

<b>MEETING</b>	CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
<b>DATE</b>	29 September 2022
<b>TITLE</b>	Care Scrutiny Committee Forward Programme 2022/23
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b>	Present the Committee's draft work programme for 2022/23 for adoption.
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1. During the Committee's annual workshop on 7 July 2022 possible items to scrutinise during 2022/23 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 discussed in smaller groups in terms of their own priorities from the list of possible items provided beforehand with an opportunity for members to suggest other possible items. When identifying their priorities members were asked to consider:
  - ❖ *Would the item affect a vast proportion of the population?*
  - ❖ *Could scrutiny make a difference / have an influence? (People / service / performance)*
  - ❖ *Would it be timely to scrutinise the matter?*
  - ❖ *Is the matter a priority for the Council?*
  - ❖ *Are we clear about what we are trying to improve?*
3. Following reporting back from the groups, 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 scrutiny.

4. The Committee's draft work programme is attached as an appendix to the report. 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 two meetings.
5. The 'Ambulance Service' item was scheduled for the 29 September 2022 meeting in the annual workshop. Representatives from the Ambulance Service were not available to attend the meeting, therefore the item has moved to the 10 November 2022 meeting, where representatives will be present.
6. In the annual workshop, it was decided that the Population Needs Assessment would be scrutinised in the 29 September 2022 meeting. Unfortunately, we were informed that this wasn't possible and the item has slipped to the November meeting.
7. We were also informed that it would not be possible to present a report on Recruitment and retention of staff in the care field by the Children and Supporting Families Department so the item has been noted as one to be discussed at the meeting on 16 February.
8. In order to ensure that there are not too many items on the agenda for the meeting on 10 November, the Dementia Care Provision item has moved to the 20 April meeting.
9. A matter that was identified in the annual workshop as a matter that needed attention was the mental health of children and young people. Following the discussion, it was concluded that an information session should be held to identify if there is a specific element that needs to be scrutinised. The Chair and Vice-Chair will discuss the way forward with the Head of Children and Supporting Families and the Cabinet Member at their meeting in October.
10. 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 from performance challenge meetings and items on the Cabinet's forward programme.
11. **The Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to adopt the work programme for 2022/23.**

## CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DRAFT FORWARD PROGRAMME 2022/23

<b>07/07/2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Wales Care Market Stability Report</li> </ul>
<b>29/09/2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruiting and retaining staff in the care field (Adults, Health and Well-being Department)</li> <li>• New Energy Conservation Service</li> </ul>
<b>10/11/2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambulance Service</li> <li>• Youth Service</li> <li>• Gwynedd Population Needs Assessment Report</li> <li>• Housing Allocation Policy</li> </ul>
<b>16/02/2023</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Stop Shop for Housing Matters</li> <li>• Housing Action Plan</li> <li>• Looked-After Children Placements</li> <li>• Recruiting and retaining staff in the care field (Children and Supporting Families Department)</li> </ul>
<b>20/04/2023</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gwynedd Mental Health Service (Adults, Health and Well-being Department)</li> <li>• Autism Plan 2021-23</li> <li>• Dementia care provision</li> </ul>