

Meeting	Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date	11 October 2018
Subject	Update on the Scrutiny Investigation Planning and the Welsh Language
Chairman of the Working Group	Councillor Gruffydd Williams
Cabinet Member	Councillor Dafydd Meurig
	Members of the Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider adopting the Update

BACKGROUND

- 1 At the extraordinary meeting of the full Council on 28 July 2017, the Gwynedd and Anglesey Joint Local Development Plan 2011-2026 was adopted.
- 2 A Planning and the Welsh Language Scrutiny Investigation was established at this Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2017.
- 3 The aim of the Investigation was:

Part 1 (specifically for the draft SPG)

- Clause A Ensure that the consultation process on the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) is inclusive;
- Clause B Scrutinise a draft framework for preparing a Welsh Language Statement and a draft framework for preparing a Welsh Language Impact Assessment;
- Clause C Scrutinise how it is intended to implement the SPG in the context of the requirements of the new TAN 20;
- Clause CH Receive an overview of the observations received from the public at the time of the public consultation on the draft SPG in order to present an opinion to the Joint Planning Policy Committee before the final SPG is adopted.

Part 2 (specifically for the policy/national advice context)

- Clause D Gather evidence to draw up ideas and suggestions for the consideration of the Gwynedd Council Cabinet Member for the Environment to influence future national planning policy and guidance.

4 **Next Steps and Amended Timetable** DRAFT Version September 2018

17 November 2017	Joint Local Development Plan Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the role of the SPG, process, timetable and outline of the potential content of the SPG.
7 December 2017	Communities Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the role of the SPG, process, timetable and outline of the potential content of the SPG.
End of November	Scrutiny Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree on the brief in order to add value to the process e.g. focus on the process of preparing the SPG in order to ensure that the appropriate arrangements are in place to obtain feedback from the relevant stakeholders; consider a draft framework which identifies the requirements for a Welsh Language Statement and a draft framework for a Welsh Language Impact Assessment; and gather evidence in order to seek to influence Welsh Government to amend TAN20 again - this could include discussions with other Authorities in West Wales and some others in North Wales.
December 2017	Scrutiny Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider a draft framework which identifies the requirements for a Welsh Language Statement.
Beginning of January 2018	Scrutiny Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider a draft framework which identifies the requirements for a Welsh Language Impact Assessment.
22 March 2018	Joint Local Development Plan Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the recommendations of the Members of the Scrutiny Working Group - Consider public Consultation draft SPG
19 April 2018	Communities Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the recommendations of the Scrutiny Working Group Members and, on that basis, make recommendations to the Joint Planning Policy Committee
26 April 2018	Joint Planning Policy Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the recommendations of the Communities Scrutiny Committee;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider public consultation draft SPG; - It was decided to defer the draft timetable of the consultation and commission a critical evaluation of the consultation draft SPG and write a letter to Welsh Government regarding rights associated with changing planning policy and a statutory public consultation prior to submitting planning applications and before publishing the SPG for public consultation
14 June 2018	Communities Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on the Working Group's Update postponed.
10 September 2018	Scrutiny Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider evidence regarding Language Statements and Assessments
17 September 2018	Scrutiny Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider evidence and update about TAN20.
11 October 2018	Communities Scrutiny Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider an update on part 1 of the Brief
26 October 2018	Joint Local Development Plan Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider Iaith Cyf and Burum critical evaluations and the revised draft of the SPG - Agree any changes to present to the Joint Committee.
(date to be confirmed – this will need to happen asap after 26/10/18 so that the Planning Policy Unit can receive written comments from the Chair of the Working Group and prepare advice on them to the Committee on 16/11 – papers to be distributed 8/11)	Scrutiny Working Group	<p><u>Part 1 of the Brief</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider report of the Joint Local Development Plan Panel, minutes of the Panel's meeting that will be the basis for the report to the Committee in order to come to a conclusion as to whether or not the revisions to the draft consultation SPG is in line with the recommendations of the Evaluations by Iaith Cyf and Burum; - Prepare written statements in the name of the Chair of the Working Group for consideration by the Joint Policy Committee <p><u>Part 2 of the Brief</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider good practice and experiences of other countries – Mercator Report

16 November 2018	Joint Planning Policy Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair of the Working Group to present written statements for the consideration of the Committee - Consider the final draft of the SPG and the Engagement Plan - Agree final version for consultation.
December 2018 - January 2019 (7-week period rather than 6 weeks due to Christmas)	Public Consultation on the amended consultation draft SPG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joint Planning Policy Unit publishes the SPG in public libraries, on websites and contact various stakeholders; - Joint Planning Policy Unit receives, records and considers observations and identifies draft amendments in consultation with language officers, planning officers and the consultants that undertook the critical evaluation
13 December 2018	Communities Scrutiny Committee	<p><u>Part 1 of the Brief</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider an update – confirmation of the decision of the Joint Planning Policy Committee and the timetable for the public consultation (Part 1 of the Brief) <p><u>Part 2 of the Brief</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider an update
22 March 2019	Joint Local Development Plan Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider comments received during the public consultation period regarding the SPG (the report on the consultation); - Consider the final draft of the SPG and offer initial comments on it.
25 March 2019	Scrutiny Working Group	<p><u>Part 1 of the Brief</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the Panel’s report regarding the report on the consultation, minutes of the Panel, and the final draft of the SPG; - Prepare recommendations to the Scrutiny Committee on the process of preparing the SPG.
4 April 2019 & 9 April 2019	Communities Scrutiny Committee & Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Isle of Anglesey County Council)	<p><u>Part 1 of the Brief</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Gwynedd) Consider draft recommendations and observations of the Working Group regarding the process of preparing the SPG

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Anglesey) Consider final draft of the SPG and the process of preparing it
May 2019	Joint Planning Policy Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the report on the public consultation and any recommendations by the Communities Scrutiny Committee and Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee; - Consider adopting the SPG