

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to	COUNTY COUNCIL
Date	10 May 2012
Subject	Overview and Scrutiny Committees Annual Report 2011-2012
Portfolio Holder(s)	Not Applicable
Lead Officer(s)	Interim Deputy Chief Executive
Contact Officer	Scrutiny Manager
Nature and reason for reporting	
To note and approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual report 2011 – 2012 (attached as an appendix to this report) and appoint a Scrutiny Champion from May 2012 to May 2013.	

A – Introduction / Background / Issues
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under Council's Constitution an Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report has to be submitted to the Council on the work of the five Scrutiny Committees . 2. The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Annual Report 2011-2012 encompasses the work of the Scrutiny Committees between the Council's Annual Meeting on the 12 May 2011 and 10 May 2012. Throughout this period the Scrutiny Committees have been fortunate to have received contributions from Members and Officers and would like to thank everyone for their contribution. 3. The Chairpersons of the five Scrutiny Committees have led on the development of Scrutiny Committees work during this period and full details are included in the attached "Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011-2012" 4. The current Scrutiny Champion was appointed by the Council when the previous Annual Report was submitted. 5. The Council is now requested to appoint a Scrutiny Champion from May 2012 to May 2013. The role of the Scrutiny Champion is not remunerated and he/she can either be an Executive or Non-Executive Member. The Scrutiny Champion's role is to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the Scrutiny function in and outside the Council • Support the continuing development of Scrutiny in the Council.

B - Considerations
Not Applicable

C – Implications and Impacts		
1	Finance / Section 151	None
2	Legal / Monitoring Officer	None
3	Human Resources	Not applicable
4	Property Services (see notes – separate document)	Not applicable
5	Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	Not applicable
6	Equality (see notes – separate document)	Not applicable
7	Anti-poverty and Social (see notes – separate document)	Not applicable
8	Communication (see notes – separate document)	Not applicable
9	Consultation (see notes – separate document)	Not applicable
10	Economic	Not applicable
11	Environmental (see notes – separate document)	Not applicable
12	Crime and Disorder	Not applicable

C – Implications and Impacts		
	(see notes – separate document)	
13	Outcome Agreements Not applicable	Not applicable

CH - Summary
<p>In due course the Council will need to consider how it will implement new legislation that impacts on the Scrutiny function. The Local Government Wales Measure will have to be implemented shortly and it will be necessary to establish a Democratic Services Committee and appoint a Head of Democratic Services. It is hoped that the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011-2012 will provide information in order to assist in the development and implementation of the new arrangements.</p> <p>Good and effective Scrutiny involves continued ownership and commitment from Members and Senior Officers and it is hoped that the Annual Report will also assist in this.</p>

D - Recommendation
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note and approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011 - 2012 . 2. To appoint a Scrutiny Champion from May 2012 to May 2013

Name of author of report: Scrutiny Team
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Appendix:
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011- 2012

Background papers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-engagement meetings June to August 2011- 10 outcomes for Scrutiny • Scrutiny WLGA Review of Anglesey Scrutiny, August 2011 – 17 Recommendations • Scrutiny Performance data via Ffynnon 2011-12 • Individual Scrutiny Committee working papers including; agenda, papers & committee minutes.



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

ANNUAL REPORT

May 2011-May 2012



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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (Scrutiny Committees) must report annually to the full Council.
- 1.2 The current Scrutiny Committees structure was agreed by the full Council on the 11 May 2010. This report summarises the work undertaken by the Council's five Scrutiny Committees from May 2011 to May 2012.
- 1.3 On the 18 March 2011 the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government appointed five Commissioners to take responsibility for the Executive decision making functions of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.
- 1.4 The Commissioners continue to exercise the responsibilities reserved to the Executive but have followed a process of gradual re-engagement with a Shadow Executive (appointed by the Council Leader) and other Non-Executive Members.
- 1.5 The five Scrutiny Committees continue to operate in the Council.
- 1.6 A Member of the Shadow Executive cannot be a Member of a Scrutiny Committee

2. WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

- 2.1 Scrutiny Committees form part of the way in which Local Government in Wales operates. As well as the establishment of a decision making Executive the Local Government Act 2000 required the establishment of one or more Scrutiny Committees to hold the Executive to account and play a role in assisting in policy development and review.
- 2.2 At the Isle of Anglesey the Overview and Scrutiny function is undertaken by:
 - 1) The Corporate Scrutiny Committee
 - 2) The Housing and Social Services Scrutiny Committee
 - 3) The Economic Development, Tourism and Property Scrutiny Committee
 - 4) The Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee
 - 5) The Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee
- 2.3 To be a Member of a Scrutiny Committee has been described as "*potentially the most exciting element of the entire local government modernisation process*".¹

¹ Snape. S., Leach. S. and Copus. C. (2002), *The Development of Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government*, ODPM, p13

- 2.4 It should be noted that no Member may be involved in scrutinising a decision with which they have been directly involved.
- 2.5 The aims of the Scrutiny Committees are to:
- Promote open and transparent decision making and to hold the decision takers to account in a constructive manner.
 - Support the Council in achieving its vision for the county and its strategic aims and priorities.
 - Promote continuous improvement, best practice and innovation with the services, functions and policies which the Council has responsibility for or influence over.
- 2.6 It is important to be aware that Scrutiny Committees are not decision making bodies but rather bodies which can make recommendations to those that are. However, there are more Scrutiny Members than Shadow Executive Members and it should be noted that they have a significant influence on how the Council operates.
- 2.7 The Scrutiny Committees can undertake their work in one of the following ways
- Consider a topic during a formal meeting.
 - Consider a topic over a longer period of time by establishing a Scrutiny Review Panel.
 - Conduct informal sessions on a particular matter.
 - Undertake site visits.
- 2.8 The Committees have established a number of Scrutiny Review Panels (Please see Appendix 3).
- 2.9 Request for items to be included in a Scrutiny Committee Work Programme can come from any Member or citizen but it is important to bear in mind that the Committees can not investigate individual complaints. Furthermore, as Scrutiny Committees have limited resources a test of significance is in place (which is conducted by the chairperson and Scrutiny Manager) to assist in planning the Committee's work.
- 2.10 The Committees also responded, as soon as their work programme permitted, to requests from the Council and if it considered it appropriate the Executive to review particular areas of Council activity. Where they did so, the Committees report their findings and any recommendations back to the Executive and/or Council.

3 SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE

3.1 An Annual Report is an account of stewardship for a given period and concentrates the mind on what has been achieved and what needs to be done. The Council has agreed to move forward in a more modern business like way by accepting implementation of a Performance Management Framework (PMF). It is this catalyst which has driven Scrutiny to use its newly set up Performance Indicators, which were established the same time as the new team started during November 2010, to govern scrutiny's way forward.

