

Local Development Plan - Collaboration

Version 1.00 of the Scope

Background

A report was submitted to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 27 March 2014 on collaboration / the future of public Services, focusing specifically on the Council's response to the Williams Commission report.

The Williams Report is a substantial document, which contains a thematic analysis of the challenges that face the public sector in terms of dealing with the weaknesses of the existing systems and how prepared it is to face the future.

The report is limited to some extent by the remit given to it; however, it offers an analysis of the situation of public services in Wales and the need for change in the future.

On 8 July 2014, the White Paper – Reforming Local Government was published, outlining the Welsh Government statement of intent about the future of Local Government, and its vision for a Local Government in Wales fit for the 21st Century and beyond.

Purpose of the Investigation

The purpose of the Scrutiny Investigation is to consider the Welsh Government's plans for joining Local Government, basing the investigation on the recent example of joining between Gwynedd and Anglesey so as to fulfil the requirements of the Local Development Plan, with attention given to the following matters:

- a) What was the business case for having a Joint Local Development Plan for Gwynedd and Anglesey?
- b) What engagement arrangements were put in place whilst planning the Gwynedd and Anglesey Joint Local Development, and were those arrangements fit for purpose?
- c) Were all stakeholders successfully identified for the engagement?
- d) Was appropriate consideration given to the barriers identified to joining and how to resolve them?
- e) What feedback was received on the effectiveness of the joining by key stakeholders?
- f) What successes and lessons were learned from the joining?
- g) What good practices were identified that could be transferred to other joint arrangements in the future?
- h) What effect and influence if at all did the joining have on work conditions of the workforce directly associated with the Gwynedd and Anglesey Joint Local Development Plan?

- i) How satisfied are Gwynedd (and Anglesey) citizens with the new arrangements for providing the Local Development Plan?

Period of Investigation

Start of Investigation	September 2014
End of Investigation	March 2015
Report to Corporate Scrutiny Committee	March 2015
Report from Scrutiny to Executive	April 2015

Programme

Outline of main steps and meetings.

Members will be required to do additional work in-between meetings.

1	Presentation by the Cabinet Member on the Council's response to the Williams Commission and the White Paper – Reforming Local Government.
2	Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Planning and the Head of the Regulatory Department on the business case for having a Gwynedd and Anglesey Joint Local Development Plan.
3	Planning Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Investigation Group to consider the information presented thus far Agree on questions and the timetable for visiting relevant Council officers.
4	Discussion and questioning session with relevant Council officers.
5	Consider the engagement arrangements implemented for the Joint Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Development Plan, in light of the engagement guidelines by Participation Wales.
6	Planning Session Consider the information received thus far, and plan the rest of the work programme.
7.	Focus Groups with key stakeholders
8.	Planning Session Consider the information received thus far, and plan the rest of the work programme.
9	Discussion and questioning session on the key findings with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabinet Member for Planning

10	Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider and summarize the information and experiences• Agree on the key recommendations for the report
11	Create the report
12	Corporate Scrutiny Committee to consider the draft report and recommendations for the Cabinet Member.