

REPORT TO:	Customers, Performance, Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
REPORT NO:	HF/ 123 /2018s
DATE:	28 November 2018
LEAD MEMBER:	N/A
CONTACT OFFICER:	Suzanne Price (Tel: 292179)
SUBJECT:	Work Programme
WARD:	N/A

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To assist the Committee in considering and agreeing its work programme.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed work programme for consideration up until July 2019 is attached at Appendix 2. Members are requested to note the change of date for the May 2019 meeting, and to consider a Topic Selection Form submitted by Councillor John Pritchard.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Members consider the Topic Selection Form at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Members consider the work programme at Appendix 2.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To enable the Committee to develop an outcome-focused work programme for the next 12 months and beyond.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4.1 The work programme is attached as Appendix 2.

4.2 At the October meeting, the following changes to the work programme were agreed:

- Wrexham County Borough Council 'Emerging Priorities' – scheduled for 19th December

The Chair was asked to defer one of the previously scheduled December items to the January meeting to accommodate this. The work programme therefore reflects that the Council Plan Performance monitoring report will now be considered in January.

Former Grove Park School Site Task & Finish Group (CPR&GSC and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee)

4.3 At its meeting of 24 October, this committee appointed the following members to the Task & Finish Group:

- Councillor Barrie Warburton
- Councillor Sonia Benbow-Jones
- Councillor Mike Davies
- Councillor Gwenfair Jones

Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee has agreed to appoint the following members to the T&F Group:

- Councillor Dana Davies
- Councillor Carrie Harper
- Councillor Paul D Jones
- Councillor Alun Jenkins
- Councillor Ron Walsh

The first meeting of the Group will be to establish the scope, timescales and future reporting arrangements, and these would be reported back to both committees for agreement in due course.

May 2019 meeting

4.4 The Head of Finance has requested that the date of the May meeting, at which the committee is due to consider the 'Revenue Outturn and Carry Forward Proposals', be brought forward from 15th May to enable the committee's recommendations to be reported as part of the report to the Executive Board meeting of 14th May. A new date of 2nd May has been arranged, subject to committee agreement. All Lead Members will also be

notified of the date of the meeting, as this committee has previously agreed that Lead Members be asked to attend the meeting.

Topic Selection Form

- 4.5 A Topic Selection Form has been submitted by Councillor John Pritchard for the committee's consideration.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – The terms of reference of this Committee are aligned to the Council's Strategic Theme 'Organisation' as set out in the Council Plan. Any topics identified will contribute to the following aims as stated in the Committee's terms of reference "To ensure that we are customer focussed and innovative, soundly organised, resourced and governed, in order to deliver the best possible outcomes for the people of Wrexham."
- 5.2 **Budget** – There are no budget implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 **Legal** – There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.4 **Staffing** – There are no staffing issues arising out of the report, but Officer resource will be required to support the preparation of information for Scrutiny Committee consideration
- 5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – This report provides information to inform a work programme and the Equality Manager has confirmed that the programme does not require an equality impact assessment as it merely sets out a timetable
- 5.6 **Risks** - Not applicable for a work programme planning report.

6. CONSULTATION

The work programme is shared for comment with relevant Lead Members and Council Officers, the Equality Improvement Group, the Chair of the Audit Committee and the Senedd yr Ifanc

7. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

N/A

Background Papers	Location / website info.
Report to Council - Review of Scrutiny Structures and Terms of Reference – 26 March 2014	http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/MinutesData/Council/Reports/hccs3714.pdf

REQUEST FOR TOPIC TO BE CONSIDERED BY SCRUTINY

Title of report – North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB) – Governance Arrangements

Purpose of Report

To consider the proposed governance arrangements for the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.

In October 2016, the Executive Board adopted the Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales in October 2016 (Report ref: HHE/34/16). The vision set out a collective and strategic ambition for North Wales for infrastructure development, skills and employment, and business growth. The Growth Deal Bid is being developed in support of the North Wales Growth Vision.

In October 2017, Executive Board gave approval in principle to support the preferred governance model of a statutory joint committee model for further development. The formal and core membership of the Joint Committee is the Leader of each of the six North Wales local authorities. Each leader would have a nominated deputy and the Joint Committee would be advised by Chief Executives and other lead professionals. The joint committee is known as the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB).

All 6 North Wales Authorities approved the adoption of the first stage NWEAB Governance Agreement for the planning and development phase of a Growth Deal in 2018.

(Wrexham's Executive Board and Council agreed it during meetings held in July 2018 – links available in section 5 below)

A second and more comprehensive Governance Agreement (GA2) for the second stage - bid implementation and delivery – is under development and is due to be considered and agreed by the North Wales Councils in early 2019. GA2 will include the proposed scrutiny model.

It is intended that the final governance arrangements for the North Wales Growth Deal, including scrutiny arrangements, will be considered and agreed by all 6 Authorities in early 2019.