Indicator Title	Target (Q) – Quarterly (A) – Annually	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	End of year
% of attendance of Committee Members at Scrutiny Committee	80% (Q)	69% ↓	76% ↑	78% ↑	75% ↓	75%
Attendance of Chairs and Vice Chairs at briefing meetings	95% (Q)	90% ↓	100% ↑	100% ↔	100% ↔	98%
The % of Scrutiny Committee recommendations approved by the Board of Commissioners	90% (Q)	100% ↑	100% ↔	100% ↔	100% ↔	100%
No of meetings held between Director/Head of Service & Scrutiny Officers in relation to Scrutiny Work Plans	90% (Q)	90% ↓	100% ↑	100% ↔	100% ↔	98%
No of types of items on agenda: Consultative	5 (A)	11 ↑	13 ↑	8 ↓	16 ↑	48
No of types of items on agenda: Monitoring	5 (A)	11 ↑	9 ↓	9 ↔	3 ↓	32
No of types of items on agenda: Investigative	5 (A)	1 ↓	4 ↑	2 ↓	3 ↑	10
No of types of items on agenda: Pre-Scrutiny	5 (A)	2 ↑	4 ↑	9 ↑	6 ↓	21
% of Members attendance at Scrutiny Development Sessions	95% (Q)	78% ↓	68% ↓	n/a	n/a	73%
No of items of the Scrutiny Agendas from the Improvement Plan (Total)	5 (A)	0 ↓	0 ↔	0 ↔	11 ↑	11

Indicator Title	Target (Q) – Quarterly (A) – Annually	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	End of year
No of Scrutiny Reviews (Task and Finish Groups) held per annum (Total)	5 (A)	0 ↓	1 ↑	4 ↑	0 ↓	5
No of citizens/community groups involved in Scrutiny per annum	n/a	51	2	258	8	319
No of visits to Scrutiny WebPages	n/a	2,982	1,650	2,957	2,600	10,189

3.2 From the above Performance Indicators one disappointing performing area is Scrutiny Member attendance. However, as with all quantitative performance data, further qualitative data should be taken into account to get behind and understand the information. The Scrutiny Manager has listened to Scrutiny Members' concerns at the increasing number of meetings they are required to attend and the increasing demands placed upon them by the implementation of the Local Government Wales Measure. In essence Scrutiny Members will retain their ward and County work but are being encouraged to have more involvement in a community role at sub-regional and regional levels.

3.3 Both these elements then give a basis for future focus in Scrutiny, such as programming in Member development, as before any topic is scrutinised it needs to be understood first. Scrutiny Members will need to understand the differing service delivery methods (e.g. commissioning, sub-regional and regional partnership working). In due course the Scrutiny Structure will need to change to build capacity to continue to scrutinise internally the new quarterly performance / financial reporting and also the new external scrutiny of public sector bodies (e.g. Health and Fire Services and the new Police and Crime Commissioner) to account and prepare for 'Joint Scrutiny' with our neighbouring scrutiny members.

3.4 The Scrutiny Performance Indicators also show that Scrutiny Committees have an oversupply of items coming forward from the Directorates regarding consultation. Scrutiny is not a clearing house and we should not be using its limited capacity to note reports. Next year the Committees will try to achieve a better balance of items on the scrutiny agendas. Some consultative reports will need to be received for information rather than taking up the place of more important performance / financial monitoring, investigative and pre-scrutiny items. Scrutiny is not currently sufficiently focused on outcomes or holding the Commissioners and Shadow Executive to account. It is important that Scrutiny Committees Work Programmes are aligned to:

- The Shadow Executive/Commissioners Forward Work Programme.
- The Corporate priorities
- The Community plan.

3.5 The Council also needs to consider how it will implement new legislation that impacts on the Scrutiny function. Clear opportunities now exist to achieve more effective Overview and Scrutiny and the Council needs to ensure that it can position itself in order to achieve this potential. This will involve continued ownership and commitment from Members and senior officers, in shaping further development and innovation.

4. SCRUTINY MILESTONES

4.1 Over the last 12 months, the Scrutiny function on Anglesey has achieved a number of important milestones that have helped to establish more rigorous, proactive Scrutiny. These milestones include:

- **WLGA Light Touch Review** – In our quest for continued improvement, the Scrutiny function invited the WLGA to undertake a Light Touch review in June 2011. The outcome of this review was 17 recommendations which will help strengthen Scrutiny on Anglesey.
- **Scrutiny Newsletter** – The Scrutiny team developed a newsletter, which was distributed during the Corporate Business Plan Consultation Sessions. The Newsletter gives members of the public important information regarding Scrutiny's role within the Authority, and the important work that is undertaken by non-executive Members on behalf of their public.
- **Scrutiny Website** – The Authority's Scrutiny web pages have been refreshed, and now include information about the various Scrutiny Committees and their work.
- **Scrutiny handbook** – Non-Executive Members were provided with a dedicated handbook which provided a wealth of information relating to their roles as Scrutiny Members.
- **Training** – During 2011 / 2012, the Scrutiny Unit delivered a number of training sessions to non-executive Members. These ranged from Budget Scrutiny Training, to Commissioning, to Best Practices in Scrutiny Review Panels. Although the specific aims of the individual sessions varied, the underlying goal was to develop Member's knowledge in a range of different areas, thus helping to improve overall effectiveness of Scrutiny within the Authority.
- **Budget Scrutiny Handbook** – Alongside the training that was delivered to Members during the year, a Budget Scrutiny Handbook was developed, which included a number of best practices from Local Authorities across the UK. This handbook suggests a model for Budget Scrutiny based on these best practices, and although this model was not fully implemented in 2011 / 2012, it is the exemplar which we will strive to achieve in 2012 / 2013.
- **Communication strategy** – The Communication strategy was developed in order to raise the profile of Scrutiny both internally and externally as a means of improving its effectiveness.

The achievements above have all contributed towards improving the effectiveness of the Scrutiny function, and serve to demonstrate the positive contributions that have been made by both Members and Officers towards strengthening Scrutiny on Anglesey.

5. SCRUTINY ENGAGEMENT

- 5.1 The views and ideas of the public and other organisations with an interest in a topic under consideration are valuable in effective Scrutiny.
- 5.2 Best practice Scrutiny normally involves Members working with local people and organisations to provide effective and responsive services.
- 5.3 Scrutiny Committees will meet in public (except in circumstances where confidential matters are to be discussed) and the dates, location of the meetings and the forward work programmes are available on the Council's web site at <http://www.anglesey.gov.uk>
- 5.4 Partners and outside agencies may also be invited to attend Scrutiny Committees to enable the Committee to seek their views and observations on issues affecting the delivery of corporate objectives.
- 5.5 To find out more about Scrutiny in Anglesey or to give your views please contact the Scrutiny Team at:













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6. Scrutiny Committees

6.1 Corporate Scrutiny Committee

6.1.1 Committee Membership 2011-12

	Name	Ward	Political Party		Name	Ward	Political Party
	Cllr Selwyn Williams (Chair)	Tysilio	Llais I Fôn		Cllr Eric Roberts (Vice Chair)	Trearddur	Original Independents
	Cllr Eurfryn Davies	Cwm Cadnant	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Derlwyn Hughes	Moelfre	Original Independents
	Cllr William Hughes	Bodffordd	Plaid Cymru		Cllr William T Hughes	Llanbadrig	Original Independents
	Cllr Dylan Jones	Amlwch Port	Labour		Cllr Eric Jones	Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog	Original Independents
	Cllr Peter Rogers	Rhosyr	Unaffiliated		Cllr Hefin Wyn Thomas	Pentraeth	Unaffiliated
	Cllr Ieuan Williams	Brynteg	Unaffiliated		Cllr John Penri Williams	Gwyngyll	Plaid Cymru

CASE STUDY – 2012-13 CORPORATE BUDGET

As part of the 2012 / 2013 Budget Setting Consultation Exercise, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee presented their observations and feedback to the Board of Commissioners on 20 February 2012, and suggested areas to consider prior to submitting the final 2012-2013 Budget to the Full Council.

