

Strap line: **Good Scrutiny helps the Council achieve for the benefit of the People of Gwynedd**

A Scrutiny Investigation

Where the Committee appoints members to undertake a Scrutiny Investigation. Those members will undertake detailed work at community level to assess the impact of implementing the Council's policy and will submit a formal report to the Cabinet Member. No more than one Investigation of each Committee can be held at any time.

B Monitoring Progress

Where the Committee considers reports by the Service on the Council's performance in respect of delivering projects or a service by monitoring the progress made. This will take place at a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee where the scrutiny members will question, challenge and praise the relevant Cabinet Member as appropriate. Following the meeting, the Chairman and Members and Scrutiny Support Officers will draw up recommendations for the attention of the Cabinet Member

C Developing Plans

It is possible that Cabinet Members will ask for the Scrutinisers to assist them by providing input into work they develop from time to time. These will be exceptions in the new scrutiny arrangements as it will be possible for Cabinet Members to discuss with a group of members to assist them outside the scrutiny arrangements.

	Subject	Purpose	Progression
1	<b>Primary Education Reorganisation Strategy</b>	A Progress Report is needed to assess the progress of the Strategy, the successes and how it is intended to deal with any difficulties	Item on 31.07.2012
2	<b>Transformation of Youth Services</b>	A Progress Report is needed to show the extent of success following the review and to challenge the progress  Lack of provision for young people?	Item on 31.07.2012
3	<b>Quality of Education</b>	Consider an application by the Cabinet Member to undertake a Scrutiny Investigation	Item on 31.07.2012
4	<b>Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board</b>	How successful was the Council's collaboration with the Health Board to improve service?  What are the financial benefits?  Was the intention to plan and provide services close to demand in our communities achieved?  What are the successes of the Older People Commissioning Plan?  Care by nurses to be available in care homes for older persons	

		<p>What has been achieved from joint working with Betsi Cadwaladr in Meirionnydd?</p> <p>How successful was the coordination of arrangements with Ysbyty Gwynedd regarding the discharge of children following treatment?</p> <p>What financial benefits were there for the Partnership?</p> <p>What is the latest on the developments of health care for looked after children?</p> <p>How successful was the Partners in Care Scheme?</p> <p>Is the provision for support to looked after children sufficient?</p>	
5	<b>Looked After Children</b>	<p>More information needed – especially:</p> <p>Rationalisation/ joint working with Anglesey</p>	
6	<p><b>Lands transferred to Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd (CCG)</b></p> <p>Invite representative from CCG to attend the Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>A matter for the Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	
7	<p><b>Leisure Centres</b></p> <p>Encourage people to keep healthy</p>	<p>More information needed on the Leisure Centres Review</p>	

	and recreation		
8	<p><b>Disability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rationalise provision</li> <li>• Learning Disabilities Day Care</li> <li>• Autism</li> </ul>	<p>More information needed on the current provision including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision to assist autism</li> <li>• What is the out-of-county provision and are there sufficient resources to cope with the provision?</li> <li>• What are the plans for the future?</li> <li>• How is the Council collaborating with other authorities in accordance with the wishes of the Welsh Government?</li> <li>• Has there been an improvement in the planning and provision of joint services for people with disabilities since introducing the Disability Commissioning Plan in 2011?</li> </ul>	
9	<b>Local Provision of Services</b>		
10	<b>Pathway to Employment</b>	<p>Information needed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies and resources available</li> <li>• Are there developments in attracting young people aged 18-24 from the field of care?</li> </ul>	
11	<b>Housing Matters</b>	A matter for the Communities Scrutiny Committee	
12	<b>Parking</b>	A matter for the Communities Scrutiny Committee	

13	<b>Coastal Path Maintenance</b>	A matter for the Communities Scrutiny Committee	
14	<p><b><u>Telecare and Equipment to Support people</u></b>                  An undertaking was made by the Council that there would be a better service to install equipment and Telecare for users following the integration of the Safety at Home Service.</p>	<p>There is a need to Monitor Progress in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Assess how effective the changes were</li> <li>b) What are the opinions of users and partners?</li> <li>c) Value for money report</li> <li>ch) The service's efficiency report</li> </ul>	
15	<p><b><u>Supporting Families – Intensive Intervention</u></b>                  Families with profound needs receiving appropriate, timely and integrated support to enable them to bring up their children effectively.                  Children, young people, vulnerable adults and carers receiving appropriate, timely and integrated support according to their needs.                  Integrated Family Support Service Board established in 2011 -12 to lead on the process of establishing an IFSS procedure in Gwynedd.                  Clarity and agreement in place between partners regarding the most suitable implementation model for the needs of the new Gwynedd for IFSS in Gwynedd.</p>	<p>There is a need to Monitor Progress in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Check the process to establish the Integrated Support Service Board and are the initial arrangements working?</li> <li>b) Consider the views of service users and partners</li> <li>c) Consensus of opinion that the above need to be scrutinised within a</li> </ul>	

		<p>year                  ch) Investigate the possibility of investing money in small charities</p>	
16	<p><b><u>Young People 18-24 years old</u></b>                  What are the opportunities for those who are unemployed to have access to work experience and employment</p>	<p>More information needed on:                  a) How the Council plays its role in this key area?                  b) Is the Council and its key partners clear and in agreement regarding their activities in this field?                  c) What are the experiences of young people?                  ch) Investigate apprenticeship programmes for young people due to lack of opportunities for young people                  d) The Council itself requiring too many qualifications for posts within the Council for applicants to apply.                  dd) A report of what has been achieved/investigate what is available in terms of employment</p>	

<p>17</p>	<p><b><u>Child Poverty Plan</u></b>                  This is a Welsh Government key policy area and is one of the Council’s main priorities over the last few years.</p>	<p>More information needed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How much progress has there been in the number of young people who practise their financial literacy skills?</li> <li>b) Are vulnerable families more aware of the support available for them to overcome poverty than they were in 2009?</li> <li>c) Scrutinise the stigma element of free school meals</li> </ul>	
<p>18</p>	<p><b><u>Support for Carers</u></b></p>	<p>More information needed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How much progress was made on the strategy to provide support options for carers (2004 – Carers Equal Opportunities Act)?</li> <li>b) How much progress was made in offering care options to Gwynedd residents?</li> </ul>	

19	<b><u>Corporate Parent Panel</u></b>	Information needed – especially: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members’ training arrangements on their responsibilities as a corporate parent</li> <li>• Measure the results of the Panel’s programme for Looked After Children</li> <li>• Clarity as to whether this is an operational matter or scrutiny/other procedure</li> </ul>	

Matters referred for members’ consideration by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee when scrutinising the **Improvement Plan**:

- 20 Questionnaire undertaken to assess customers satisfaction with the care service suggesting that 76% were unhappy with the Council’s response.
- 21 Education Organisation Project Primary and Secondary (Page 40 – Add.05 in the Improvement Plan) – concern was expressed that the emphasis on the Meirionnydd area raised the risk of being unable to act in a balanced way across the County. The need to monitor the situation across the county during the year was noted.
- 22 Health Improvement Plans (Pages 78 + 79)
  - two of the improvements failed and concern was expressed that there was a danger for the Council to over-reach with a lack of resources. It was necessary to consider if it was the Council or the NHS/Health Board that was most appropriate to deal with some of these issues.
  - It was noted that there was a need for more appropriate indicators

23 Language Plans (pages 84-86) Several of the assessments were challenges and it was suggested that red/amber should be used instead of green. Need to keep an eye on this programme's progress during the year.

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