

REPORT TO:	Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
REPORT NO:	COGC/03/19s
DATE:	11 April 2019
LEAD MEMBER:	N/A
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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

- 2.1 The proposed work programme up until July 2019, for consideration, is attached at **Appendix 1**. Any proposed changes are highlighted in bold.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That, subject to the changes outlined in this report, the Committee agrees the Work Programme at Appendix 1.**

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 The proposed work programme attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 Arising from the February meeting the Committee made the following changes to its work programme.

Levels of Fixed Term/Permanent Exclusions and Youth Justice Service Education Engagement

That the next update report on this issue include information regarding:-

- a) Details of the CAMHS pilot for in school provision training and its impact.
- b) Provide information to correlate, if possible, rates of funding and levels of exclusions

- 4.3 Members will note that this meeting was expecting to consider a report in relation to Support for Pupil Wellbeing. Officers preparing the report have been advised that Welsh Government/Cardiff University have contacted them to inform that the data that was to be included in the report is still embargoed and that it is likely to be so until the end of April. They had initially been told that they could publish the data from February but there are still some delays with the Minister releasing the national data. Therefore, there was no option but to delay this report. It is suggested that this report now be considered at the June meeting of the committee.
- 4.4 Representatives of Coleg Cambria have confirmed, that in line with previous years that they will be in a position to report on Education Standards at key Stage 5 (post-16) at the June meeting. The Committee are asked to agree this scheduling.
- 4.5 Members will note that the Education Department Self Evaluation item, previously listed on the work programme, was completed as a Scrutiny All Member Workshop on 11 March 2019.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – The terms of reference of this Committee are partly aligned to the priorities in the Council’s Strategic Theme ‘People’ as set out in the Council Plan. Any scrutiny topics identified will contribute to the terms of reference **‘To ensure that the people of Wrexham have positive aspirations, education and potential’**.
- 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** – The main purpose of Scrutiny is to review and improve Council services, to make recommendations on future policy options and to act as a check and balance on the decisions made. Successful work programming and identification of issues for scrutiny, focusing on outcomes contributing to the relevant Council priorities, should minimize the risk to them not being attained/delivered.

6. CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

7 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.
Work Programme Planning Report (HF/03/18s) to Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee 8 February 2018.	Wrexham County Borough Council Website	http://moderngov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=172&MId=4080