The Welsh Government's Budget for 2012 / 2013 was set at a time of unprecedented economic upheaval, and as a result Anglesey received a 1.2% reduction in final Aggregate External Finance (AEF) for the financial year 2012 / 2013.

The Commissioners Draft Budget and Strategy Statement provided some specific guidance as to what they wanted Scrutiny to consider as part of the budget consultation process. They were:

- The policy aims on paragraph 5 of their report;
- Providing protection and 1% uplift to schools (paragraph 3.3 of their report);
- Providing protection and 1% uplift to social services (paragraph 3.3 of their report);
- Income efficiency savings, need to be above the rate of inflation
- Assumptions in relation to inflation and other risks;
- Way forward on HR issues;
- Initial views on the level of Council Tax;
- Initial views on reserves and balances.

It was these broad themes that made up Scrutiny's response to the 2012 / 2013 budget.

The Scrutiny Committees gathered information from both the individual Services and the Finance Department to determine the real challenges and opportunities surrounding Authority's budget for 2012 / 2013.





In order to ensure an open and transparent process, each of the Scrutiny Committee's observations were collated and were presented to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, who then brought together the information in the form of a collective Scrutiny report. This ensured that the comments of all the respective Committees would be incorporated into the report.

As a result of the overall assessment that took place, Scrutiny identified 12 main recommendations, and 3 supplementary recommendations. These recommendations were reported to the Board of Commissioners by the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Selwyn Williams, on 20 February 2012, and the Commissioners took these recommendations into account when finalizing their budget.

6.2 Housing and Social Services Scrutiny Committee

6.2.1 Committee Membership 2011-12

	Cllr John Penri Williams (Chair)	Gwynnyll	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Dylan Jones (Vice Chair)	Amlwch Port	Labour
	Cllr William T Hughes	Llanbadrig	Original Independents		Cllr Eric Jones	Llanfihang el Ysgeifiog	Original Independents
	Cllr J V Owen	Parc a'r Mynydd	Original Independents		Cllr R L Owen	Beaumaris	Original Independents
	Cllr Lewis Davies	Llangoed	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Robert Lloyd Hughes	Bodorgan	Llais I Fon
	Cllr Elwyn Schofield	LLannerch -y-medd	Unaffiliated				

CASE STUDY- HOW THE COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTED TO SCRUTINY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee undertook its primary role of scrutiny by considering numerous and varied items at its formal Committee meetings throughout the year. A schedule of items considered and outcomes can be seen in Appendix 2 to this report.

As well as considering items at its formal meetings the Committee also set up two Service Review Panels to look in detail at the following:

- The Director of Social Services Annual Report (Year 2)
- Fees and Charges in Adult Social Services

The work undertaken by the two Panels involved Members meeting relevant officers on a regular basis in order to investigate matters arising. The work of the two Panels ultimately led to the Committee agreeing to recommend to the Commissioners that the finalised reports on these matters be accepted in full.

Throughout the year the Committee has sought to add value and contribute to several policy development areas in a constructive manner. The Committee has considered such diverse matters as the development of the Older People Strategy through to the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme.

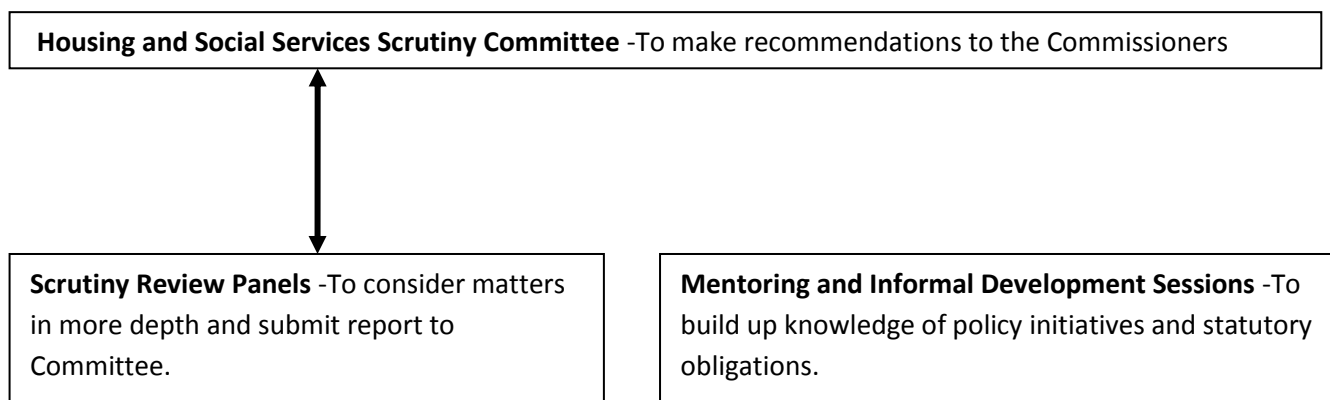
In order to gain a better understanding of issues involved in the development of the Older People Strategy the Scrutiny Committee undertook site visits to Penucheldre (extra care housing development) in Holyhead and the Age Well Centre in Amlwch.

The Committee has also sought to work alongside our officers in order to develop an approach that increases Members knowledge of ongoing policy initiatives and statutory obligations. To date this has included having in place an:

- Adult Services Mentoring Group – Has met on seven occasions to increase understanding of various matters.





- Informal Development Sessions for all Committee Members- Has met on two occasions to receive information on :
 - Mental Health Issues
 - Safe Recruitment
 - Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults
 - Safeguarding of Vulnerable Children

The arrangements can be summarised as follows:



6.3 Economic Development Tourism and Property Scrutiny Committee

6.3.1 Committee Membership 2011-12

	Cllr John V Owen (Chair)	Parc A'r Mynydd	Original Independents		Cllr Elwyn Schofield (Vice Chair)	Llanerch-Y-Medd	Unaffiliated
	Cllr Richard Dew	Rhosneigr	Llais I Fôn		Cllr Barrie Durkin	Llanbedrgoch	Unaffiliated
	Cllr Clifford Everett	Holyhead Town	Labour		Cllr Aled Morris Jones	Llaneilian	Original Independents
	Cllr Rhian Medi	Cyngar	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Gareth Winston Roberts OBE	Rural Amlwch	Original Independents
	Cllr John Penri Williams	Gwyngyll	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Selwyn Williams	Tysilio	Llais I Fôn

CASE STUDY – SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL EFFICIENCY OF INCOME FROM LAUNCHING AND REGISTRATION FEES

In response to the receipt of a Member's request for an item to be considered for Overview and Scrutiny form, the **Economic Development, Tourism and Property Scrutiny Committee** established a Scrutiny Review Panel to investigate the Council's Maritime Launching & Registration Scheme.

