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| MEETING | COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE |
| DATE | 16 May 2024 |
| TITLE | Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2024/25 |
| PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | Present the Committee's draft work programme for 2024/25 for adoption |
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1. During the Committee's annual workshop on 29 April 2024 possible items to scrutinise during 2024/25 were considered. Items were prioritised bearing in mind the purpose of scrutiny in Gwynedd, namely:

CONTRIBUTE TO DRIVING IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GWYNEDD

This will be done constructively by:

- Investigating concerns regarding the quality of our services
- Acting as a Critical Friend, and 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

2. Members were asked to respond to an online question regarding their top five priorities from the list of possible items provided in advance prior to the workshop. The main priorities that emerged from the responses to the question, were:
 1. Waste Collection and Recycling Services
 2. Developments in the Public Transport field
 - = New Local Development Plan - Strategic Options, Vision and Objectives
 - = Climate and Nature Emergency Plan: 2023/24 Annual Report
 3. Introducing charging points for electric vehicles
 - = Planning and Welsh Communities
3. Members discussed the top priorities as well as what else from the list should be scrutinised during 2024/25. When identifying their priorities members were asked to consider:

- ❖ *Does the matter affect a vast proportion of the population?*
- ❖ *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?*

4. Items to scrutinise were prioritised and the relevant Heads of Department and Cabinet Members were invited to note any additional matters that needed consideration in terms of the items prioritised by Members of the Committee as well as provide observations on the timing of the scrutiny.
5. An effort was made to prioritise a maximum of three items per meeting in order to ensure that due attention was given to matters and that scrutiny would add value. This was not always possible on every occasion with four items programmed for one meeting. All members are expected to ensure their attendance for the morning and afternoon session.
6. The Committee has a role to scrutinise the work of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board with an understanding that the Board's work is scrutinised twice a year.

In order to enable the scrutiny of other matters during the year, it was concluded that a copy of the Board's Annual Report for 2023/24 should be shared with members but not formally scrutinised at a Committee meeting. The item 'Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Progress Report' has been programmed to be scrutinised at the January meeting.

7. The item 'Streetscene Service' was identified as an item to be programmed in 2025/26.
8. The scrutiny forward programme is a live programme which will be reviewed regularly during the year to ensure that the correct matters are addressed. Consideration will be given to prioritise matters that will arise during the year e.g., matters from performance challenge meetings and items on the Cabinet's forward programme.
9. See attached as an appendix to the report the Committee's draft work programme.
10. **The Communities Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the work programme for 2024/25.**

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT FORWARD PROGRAMME 2024/25

| Date | Items | Reason for scrutiny |
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| 16/5/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 4 Direction – Public Consultation Ash Dieback Disease | Pre-decision Scrutiny / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Homely Gwynedd |
| | | A matter on the risk register |
| 12/9/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Collection and Recycling Services Developments in the Public Transport field Introducing public charging points for electric vehicles Dog Control Orders | Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd |
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| | | Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd |
| | | Assurance in relation to implementation |
| 7/11/24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Local Development Plan - Strategic Options, Vision and Objectives Planning and Welsh Communities Climate and Nature Emergency Plan: 2023/24 Annual Report | Role to scrutinise the Local Development Plan / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd |
| | | Assurance in relation to implementation |
| | | Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd |
| 23/1/25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Update by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Progress Report Public Toilets | The Committee's role as a Crime and Disorder Committee |
| | | The Committee's role to scrutinise the Public Services Board's work |
| | | Follow-up following scrutiny at the 5 October 2023 meeting |
| 20/3/25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy Grass Cutting and Maintenance of County Roads Verges | Role to scrutinise the Local Development Plan / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd |
| | | Follow-up following scrutiny at the 22 February 2024 meeting |

Item to be programmed in 2025/26 - Streetscene Service