



MEETING	COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	1 October 2026
TITLE	Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2026/27
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	To present the Committee's draft work programme for 2026/27 for adoption
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1. All Council members, co-opted members, Cabinet Members, Heads of Department and the public were given the opportunity to propose potential items for scrutiny during 2026/27.
2. At the Committee's annual workshop on 19 May 2026, the potential items for scrutiny during 2026/27 were considered.
3. Information about the potential items was provided in advance to the committee members. The list of items included:
 - items that had been proposed at the Chair and Vice-chair's liaison meetings with the relevant Heads of Department and Cabinet Members.
 - scrutinised items that required follow-up.
 - an item suggested as a possible item by a member of the committee.
4. Items were prioritised at the meeting, keeping in mind the purpose of scrutiny in Gwynedd, namely to:

CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS DRIVING IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GWYNEDD

This will be done constructively by:

- Investigating concerns about the quality of our services
- Acting as a Critical Friend, ensuring that appropriate attention is given to the citizen's voice
- Identifying good practice and weaknesses
- Holding the Cabinet and its members to account
- Reviewing or scrutinising decisions or actions that are not the responsibility of the Cabinet

5. Members were asked to consider the following factors when prioritising items:
 - ❖ *Does the matter affect the residents of Gwynedd?*
 - ❖ *Can scrutiny make a difference / have an influence? (people / service / performance)*
 - ❖ *Is it timely to scrutinise the matter?*
 - ❖ *Is the matter a priority for the Council?*
 - ❖ *Are we clear about what we are trying to improve?*
6. A maximum of three items per meeting were prioritised to ensure that matters receive due attention and that scrutiny can add value.
7. At the committee's informal meeting on 9 July 2026, consideration was given to adjustments as to when it would be timely to scrutinise items alongside a request from a committee member to scrutinise 'Emergency Road Closures' and to consider noting the 'Bereavement Service' as a reserve item.
8. The timing adjustments and the addition of the items to the draft forward work programme were agreed. See attached as an appendix to the report, the Committee's draft work programme.
9. The scrutiny forward programme is a live programme which will be reviewed regularly over the year to ensure that the proper matters are addressed. Consideration will be given to prioritising matters that arise during the year, e.g. matters arising from performance scrutiny and items on the Cabinet's forward programme.
10. **The Communities Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the work programme for 2026/27.**

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT FORWARD PROGRAMME 2026/27

Date	Items	Reason for scrutiny
11/6/26	Article 4	Council Plan 2023-28 – A Homely Gwynedd
	Environment Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
	Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
1/10/26	Climate and Nature Emergency Plan: Annual Report 2025/26	The Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd
	Maintaining Highways – Laying Road Markings	Review of arrangements
	Emergency Road Closures	Assurance that appropriate arrangements are in place
19/11/26	New Local Development Plan - Strategic Options, Vision and Objectives	Role to scrutinise the Local Development Plan / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd
	Environment Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
	Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy Performance Report	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
28/1/27	Streetscene Service	Follow-up / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd
	Public Toilets	Follow-up to the scrutiny in the 20 March 2025 meeting
	Introduction of public electric vehicle charging points	The Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd
18/3/27	Annual Update by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership	The Committee's role as a Crime and Disorder Committee
	Progress Report of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board	The Committee's role to scrutinise the Public Services Board's work
	Noise control, pollution and statutory nuisance	Assurance regarding the arrangements

Reserve Item - Bereavement Service

Possible items for 2027/28 or when timely - New Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy, Public Transport