A Scrutiny 'Test of Significance' form was completed, and after careful consideration, the Economic Development, Tourism & Property Scrutiny Committee resolved to establish a Panel to investigate the issue further.

The following Elected Members made up the membership of the Panel:

- Cllr John V Owen (as Chair of the Economic Development, Tourism & Property Scrutiny Committee)
- Cllr Richard Dew
- Cllr Eric Roberts (Co-opted as the member who initially raised the issue)
- Cllr Selwyn Williams

The main focus of this Panel was on service user experience for both local users and visitors, and the Panel felt that it was appropriate to review the service provided with a view to improving the user experience, and to expand the investigations so as to cover some of the services offered to tourists

The Panel met a number of times over a six month period, and took account of a number of areas of investigation. The Panel gathered evidence by questioning key members of the Maritime staff, and garnered public perception of the service by distributing questionnaires at selected launching sites across the Island.













As a result of their investigations, the Panel were able to draw a number of relevant conclusions in line with their terms of reference. For example, the Panel concluded that the launching & registration service operates effectively and within an ever decreasing budget. Furthermore, the Panel commended the discount offered by the Authority, since it was in keeping with the original reason for establishing the scheme, and encourages boat owners to undertake sufficient powerboat handling training and gain the qualification, in the interests of improving safety on the waterways.

Following analysis of the questionnaires, it was striking how many service users returned to Anglesey to launch from a slipway that they had used before. The most apparent concern related to the ease of parking for service users, and the associated costs, and the Panel's recommendations sought to address these issues.

6.4 Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee

6.4.1 Committee Membership 2011-12

	Cllr Derlwyn Hughes (Chair)	Moelfre	Original Independents		Cllr Jim Evans (Vice Chair)	Braint	Original Independents
	Cllr Dylan Jones	Amlwch Port	Labour		Cllr Eric Roberts	Trearddur	Original Independents
	Cllr Ieuan Williams	Brynteg	Unaffiliated		Cllr Richard Dew	Rhosneigr	Llais i Fon
	Cllr Lewis Davies	Llangoed	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Gwilym O Jones	Llanfair yn Neubwll	Original Independents
	Cllr Robert Ll. Jones	Porthyfelin	Unaffiliated		Cllr Fflur Hughes	Cefni	Plaid Cymru

CASE STUDY – YSGOL Y BUDGET ALLOCATION

During the full County Council meeting held on 8th March, 2011 a discussion was held on the budget allocation for the fiscal year 2011/12. During the discussion which followed an amendment to the Budget was considered whereby an addition was made at Clause 1(g) of the draft resolution to the following effect:



“To ask the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee as part of their 2011 work programme to review the budget allocation between school sectors with special

reference to Ysgol y Bont, with a view to implementation of any change in the 2012-13 budget, and in the meantime that the Council will transfer the sum of £70k on a one-off basis in 2011-12 from the general reserves to Ysgol y Bont...”

At its meeting of Wednesday 9th March, 2011 the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee agreed that the issue was one of significance and should therefore be investigated thoroughly by a Scrutiny Review Panel in order to provide the best possible recommendations for future years.

The Scrutiny Review Panel consisted of:

- Cllr Trefor Lloyd Hughes;
- Cllr Richard Dew;
- Cllr Eric Roberts;
- Cllr Fflur Hughes

With additional support from the Scrutiny Link and Support Officer, the Head of Service (Education) and a number of Officers from the Authority's Finance Department.

The aims of the Panel were:

- To consider the current budgetary situation within Ysgol y Bont i.e. balances, under/overspend etc. and identify whether there was an actual need for an additional sum of money to be allocated;
- To make recommendations on better management of the budget allocation

At the conclusion of its investigation the Scrutiny Review Panel identified that without the guarantee of any grant funding being received during the year, an additional funding allocation of £70,000 from the Local Authority was required for 2011/12 based on indicative figures. However, it was accepted that according to historical trends in monies remaining at the end of each year, that this deficit could potentially be transformed into a surplus.

Following the presentation of the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee's report on the Ysgol y Bont 2011-12 Budget Allocation to the Board of Commissioners on the 9th January, 2012 it was disclosed by the Head of Service (Finance) that a surplus was now predicted on the schools' balances for 2011/12. With this new information at hand, mainly due to the time period between the conclusion of the investigation and the report's presentation to the Board of Commissioners, all parties are in agreement that the £70,000 additional funding allocated to the school was, in hindsight, **not** required.










The Panel also made the following recommendation subsequently approved by the Board of Commissioners on the 16th March, 2012:

Further investigation is required by the Education Department on the funding formula used by other Local Authorities across North Wales when allocating funding to their special schools. Further collaboration with neighbouring local authorities in North Wales required in relation to developing a new funding formula.

All recommendation made will be monitored for progress during 2012/13.

6.5 Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee

6.5.1 Committee Membership 2011-12

	Cllr Keith Evans (Chair)	Cadnant	Unaffiliated		Cllr Richard L Owen (Vice Chair)	Beaumaris	Original Independents
	Cllr William T Hughes	Llanbadrig	Original Independents		Cllr Eric Roberts	Trearddur	Original Independents
	Cllr Rhian Medi	Cyngar	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Raymond Jones	London Road	Labour Party
	Cllr Lewis Davies	Llangoed	Plaid Cymru		J Arwel Roberts	Morawelon	Labour Party
	Cllr Selwyn Williams	Tysilio	Llais I Fôn				

CASE STUDY – SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL – FUTURE PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION ON ANGLESEY

Following an agenda item relating to the future of public toilet provision on Anglesey during their meeting held on the 14th June, 2011 the Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee agreed to convene a Scrutiny Review Panel to carry out an in-depth investigation into the options available to the Authority in meeting its set target of saving £30,000 annually from the public conveniences budget whilst not having a detrimental effect on the lives of the public.



The Scrutiny Review Panel consisted of:

- Cllr Keith Evans;
- Cllr Richard L Owen;
- Cllr Eric Roberts;
- Cllr William T Hughes

With additional support from the Scrutiny Link and Support Officer, the Head of Service (Highways and Waste Management) and a number of Officers from the Waste Management section.

The Panel aimed to assist with the process of conducting an evaluation of the current level of provision ensuring that they were fit for purpose and located at the necessary locations. Indeed, the investigation aimed to identify whether too much provision is currently being provided in certain locations.

It was apparent that the provision of public toilets is one that can cause anxiety to a proportion of the public i.e. the elderly, the disabled etc. With this in mind the Panel needed to review all available evidence of current usage of the public toilets, cross referencing it against other locally available provision. Although a sensitive subject and one that was bound to cause a stir amongst the public were any decision to be made to close some toilet blocks it was a task which had been set under the Authority's Affordable Priorities Programme and had to be addressed accordingly.

When carrying out the review it was important that the Panel kept in mind that the provision and maintenance of toilets in public places is at the discretion of local authorities who have the power, under section 87 of the Public Health Act 1936, to provide public conveniences, but no duty to do so. Whether or not an authority chooses to provide these facilities is at their discretion, and has to be considered in relation to other local service demands.

