



<b>MEETING</b>	COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
<b>DATE</b>	18 September 2025
<b>TITLE</b>	Communities Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2025/26
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b>	To submit the Committee's draft work programme for 2025/26 for adoption
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1. All Council members, co-opted members, Cabinet Members, Heads of Department and the public were given an opportunity to propose possible items to be scrutinised during 2025/26.
2. At the Committee's informal meeting on 10 July 2025, possible items to scrutinise during 2025/26 were considered.
3. Information about the potential items was provided in advance to committee members. The items included those suggested at the Chair and Vice-Chair's liaison meetings with the relevant Heads of Department and Cabinet Members, scrutinised items in need of follow-up and annual items. There were also two items that had been suggested by Council members, one by a member of this Committee.
4. Items were prioritised at the meeting bearing in mind the purpose of scrutiny in Gwynedd, namely to:

### **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, 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 made 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. An effort was made to prioritise a maximum of three items per meeting to ensure that matters receive due attention and that scrutiny adds value. That was not possible on every occasion with four items scheduled for one meeting. All members are expected to ensure their attendance for the morning and afternoon session.
7. The item 'New Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy' was identified as a reserve item.
8. The Committee has a role to scrutinise the work of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board. Members prioritised two items for scrutiny during 2025/26, namely:
  - Annual Report 2024/25 - Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board (18 September 2025)
  - Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Progress Report (19 March 2026)
9. After sending a reminder to the relevant officers of the reporting timetable for the items to be scrutinised at this meeting, a response was received by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Programme Manager noting that the annual report would be submitted to the Board meeting in December. Therefore, it was not possible to submit the annual report as scheduled to this meeting.
10. Should an item slip from the 22 January 2026 meeting, the Committee may consider rescheduling the progress report scheduled for the March meeting.
11. See attached as an appendix to the report, the Committee's draft work programme.
12. 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 prioritising matters that will arise during the year e.g. matters arising in the scrutiny of performance and items on the Cabinet's forward programme.
13. **The Communities Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the work programme for 2025/26.**

## COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2025/26

Date	Items	Reason for scrutiny
5/6/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for the Environment</li> <li>Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy</li> </ul>	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
18/9/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate and Nature Emergency Plan: 2024/25 Annual Report</li> <li>Salt Bins and Gritting Arrangements</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Engineering and Gwynedd Consultancy</li> <li>Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for the Environment</li> <li>Review of the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan</li> </ul>	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments Pre-scrutiny / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd
22/1/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of Article 4 Direction</li> <li>New Local Development Plan - Strategic Options, Vision and Objectives</li> <li>Active Travel</li> </ul>	Council Plan 2023-28 - A Homely Gwynedd A role to scrutinise the Local Development Plan / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd The Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd
19/3/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Update by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership</li> <li>Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Progress Report</li> <li>Waste Collection and Recycling Services</li> <li>Public Footpaths</li> </ul>	The Committee's role as a Crime and Disorder Committee The Committee's role to scrutinise the Public Services Board's work The Council Plan 2023-28 - A Green Gwynedd Assurance in relation to implementation

**Reserve item** - New Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy