



CYNGOR GWYNEDD



A report to a meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd

Date of meeting:	24 September 2026
Title of Item:	Scrutiny Annual Report 2025-26
Member:	Councillor Cai Larsen, Chair of the Scrutiny Forum for 2025-26
Contact Officer:	Ian Jones, Head of Democracy Services (Head of Corporate Services)

THE DECISION SOUGHT

To accept the report.

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

1. In accordance with the constitution, a report shall be submitted to a meeting of the Council elaborating on the scrutiny work carried out during the year.
2. The report which gives an overview of the scrutiny carried out during 2025-26, is split under these headings:
 - Forward Work Programme
 - Scrutiny Forum
 - Scrutiny Committees
 - Scrutinising the Response Plan - Our Bravery Brought Justice
 - Scrutiny Investigation
 - Task and Finish Groups
 - Performance Scrutiny
 - Evaluation
 - Tracking Arrangements
 - Facts about Scrutiny in Gwynedd in 2025/26
 - Looking ahead to 2026/27
3. The purpose of scrutiny in Gwynedd is 'To contribute to driving improvement in services for the people of Gwynedd'. The annual report highlights the impact of scrutiny on delivering in accordance with the purpose.
4. A concise version of the report will be produced to present the 2025-26 scrutiny work, in an easy-to-read and concise format.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Annual Report 2025-26

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

The potential contents of the Annual Report were discussed at the Scrutiny Forum meeting on 23 February 2026. The draft report was shared with members of the 2025/26 Scrutiny Forum to receive their comments.

THE STATUTORY OFFICERS' OBSERVATIONS

Monitoring Officer:

Overview and scrutiny committees have a key role in the Council's governance arrangements. The report reflects the range of this work which the committees deliver and also keeping an overview of the Cabinet. I'm content that the information presented shows that this role is being addressed appropriately.

Statutory Finance Officer:

The decision sought does not create a new spending commitment. I have no further comment from the perspective of financial propriety.