There are costs attached to providing public toilets. Revenue streams are needed not only to cover basic cleaning and maintenance, but also rates, electricity, water supply, and sewage treatment. Older toilets may, as the condition survey identifies, need to be upgraded to meet modern health and safety legislation, and to make them fully accessible. At the same time evidence from various studies suggests that people increasingly prefer to use toilets in managed building such as shopping centres.

Local Authority toilets therefore risk falling into a cycle of decline where low usage e.g. for toilets located in remote or secluded areas; creates an atmosphere of neglect, discouraging public use for the purpose intended and attracting anti-social behaviour, graffiti and criminal damage, which in turn increase maintenance costs. A situation where maintenance costs are high or rising, and public use is falling, is not sustainable

At the culmination of the Panel's review of public toilet provision on Anglesey, shortlists was prepared and seven potential locations for closure were identified. These were: Brynsiencyn, Cemaes High Street, Penrhos Beach (Holyhead), South Stack (Holyhead), Llanerchymedd, Menai Bridge Pier and Newborough. In addition to this shortlist there were a further two public toilets which have been closed since 2009 and 2007 respectively – Dinorben Square (Amlwch) and Victoria Square (Holyhead).

On 9th January 2012, Anglesey's Board of Commissioners approved the above closures providing revenue savings to the Authority of circa **£32,471.14**. Further approval was given to the recommendation to sell the assets or failing this seek to demolish the building bringing the total annual saving to the Authority up to **£60,381.03**.

APPENDIX 1 - Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference

NAME OF COMMITTEE	TERMS OF REFERENCE
<p>1) CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (12 Members)</p> <p>Plus Co-opted members (with a right to vote)when dealing with education matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best use of staff, finance and property - Corporate policy - Community strategy - Complaints - Corporate budget process and monitoring - Financial and administrative systems - Health and Safety - ICT - Improvement Plan and monitoring - Internal support services - Language Scheme - Outcome agreements. - Performance monitoring - Power to call-in - Service innovation and collaboration - Strategic partnership governance - Workforce skills
<p>2) HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-poverty - Benefits - Care and personal support service - Community regeneration - Disadvantaged persons - Equality of opportunity - Healthy living - Housing - J.E. O'Toole Centre - Monitoring Suite (Gofal Môn and CCTV) - Protection of vulnerable people - Quality of life - Social Services
<p>3) EDUCATION AND LEISURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members)</p> <p>PLUS Church and parent governor representatives in accordance with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archive, library and museums - Culture - Education - Lifelong Learning - Môn Training - Sports and leisure facilities

paragraph 8-11 of Schedule 1 to the Local Government Act 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Youth and Community Services
4) ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Crime Prevention and statutory Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee – Emergency Planning – Environmental Health – Environmental Stewardship – Highways (including roads, streets, bridges, car parks, public access) – Land Use Planning – Licensing – Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths – Sea Defence and Maritime – Sustainability – Trading Standards – Transportation – Waste Management and Recycling
5) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND PROPERTY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 Members)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Indigenous and local businesses – Infrastructure re: economic regeneration funding – Inward investment – Promotion of economic regeneration – Property and Asset management – Tourism – Workforce skills (Island wide)

Within their terms of reference the Scrutiny Committees will:

- Review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council’s functions;
- Make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council and/or the Executive and/or any Joint or Area Committee in connection with the discharge of any functions;
- Consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants;
- Exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive and/or any Area Committees [**N.B Please note that the power to call - in a decision is limited to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and should be used sparingly as it can delay implementation of policy**] ; and
- Carry out reviews under the Welsh Programme for Improvement of the functions within its area of activity and report via the Executive to the Council.

With regard to its policy development and review role the Scrutiny Committees may:

- Assist the Council and the Executive in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues;
- Conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
- Consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- Question members of the Executive and/or committees and Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting the area; and
- Liaise with other external organisations operating in the area, whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

With regard to its scrutiny role the Scrutiny Committees may:

- Review and scrutinise the decisions made by and performance of the Executive and / or Committees and Council Officers both in relation to individual decisions and over time;
- Review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
- Question members of the Executive and/or Committees and Chief Officers about their decisions and performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
- Make recommendations to the Executive and/or appropriate Committee and / or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- Review and scrutinise the performance of other public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Scrutiny Committee and local people about their activities and performance; and
- Question and gather evidence from any person (with his/her consent).

APPENDIX 2 - SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULES

Corporate Scrutiny Committee			
Date	Topic	Outcome-Recommendation	Saving
9 May 2011	Performance Management & Ffynnon	No Formal Recommendations	£0
	Human Resources Update	Agreed that the protocol for of presenting documents prepared by outside bodies to Committees in bi-lingual format be discussed with the Policy and Strategy Manager	£0
22 June 2011	Position Statement on Risk Management	Resolved:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to support version 1 of the Draft Strategy subject to it being amended so as to clearly differentiate between internal threats and external weaknesses and thereafter submitted to the Board of Commissioners; to amend paragraph 2, section 6.1 of the Scrutiny Support and Link Officer's report to read from " <i>Scrutiny must have a role..</i>" to "<i>Scrutiny will have a role....</i>"; that the Service Risk Registers be scrutinised by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis; 	£0
	Quarterly Performance Monitoring	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to review the format of Performance Reports and to provide in depth information on the Statistical information included in the reports; to identify whether the figure relates to a Risk issue or to Under Performance; that this Committee refers particular areas of concern to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee for further deliberation and to identify corrective actions taken by Officers; 	£0
	North Wales Partnership Review	Resolved to accept the report and note the contents together with the comments made at the meeting.	£0
	Welsh Language Scheme	Resolved to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accept the Officer's report and the Monitoring Report to the Welsh Language Board for 2010/11; request the Translation Service Manager to submit a short written report to the next meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Meeting on how the Council can assist the translation section and service and that the report include information from a 	£0

		financial aspect;	
28 July 2011	Outcome Agreements	Resolved to support the recommendation contained within the Officer's report together with the comments outlined above being actioned as formal recommendations by the Committee.	£0
	Community Engagement Strategy	Resolved that the Scrutiny Link and Support Officer collate Members' comments (including contacting those not present at the meeting to allow them the opportunity to participate and comment on the Strategy) and that the Officer prepare a report, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee for submission to the Head of Service (Policy) for inclusion as part of the Council's response to the Board of Commissioners.	£0
29 Sept 2011	2010 / 2011 Performance Reporting	No Formal Recommendation	£0
	Q1 Performance Reporting	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to endorse the six recommendation put forward to the Commissioners Board meeting on 5 September; • that measures on how to deal with non compliance with corporate policies should be added to those recommendations; • in relation to the report's Recommendation 4, which made reference to the Commissioner's ten priorities, the Committee would like to receive notice of these in Scrutiny as soon as possible; • Scrutiny's' overall comments on the report was that its format was good; however, small issues could improve its understanding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ colour printing does not show in the agenda copies thus the capital letters R, A & G to represent the colour should be included in the improvement boxes and ○ the paragraphs and pages should be numbered to enable ease in Committee debate; 	£0
	Authority Sickness Absence April – July 2011	Resolved to note the progress made and that a further report be submitted to this Committee in six months time, from the Human Resources Services Manager, allowing some bedding in time for all the improvement changes reported for managing sickness.	£0
20 Oct 2011	Our Council, Your Contribution – Shaping Corporate Priorities 2012 –	It was Resolved that the above amendments and suggestions be forwarded to the Policy Unit for inclusion into the Corporate Priorities consultation.	£0