The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group has also given a clear steer (July 2018) that the governance arrangements for the NWEAB fall within the terms of reference of the Customers Performance Resources & Governance Scrutiny Committee.

With regards to scrutiny of the individual projects which are taken forward, the Employment, Business & Investment Scrutiny Committee (EBISC) has agreed to consider those projects which come under the headings 'Smart North Wales' and 'Resilient North Wales' that will affect Wrexham. At the meeting held on 7 November 2018, EBISC recommended that the proposed final governance arrangements for the North Wales Economic Ambition Board – specifically the

	<p>proposed process for the selection of projects to be developed as part of the North Wales Growth Bid - be referred to the Customers, Performance, Resources & Governance Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Proposition Document setting out the economic ambition for North Wales and providing the basis for the development of a Growth Bid was supported by Executive Board and Council in October 2018. (Links to reports and Minutes are listed in box 5 below.)</p>
Expected Outcomes	To maximise the opportunities for Wrexham to be an active partner in the development of the governance and subsequent delivery of the North Wales Growth Bid.
Value of bringing to Scrutiny	<p>Pre-decision scrutiny</p> <p>To ensure wider local member debate about the proposed governance arrangements, including the role of scrutiny (local and/or regional) in those arrangements.</p> <p>To have wider local member debate around the proposed process for the selection of projects to be developed as part of the North Wales Growth Bid.</p>
Information Required	Proposed Governance Agreement (GA2) for the NWEAB
Suggested Officer / Lead Member attendance	<p>Lead Member for Organisation – Finance, Performance, Health & Safety and Governance</p> <p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Corporate and Customer Services</p> <p>Head of Finance</p> <p>Head of Housing and Economy</p>
External involvement and benefit	
Lead Member / Head of Department Comment	<p><u>Head of Corporate and Customer Services (HCCS):</u></p> <p>It is difficult to give a timescale as to when any documentation will be available for consideration at this time as work hasn't yet started on the framework for the governance arrangements in the second phase. The governance agreement will be drafted by external solicitors, but the HCCS will be involved in developing the governance arrangements.</p>
Submitted by: Date:	<p>Councillor John Pritchard, Chair of Customers, Performance, Resources, & Governance Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>November 2018</p>
	<p>This Scrutiny topic request is supported by the following Members (optional).</p> <p>1. _____(print)_____ (signature)</p> <p>2. _____(print)_____ (signature)</p>

	3. _____ (print) _____ (signature)	
	4. _____ (print) _____ (signature)	
Please tick all that apply and ensure that you have provided the necessary supporting detail.		Please tick ✓
1	Referral from other Committee / Council / external body or partnership	
2	Committee steer / recommendation for Lead Member or Head of Department (not proceeding to Executive Board or Council at this stage)	
	Committee steer / recommendation for Executive Board / Council (please provide date of Executive Board / Council meeting) The Governance Arrangement will be submitted to each North Wales Local Authority for approval early 2019. Date to be determined.	✓
	Information Only	
3	Official Consultation Document (e.g. proposed Government Legislation / Guidance)	
4	Does the issue involve public dissatisfaction with Council's performance? Insert relevant Council Priority Outcomes number(s) which are listed overleaf:- E1, E2,	
5	Has the issue been considered in the last 12 months by any other Member Forum? Please specify:- Executive Board and Council approved the adoption of the first stage Governance Agreement at meetings held in July 2018 http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=129&MId=3763 http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=128&MId=4367 The Proposition Document setting out the economic ambition for North Wales and providing the basis for the development of a Growth Bid was supported by Executive Board and Council in October 2018 http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=129&MId=4431 http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/documents/g4439/Public%20reports%20pack%2024th-Oct-2018%2016.00%20Council.pdf?T=10	✓
6	Please specify which meeting of the Scrutiny Committee you wish to submit the report to and why:- Customers, Performance, Resources & Governance Scrutiny Committee sometime early 2019 in order to inform decisions about the final governance arrangements for the North Wales Growth Deal.	

COUNCIL STRATEGIC THEMES AND PRIORITY OUTCOMES

ECONOMY OUTCOMES:

- E1 – Encouraging people to live, work, learn, visit and invest here
E2 – Supporting Businesses to locate and grow here

E3 – Helping Tackle Poverty

PEOPLE OUTCOMES:-

Pe1 – Supporting people to have positive aspirations, learn and achieve their potential.

Pe2 – Supporting people to live active, independent lives within their community.

Pe3 – Safeguarding those who are vulnerable.

Pe4 – Working with our partners to make Wrexham a safe place where people feel included.

Pe5 – Enabling access to leisure and cultural activities.

PLACE OUTCOMES:-

PI1 – Promoting good quality homes and regeneration.

PI2 – Pride in our environment.

PI3 - Communities with sustainable, attractive settlements, neighbourhoods, buildings and spaces.

PI4 – Well-connected and sustainable communities.

ORGANISATION OUTCOMES:-

O1 – Continuing to modernise our services.

O2 – Supporting a resilient Council.