confirm the items to be scrutinised at the May meeting.
- 9. There will be an opportunity for Committee Members to prioritise items to be scrutinised at the other four meetings in 2024/25 at the Annual Workshop.
- 10. The Communities Scrutiny Committee is asked to:
  - (i) adopt the revised work programme for 2023/24;
  - (ii) confirm arrangements to identify items to be discussed at the Committee's meeting in May 2024.

### **COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2023/24**

## 13/07/2023

- Annual Report 2022/23 Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services
   Board
- Developments in the Public Transport field

## 05/10/2023

- New Local Development Plan The Delivery Agreement
- Roll-out of public charge points for electric vehicles
- Public Toilets

# 30/11/2023

- Climate and Nature Emergency Plan
- Local Flood Strategy

## 22/02/2024

- Annual Update by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership
- Local Flood Strategy
- Grass Cutting and Land Maintenance

### 18/04/2024

- Governance Structure and Delivery Arrangements of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board
- Highway Maintenance Manual
- Street Scene Service

### Items to be programmed in 2024/25:

Article 4 Direction - Public Consultation

Waste Collection and Recycling Services

**Public Protection Service**