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10 Nov 2011	Budget 2012 / 2013	The Chairman thanked the Commissioners for attending the meeting and for their valued input and Resolved to note the report.	£0
	Performance Management Framework	The Committee Resolved to approve the Corporate Planning and Performance Management Framework and recommend its adoption by the Board of Commissioners on 14th November and that adequate resources (from a staffing, IT and finance perspective) be made available to drive the framework forward.	£0
6 Dec 2011	Budget Strategy 2012 / 2013	Following a lengthy discussion, it was Resolved to :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the comments made by Members; • that following the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 31st January 2012, the Scrutiny Manager and Scrutiny Link and Support Officer will prepare a report encompassing the views of all the Scrutiny Committees regarding the budget proposals for submission to the Commissioners; • that the Chief Executive responds, in due course, to Members' concerns regarding the number of Consultants/Agency Staff employed by the Council; • that Councillors W.I.Hughes, P.Rogers and H.Thomas meet with the Scrutiny Link and Support Officer to discuss issues of concern in relation to the Council's Smallholdings Estate; 	£0
	Quarterly Performance Monitoring	Resolved to accept the report, note the comments made by Members and ensure appropriate action is taken where necessary.	£0
	Legal Services Collaboration Project	Resolved to accept the report and to receive a progress report on the project in three month's time.	£0
12 Jan 2012	Strategic Risk Management	Resolved:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to note the report and the Officer's comments; • to welcome the opportunity for Members of this Committee to attend a Workshop together with Members of the Audit Committee so as to gain further understanding with regard to the Risk Register; 	£0
31 Jan 2012	Budget 2012 / 2013	It was Resolved to accept the report, and to allow the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to review the information received from the other respective Scrutiny	£0

		Committees and to prepare a report to the Board of Commissioners, which will include Scrutiny's recommendations in relation to the Budget Proposal 2012-2013. It was further Resolved to request that a Base Budget Review is undertaken, and that the Corporate Scrutiny Committee play a pivotal role in such an exercise.	
	Draft Corporate Business Plan	Resolved to accept the report.	£0
	Revising the Welsh Language Scheme	Resolved to accept the report and to note that the Welsh Language Scheme will be discussed by the Board of Commissioners on 20 February, and thereafter submitted for adoption to the full County Council on 6 March, 2012.	£0
	The Council's Draft Strategic Equalities Plan 2012 – 2016	Resolved to accept the report and to note that the Draft Strategic Equality Plan will be discussed by the Board of Commissioners on 20 February, and thereafter submitted for adoption to the full County Council on 6 March, 2012.	£0
16 Feb 2012	Partnerships Rationalisation Review	Members Resolved:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to accept the proposed model in principle; • to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee as the representatives of this Council on the Task or Project Group; • that Councillor R. Dylan Jones be elected as a reserve Member in the event of the Chair or Vice Chair being unable to attend a meeting of the Group; 	£0

Economic Development, Tourism & Property Scrutiny Committee			
Date	Item	Outcome-Recommendation	Savings
6 June 2011	Forward Work Programme	Following deliberations it was resolved that there is a need for follow-up reports and actions taken on topics raised by the Committee on a regular basis.	£0
19 July 2011	GeoMôn	It was resolved :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee outlining how GeoMôn could be supported in the future. • That the Acting Head of Economic Development take Lead Officer responsibility to try and assist the organisation further. 	£0
	Rural Development Plan	It was resolved :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That an update on RDP progress is made to this Committee in 12 months time and thereafter every six months. • That a report on the transfer of funds regarding the Holyhead Weightlifting Club be presented to the next meeting of this Committee. 	£0
	Smallholdings Energy Pilot Scheme	Resolved that a Task and Finish Panel be established to discuss the Smallholdings Energy Pilot Scheme to expedite matters; nominations to be submitted to the Scrutiny Officer as soon as possible and for the Chairman to initiate the terms of reference and meeting and report back to the Scrutiny Committee in due course.	£0
	Proposal for Restructuring Scrutiny	Resolved to accept the report to implement immediately the Pilot of quarterly parent Economic, Tourism and Property Scrutiny Committee(s) and 2 Scrutiny Panels running consecutively in between, with them reporting outcomes back to the parent Committee. One Panel topic already suggested from Item 6 – Smallholding Energy Pilot Scheme; other topics for the Panels to be sought and agreed as soon as possible from Committee members.	£0
22 Sept 2011	Potential Outcomes & Performance Measures (ESYS)	Resolved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That arrangements be made for the Committee to visit the economic developments schemes in Holyhead. • That the risk and exposure which are highlighted in the report are built into the Corporate Plan. • To review the resources available to the Economic Development Department 	£0

	Statement of Community Consultation	<p>specifically towards the Energy Island Project.</p> <p>It was reported that this item will be discussed at a Special Meeting of the County Council on 26 September, 2011 and it was resolved to recommend to the County Council as follows :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Horizon Nuclear Power undertake specific consultation with all employers, both on Anglesey and in the Arfon district in Gwynedd, to evaluate potential impacts and opportunities that could arise as a result of the new nuclear development at Wylfa; • That the Consultation Zones are amended so that the whole of Anglesey is included in Zone A, better reflecting the potential impact that the new nuclear development will have across the Island. <p>Additional recommendations, not associated with the SOCC can be summarised as :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That an independent language impact assessment is undertaken/commissioned by the County Council (whilst approaching the Welsh Government's Language Commissioner for advice, input and involvement). • That an independent housing stock impact assessment is commissioned. • That further work is undertaken on training and up skilling young people so that they are better prepared to take advantage of any potential opportunities that arise as a result of the new nuclear development. • That the local educational curriculums are encouraged to focus on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Subjects, and that there is a twin tack approach with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to ensure they play their part in the skills agenda. 	£0
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Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee

Date	Item	Outcome-Recommendation	Savings
7 June 2011	Member Nomination	It was resolved to nominate Councillor R.Dylan Jones to serve on the Corporate Parenting Panel.	£0
	Modernisation and Rationalisation of School Provision on Anglesey	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>To formally accept the Position Statement as presented, and to request the Board of Commissioners at its meeting to be held on 11 July, 2011, to formally adopt the Position Statement and an accompanying Policy Framework.</p> <p>To ask the Education Department –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a new policy framework for modernisation and rationalisation that reflects national priorities. • To provide an analysis of the current schools stock and to report back on the priorities and the cost implications of improvement. • To investigate the possibility of making better and enhanced community use of current resources including the provision of opportunities for utilising school establishments for lifelong learning. 	£0
	Special Educational Needs Provision Update	Resolved to accept the report and to note its contents.	£0
	Youth Service Self-Evaluation	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the Youth Service self-evaluation report and to note its contents. • That a self-evaluation report on the Youth Service be presented to this Scrutiny Committee annually for monitoring purposes. 	£0
	Libraries and Information Service Annual Report 2010-11 and Issues for the Future	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the report and to note its contents. • That a Task and Finish Panel of this Committee be established to support and facilitate a comprehensive consultation exercise on the future configuration and direction of the Library and Information Service. The Scrutiny Link and Support Officer to write to members of this Committee to seek nominations for membership of the Panel and to meet with the Chair and Officer to discuss terms of reference. 	£0

