

MEETING	CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	25 September 2025
TITLE	Care Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2025/26
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	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 potential items to be scrutinised during 2025/26.
2. At the Committee's informal meeting on 2 July 2025, potential 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 two items suggested by members of this committee.
4. Items were prioritised at the meeting bearing 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 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 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. We have sought to prioritise a maximum of three items per meeting to ensure that matters receive due attention and that scrutiny adds value.
7. After sending a reminder to the relevant officers of the timetable for submitting reports, the Chair received a request to add another item to the September meeting agenda, namely: Annual Report 2024-25 – Complaints, Enquiries and Expressions of Gratitude Procedure – Children and Supporting Families Department and the Adults Department.
8. 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 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.
10. **The Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the work programme for 2025/26.**

CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT FORWARD PROGRAMME 2025/26

Date	Items	Reason for scrutiny
12/6/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Adults Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Children 	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
25/9/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Discharges Working with the community Empty Houses Annual Report 2024-25 - Complaints, Enquiries and Expressions of Gratitude Procedure – Children and Supporting Families Department and the Adults Department 	Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd Pre-scrutiny / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd Council Plan 2023-28 - A Homely Gwynedd Assurance in terms of the arrangements to deal with complaints in care work.
20/11/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Adults Performance Report of the Cabinet Member for Children 	Scrutiny of the performance of Council departments
29/1/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derwen Service Youth Justice Service 	Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd / Challenges in the field Assurance that the service is efficient

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16+ Team 	
		Assurance in terms of the provision for those aged 16+
26/3/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid rehousing and Housing Support Grant Schemes A Strategy for Keeping Families Together Day Care Service 	Pre-scrutiny / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Homely Gwynedd
		The existing provision and the resources available to realise the strategy
		Pre-scrutiny / Council Plan 2023-28 - A Caring Gwynedd