



CYNGOR GWYNEDD



A report to a meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd

Date of meeting:	2 October 2025
Title of Item:	Scrutiny Annual Report 2024-25
Member:	Councillor Beth Lawton, Chair of the Scrutiny Forum for 2024-25
Contact Officer:	Ian Jones, Head of Democratic Services (Head of Corporate Services)

THE DECISION SOUGHT

To accept the report.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

1. In accordance with the constitution, a report shall be submitted to a meeting of the Council elaborating on the scrutiny work carried out during the year.
2. It is customary to present the annual report to the Full Council at the July meeting. This year, priority was given to conducting a scrutiny investigation and a task and finish group. Therefore, staffing resources did not allow the report to be compiled within an earlier timeframe. It is believed that prioritising resources to fulfil this work is necessary, because scrutiny leads to making a difference.
3. The report which gives an overview of the scrutiny carried out during 2024-25, is split under these headings:
 - Scrutiny Workshops
 - Scrutiny Forum
 - Scrutiny Committees
 - Scrutiny Investigation
 - Developments in 2024-25
 - Tracking Arrangements
 - Challenging Performance
 - Training
 - Facts about Scrutiny in Gwynedd in 2024/25
4. The purpose of scrutiny in Gwynedd is 'To contribute to driving improvement in services for the people of Gwynedd'. The annual report highlights the impact of scrutiny on delivering in accordance with the purpose.
5. A concise version of the report has been produced with the aim of presenting the 2024-25 scrutiny work, in an easy-to-read and succinct format.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Annual Report 2024-25

Appendix 2 – Concise Version

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

The potential content of the Annual Report was discussed at the Scrutiny Forum meeting on 30 April 2025. The draft report was shared with members of the 2024/25 Scrutiny Forum for comments.

THE STATUTORY OFFICERS' OBSERVATIONS

Monitoring Officer:

Overview and scrutiny committees have a key role in the Council's governance arrangements. The report reflects the range of this work which the committees deliver and also keeping an overview of the Cabinet. I'm content that the information presented shows that this role is being addressed appropriately.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I am satisfied that the report does not create additional expenditure commitment. I have no objection to the decision sought.