

NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CORPORATE
DATE OF MEETING	7 MARCH 2013
TITLE	Rural-Urban Agenda
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CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Dyfed Edwards, Council Leader
PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment on the Draft • Agree Brief

REFERENCE	YMCH 5
LEAD MEMBERS	Councillors: 1 Lesley Day 2 Elwyn Edwards 3 Gweno Glyn 4 June Marshall 5 Gareth Thomas 6 Eirwyn Williams
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1 Background

During the Annual Scrutiny Workshops held in June and July 2012, a number of matters were raised by councillors who had recently been involved in the Council's elections in May.

During their canvassing work their constituents had raised a number of issues that needed to be addressed by the Council. Although these matters were differed in detail, they had a central theme.

Here are some of the main issues raised: insufficient or inappropriate travel, cost of fuel for travelling and heating, lack of suitable local housing, lack of jobs, inconvenient and remote public and private services, social deprivation.

Some consideration has been given to some aspects already through the Housing Scrutiny Inquiry and matters considered by the Communities Scrutiny Committee on Housing and Public Transport; scrutiny of the Education Strategy and provision of care in the Services Scrutiny Committee and the work on the Sustainable Procurement Policy by this Committee.

However, the members of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee felt that there was a need to look in more detail on all of these elements to ascertain whether or not there was a general theme in terms of the effect on the inhabitants of Gwynedd and what the Council was doing to deal with it. Comments were made by the three Area Committees, and at the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 31st January 2013, six members were appointed to further scope the work with officers and to submit a draft Brief to the Committee today.

(See also note from the meeting of the Group on 20 February 2013)

2 Purpose of Investigation

The Investigation will aim to answer the following main questions:

- a) What are the examples of successful schemes to increase social inclusion in Gwynedd?
- b) Note and consider examples of good practise outside the County
- c) Make recommendations to the Council on direct action and as a partner to improve inclusion

3 How

- Give a clear assessment of schemes that improve inclusion across the County.

- Give consideration to hurdles and how to overcome them
- Note strengths, successes and lessons to learn
- Note good practise and opportunities to improve
- Consider the aims of the new Strategic Plan in dealing with issues raised by the Inquiry
- Form clear recommendations based on evidence for the consideration of the Council Leader.

4 Period of Inquiry

Start of Inquiry	April 2013
End of Inquiry	September 2013
Report to Corporate Scrutiny Committee	14 November 2013
Report from Scrutiny to Executive	December 2013

5 Programme

Outline of main steps and meetings

Members will be required to do additional work in between meetings

1	Presentation by the Council leader and his officers on the main relevant elements under consideration for the new Strategic Plan
2	Mapping Rural-urban Inclusion Briefing Notes by Scrutiny Officers with the support of Research Officers on relevant matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opinion of Citizens Panel • Result of any consultation • Link to Community Strategy • Link to Council's Strategic Plan • Relevant Schemes/strategies/policies • External plans and enterprises
3	Work Planning Session Agree questions on visits within the County – Council and Partners' Plans
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate, consider and summarize relevant comments on the Council and Partners' Plans • Agree questions and visits within the County to schemes being run independently of the Council e.g. 'Pub is the Hub'
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate, consider and summarize relevant comments on

	<p>schemes being run independently of the Council but within County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree questions and visits to innovative schemes outside County
6	<p>Planning Session</p> <p>Consider information collected so far and plan the rest of the work programme</p>
7	<p>Arrange a visit to another area if appropriate</p>
8	<p>Questions and Discussion Session of main findings with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Leader• Relevant Directors• Heads of Service and other Officers as appropriate
9	<p>Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider and summarize information and experiences• Further question the Council Leader if necessary• Agree main recommendations for report and way forward
10	<p>Scrutiny Committee to consider draft report and recommendations</p>