

REPORT TO:	SAFEGUARDING, COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO:	COGC/04/19s
DATE:	17th April 2019
LEAD MEMBER:	n/a
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SUBJECT:	Work Programme
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

2. SUMMARY

The report presents the draft work programme for 2018/19 and 2019/20 for members' consideration.

The committee is asked to agree an additional meeting for 27th June.

Two topic selection forms submitted by members of the committee are included for members' consideration.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Committee considers the draft work programme at Appendix 1;

3.2 The committee agrees an additional meeting on 27th June;

3.3 The committee notes the schedule from September 2019 (subject to Council agreeing the annual calendar of meetings in May);

3.4 The Committee considers the Topic Selection Forms at Appendices 2 & 3.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4.1 The committee agreed the following at its January meeting:

- In relation to the request for the Head of Adult Social Care, Lead Member for People (Health & Adult Social Care) and Lead Member for People (Children's Services) to attend a future meeting of the committee to update members on the re-structure of Adult and Children's social care: the Chair to request that this report be brought to committee no later than 6 months;
- That the Care Inspectorate Wales report on Adult Social Care (Older Adults Services) be presented to the committee upon its publication and that the CIW inspector be invited to attend;
- Future meeting with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Wales Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) in 12 months (detail included on work programme).

4.2 Members will note that the two reports from Adult Social Care in relation to the restructure of day and work opportunities scheduled for April and May have reversed in order of submission – i.e. progress on Phase 1 & 2 will be considered at the April meeting, and the Phase 3 (Erlas and the Cunliffe Centre) report was switched to the May meeting. However, the Chief Officer Social Care has since advised the Chair that work on Phase 3 has not yet progressed sufficiently to be able to bring it to scrutiny and has requested that this item be deferred – date to be confirmed.

4.3 Visits to Erlas and the Cunliffe Centre have been arranged for committee members to enable members to familiarise themselves with the services and sites in advance of this item and members have been contacted separately about these.

Additional meeting Thursday 27th June at 4pm

4.4 The committee is asked to consider the scheduling of an additional meeting for Thursday 27th June. The reason for this is as follows:

The committee was originally scheduled to consider Director of Social Services' Annual Report and the Compliments and Complaints Annual Report along with Children's Social Care performance at the June meeting.

The committee has since also requested an update on the children and adult services' restructure and the CIW inspection report.

This report has now been published, and in the interests of managing agendas and taking into account the availability of the CIW Inspector and the BCUHB Area Director (East) availability, it is suggested that the scheduled June meeting focus on children's social care (in particular, taking into account the Topic Selection Form at Appendix 2) and that an additional meeting be scheduled for June to consider the CIW inspection report and restructure update, in conjunction the Director of Social Services' Annual Report and the Compliments and Complaints Annual Report. (The Director of Social Services Annual Report is due at the July Executive Board prior to its submission to Welsh Government.)

Please note that the CIW Inspection report is available on the CIW website:
<https://careinspectorate.wales/190328-inspection-older-adults-services-wrexham-county-borough-council>

2019/20 Calendar of Meetings

- 4.5 While exact dates and meeting times for 2019/20 will not be decided until Annual Council in May, in order to plan the work programme, scheduling based on decisions previously made by committee (regular items / items waiting to be scheduled) have been provisionally scheduled in up until July 2020. The committee is asked to note the work programme from September onwards, on the basis that this is subject to specific arrangements for meetings being agreed.

Topic Selection Forms

- 4.6 Councillors Wright, Cameron and Childs have submitted a Topic Selection Form (Appendix 2) in relation to looked After Children – Out of County Placements. Members are requested to review the form and consider its inclusion on the committee's work programme.
- 4.7 Councillor Gwenfair Jones, a member of this committee, has submitted a Topic Selection Form (Appendix 3) in relation to the safeguarding of children whose parents elect to provide home education. Members are requested to review the form and consider its inclusion on the committee's work programme.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** - The terms of reference of this committee as set out in the Council's Constitution:

- "To ensure that the people of Wrexham feel safe and secure with sustainable, attractive settlements, neighbourhoods, buildings and spaces. To ensure that vulnerable children and adults are safeguarded and have good health and wellbeing. To fulfil the function of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and to ensure that the people of Wrexham feel safe and secure "

- 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

- 6.1 The work programme is routinely shared with relevant Lead Members and officers, the Chair of the Audit Committee, Equalities Monitoring Group and Senedd Yr Ifanc.

7 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 Not applicable

Background Papers	LOCATION / WEBSITE INFO.
None	