



MEETING	COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	22 January 2026
TITLE	Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	To adopt a revised work programme for 2025/26
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1. A revised forward work programme for 2025/26 was adopted at the Committee's meeting on 6 November 2025.
2. The items 'Implementation of Article 4 Direction' and 'New Local Development Plan – Strategic Options, Vision and Objectives' were scheduled for discussion at this meeting.
3. Justice Eyre confirmed an order to quash the Article 4 Direction at a hearing in the High Court on 27 November 2025. The Council's verbal request for permission to appeal the decision was refused. A written request is submitted to appeal the decision. Should permission to appeal the decision be granted, the case will be heard at the Court of Appeal. As the legal proceedings are ongoing, it would be inappropriate for the Committee to scrutinise this matter, therefore it is recommended to monitor the situation, noting it as a matter to be scrutinised when timely.
4. A request was received to slip the 'New Local Development Plan – Strategic Options, Vision and Objectives' item and to note it as an item to be programmed during 2026/27. The work programme for this item has slipped for reasons beyond the Environment Department's control, including waiting for current data such as household growth projections from the Welsh Government.
5. As a result of the above, the 'Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Progress Report' item was brought forward to this meeting from the 19 March 2026 meeting.
6. See the revised work programme for 2025/26 attached, as an appendix to the report.
7. **The Communities Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt a revised work programme for 2025/26.**

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2025/26

Date	Items	Reason to scrutinise
5/6/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for the Environment Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy 	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
18/9/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate and Nature Emergency Plan: 2024/25 Annual Report Salt Bins and Gritting Arrangements 	The Council Plan 2023-28 – A Green Gwynedd Follow-up following scrutiny at the 28 September 2022 meeting
6/11/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for the Environment 	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
22/1/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for scrutiny from a member of the public – Climate and Nature Emergency Plan funding matters Review of the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan Active Travel Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Progress Report 	Assurance in terms of funding arrangements Pre-decision scrutiny / Council Plan 2023-28 – A Green Gwynedd The Council Plan 2023-28 – A Green Gwynedd The Committee's role to scrutinise the Public Services Board's work
19/3/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Update by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Waste Collection and Recycling Services Public Footpaths 	The Committee's role as a Crime and Disorder Committee The Council Plan 2023-28 – A Green Gwynedd Assurance in terms of implementation

Item to be programmed in 2026/27 – New Local Development Plan – Strategic Options, Vision and Objectives

Items to be programmed when timely to scrutinise – New Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy, Article 4 Direction