19 July 2011	Families First Grant (Children and Young People Partnership)	It was resolved to accept the report with the request that this Committee be provided with information illustrating in what ways the Families First programme improves on its predecessor, and what added value is derived from the projects funded under the programme.	£0
	Committee Forward Work Programme	It was resolved to note the Forward Work Programme. The Scrutiny Link and Support Officer to raise the possibility of providing the Committee with regular update reports on the Schools Modernisation and Rationalisation Programme with the Head of Service (Education).	£0
	Llangefni Municipal Golf Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was resolved to accept the recommendation of the report that outsourcing is reconsidered following a review of the Golf Course's performance at the end of 2011/12. • It was resolved to accept the recommendation of the report that in light of the recent upward turn in income generation, current arrangements remain with a further review to follow early in 2011/12. • It was resolved to accept the recommendation of the report and as outlined under Option 1 of section 3.2 to the report. • The Committee was also agreed in suggesting that the Leisure Service consider further strengthening its marketing strategy for the Municipal Golf Course to include special promotions and competitions. 	£0
16 Sept 2011	Annual Report on the Education Service	Resolved to accept the Annual Report on the Education Service and the recommendations therein and to note the matters raised during the discussion thereon.	£0
	Condition of the School Stock On Anglesey	Resolved to note the report with the proviso that further information is required in relation to the issues which the report covers.	
15 Nov 2011	LLais Ni Report	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the report and to record the Committee's support for the continuation of the Llais Ni Project. • To ask the Head of Service (Education) and the Principal Youth Officer to examine possible sources of funding for the Llais Ni Project from within current grant streams within the Education Department and to report back to this Committee. 	£0
	Scrutiny Review Panel- Ysgol y Bont Budget Allocation	To accept the report of the Scrutiny Review Panel and its recommendations, subject to a minor amendment to the wording of Clause 6.1 as noted, and to forward them to the	£0

		Board of Commissioners. That the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee be provided with regular updates on the outcome of the budget management meetings between the Education Accountant and the Headteacher of Ysgol y Bont.	
11 Jan 2012	Annual Report on the Education Service 2010-2011 Update	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report and to note the information presented. That a report in respect of the Welsh Government's new School Banding System be presented to a future meeting of this Committee. That the Committee as part of its Work Programme, gives consideration to ways of improving and facilitating the application process for Free School Meals in the context of establishing one stop shop for Council Benefits. 	£0
	Condition of the School Stock on Anglesey	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report and to note its contents. To support the approach outlined in the report to the Board of Commissioners meeting on 9 January as a starting point for the Schools Provision Modernisation Agenda. 	£0
	Broader Use of Anglesey Schools	Resolved to accept the report and to note its contents.	£0
27 Jan 2012	Consultation on the Council's Budget for 2012-2013: Commissioners' Statement and Budget Strategy	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the Budget proposals for 2012-13. To reaffirm the Committee's commitment to protecting schools and school budgets. To accept the proposals for achieving 5% savings within the Libraries and Information Services; Museums and Culture Services and Education Central Budgets as outlined in Appendix D to the report on the Initial Draft Revenue Budget for 2012-13. That in respect of Leisure Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To record the Committee's opposition to the closure of any Leisure resource or 	£0

		<p>facility, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recommend to the Board of Commissioners that savings within this service area be realised by exploring alternative means of provision and delivery such as by outsourcing or working in partnership and/or by reviewing operational hours. 	
	Draft Corporate Business Plan 2012-2013	Resolved to accept the draft Corporate Business Plan for 2012-15 and to note its contents and the observations made during the discussion thereon.	£0
13 Feb 2012	North Wales Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service (RESIS) –Full Business Case	Resolved to support the Definitive Business Case for the North Wales Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service (RSEIS).	£800,000 across North Wales
3 April 2012	The National Banding System for Schools	Resolved to accept the report and to note its contents	£0
	<i>Estyn Inpsection 21-25 May 2012</i>	Resolved to accept the report and to note its contents	£0
	<i>Scrutiny Review Panel: Draft Report - Library Service Review</i>	Resolved to request that the Review Panel meet to deliberate information that has come to light during the days prior to the Committee meeting	£0

Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee			
Date	Item	Outcome-Recommendation	Savings
10 May 2011	Joint Local Development Plan Anglesey And Gwynedd : Progress Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report and request that details of all the financial implications be afforded to the Committee in due course. That update reports on the Joint Planning Policy Unit will be submitted on a regular basis to this Committee in order to scrutinise progress. 	£0
	Interim Planning Policy (Housing In Rural Clusters)	<p>RESOLVED to recommend to the Board of Commissioners as follows :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report and the progress made in drawing up an Interim Planning Policy (Draft for Consultation). To recommend that the Interim Planning Policy be released for public consultation and discussion in order to seek the views of the public and other key stakeholders. That an update report is submitted to this Committee following the consultation period. 	£0
14 June 2011	Future Public Toilet Provision On Anglesey	<p>RESOLVED :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That a Scrutiny Review Panel be established to discuss the public conveniences on the Island in detail 	£0
	Waste Management Refuse And Recycling Rates	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report and to congratulate the Waste Management Section for their work. To request the Press Office to release a statement on behalf of this Committee, focusing on the success of the County Council in surpassing the recycling targets set by WAG. 	£0
	Community Safety Partnership Executive Group Minutes	Information only	£0
26 July 2011	Highways Asset Management Plan	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Scrutiny Committee accepts the Highways Asset Management Plan and thanked the Officers concerned for their work. To request the Communications Officer in consultation with the Highways Officer to prepare a Press Release to inform the public of the substantial asset the authority 	£0

		possesses in the highway network.	
	Delivery Agreement-Joint Anglesey And Gwynedd Local Development Plan	RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee supports the Delivery Plan in order that it be submitted for approval to the Commissioner with responsibility for Planning and subsequently to the full Council for adoption.	£0
	Outcome of Scrutiny Panel established to Review Measures Undertaken To Tackle Underage Drinking	RESOLVED to accept the report and that it be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for ratification.	£0
27 Sept 2011	Wylfa Nuclear New Build And Major Developments : Transport Position Statements	RESOLVED to accept the report.	£0
	Dog Fouling	RESOLVED :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the report and to thank the Officers for their work. • That a letter be sent to all the Town/Community Council together with a press release to be put on the Council's website and the local newspapers to inform the public that dog faeces can now be put in the general waste bins. • That the Officers discuss further the possibility of getting other services involved in the enforcement of dog fouling. 	£0
	Progress Report By The Scrutiny Review Panel-Future Provision Of Public Toilets In Anglesey	RESOLVED to agree that the Waste Management Section releases an advertisement seeking declaration of interest from the public/private developers on any of the locations identified on the shortlist of potential closures.	£0
24 October 2011	Interim Planning Policy-Housing in Rural Clusters	RESOLVED to accept the report and that the observations made by the Committee be reported to the Board of Commissioners prior to submission to Full Council.	£0
	Supplementary Planning Guidance- Design Guide For The Urban And Rural Environment	RESOLVED to accept the report and to note that it will be submitted to the Full Council in due course.	£0

	Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance-Onshore Wind Energy	RESOLVED to accept the report and advise the Commissioner responsible for Planning of the comments of this Committee and to seek his approval to consult with the general public on the draft supplementary guidance.	£0
	Progress Report Future Public Toilet Provision On Anglesey	RESOLVED : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report and to await the findings of the Scrutiny Review Panel in due course. That the Review Panel will consult with the Economic Development, Tourism and Property Scrutiny Committee when finalising its report. That the Waste Management Section reviews the signage currently in operation, identifying businesses that are part of the Community Toilet Scheme. 	£0
5 Dec 2011	Outcome of Scrutiny Panel established to Review Future Public Toilet Provision On Anglesey	RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Review Panel's report be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for consideration, incorporating the comments made by this Committee as noted above, with any further objections or information to the contrary of the Panel's recommendations to be made direct to the Board of Commissioners. [Revenue savings estimated at circa £30,000 per annum. Total saving including additional costs i.e. NNDR etc. gives a total annual saving of circa £60,000]	£60,000
	Scrutiny Of Crime And Disorder Protocol	RESOLVED to adopt the protocol for the forthcoming year.	£0
	Ynys Mon Community Safety-Annual Partnership Plan	RESOLVED to accept the report and request that a letter be sent from the Board of Commissioners stating their dismay at the tardiness in approval of grant funding which is in turn having a detrimental effect on the ability of agencies on Anglesey to implement their initiatives.	£0
	Substance Misuse Annual Report	RESOLVED to note the Annual Report and that an update be provided by the Community Safety Co-ordinator (for information only) on the results of any substance misuse data captured for Anglesey.	£0
	Community Safety Grant Funding 2011-2012	RESOLVED to note the report and that the Member of Parliament, Mr. Albert Owen be approached to investigate the lack of funding for the IDVA Grant.	£0
24 January	Consultation On the Council's Budget For 2012-2013-	RESOLVED :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the draft proposals in respect of the 2012/13 budget but concerns were 	£0

2012	Commissioners Statement And Budget Strategy	expressed that the repair and maintenance budget is to be cut. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the authority should be proactive in submitting press releases, to inform the public where grant funding has been achieved for new schemes. 	
	Draft Corporate Business Plan	RESOLVED to accept the report.	£0
5 March 2012	Joint Local Development Plan	RESOLVED :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To endorse the recommendations of the Joint Planning Policy Committee held on 17 February, 2012 as noted in the report. • That the maps for the Local Development Plan be made available for this Committee in due course. 	£0
26 April 2012	Feedback on public consultation on the Draft SPG Onshore Wind Energy		£0

Housing and Social Services Scrutiny Committee

Date	Item	Outcome-Recommendation	Savings
3 June 2011	Annual Report of the Statutory Director for Social Services 2010-2011	To accept the Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services for 2010/11 and to note its contents. That a letter by the Chair of the Housing and Social Services Scrutiny Committee be sent to the Pay and Grading Panel to convey to the Panel, the continuing concerns of members of the Committee that the delay in concluding the Job Evaluation process is impacting negatively on recruitment in Children's Services.	£0
	Welfare and benefits – UK Government Spending Review	It was resolved to note the report in respect of Welfare Benefit reform and the points raised thereon.	£0
	Committee Nomination	To appoint Councillor J.V.Owen to serve on the Corporate Parenting Panel. To appoint Councillor J.P.Williams to serve on the Social Services Customer Care and Complaints Panel. To appoint Councillors Robert Lloyd Hughes and R.L.Owen to serve on the Adult Services Mentoring Group.	£0
13 July 2011	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) – first of two Reports submitted to the Housing and Social Services Scrutiny Committee annually.	It was resolved to ask the BCUHB – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To present a report to this Committee on the effectiveness and efficiency of the care outside hospital approach to include information on savings and economies achieved. • To reconsider its decision to reject an application for a second pharmacy outlet in Amlwch and to take steps to ensure that a seven day pharmacy service is available to people living in Amlwch and the surrounding area. • To take steps to increase the number of out of hours public information signs at Ysbyty Penrhos Stanley, Holyhead. • To investigate whether the Board is working to Royal College of Nursing guidelines on standards of safe nursing numbers and to provide a response thereon. 	£0
	Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust	N/A	£0

	(Performance)		
	Draft Gypsy and Traveller Protocol	Resolved to accept the Draft North Wales Joint Protocol for Managing Unauthorised Encampments as presented, and to refer the Protocol to the Board of Commissioners for its approval and adoption.	£0
	Draft Difficult to Let Properties Policy	Resolved to accept the draft Lettings Policy for consultation with tenants and relevant stakeholders prior to its submission to the Board of Commissioners for its approval.	£0
20 Sept 2011	Strategy for Older People	Resolved to note – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The progress to date in relation to realising the commissioning intentions of the Social Services Older People’s Services Commissioning Strategy and to ask the Department as part of its planning process to have regard to the points raised by members during this discussion. • The Department’s endeavours to secure additional, fixed term capacity to project manage the change programme and also to ensure appropriate advocacy and support for service users during the transition. 	£0
	Draft Tenant Participation Strategy	Resolved to accept the Local Tenant Participation Strategy for 2011-14, Action Plan and Customer Care Charter and to refer the documentation to the Board of Commissioners for their approval and adoption.	£0
	CSSIW – Inspection of arrangements for assessment and care management of children in need in the Isle of Anglesey	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the contents of the report. • To support the membership of the Improvement Board in relation to member involvement. • That this Committee receives regular progress reports from the Improvement Board. • To ask the Corporate Director of Housing and Social Services to provide this Committee with information regarding the three external consultants’ assessment of progress on implementing the Improvement Plan. 	£0
	Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2010-2011	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the contents of the report as presented. • To record the Committee’s satisfaction with current arrangements and progress to date as evidenced by the Annual Report for 2010/11 and Business Plan for 2010/13. 	£0

7 Nov 2011	Children's Services Action Plan	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the contents of the report and to acknowledge the progress made in a difficult period. To ask the Chair to convey to the Interim Chief Executive this Committee's continuing concerns regarding the effects which uncompetitive rates of pay and the ongoing uncertainty in respect of the Job Evaluation process are having on recruitment. That a further progress report in respect of progress in implementing the Children's Services Improvement Plan be included on the Committee's Work programme for January, 2012. 	£0
	Strategy for Older People	Resolved to note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The progress to date around realising the commissioning intentions of the Social Services Older People Services Commissioning Strategy. The Department's endeavours to secure additional fixed term capacity to project manage the change programme and also to ensure appropriate advocacy and support for services during the transition. 	£0
	Social Services Representations and Complaints Procedure Annual Report	Resolved to accept the Annual Report for 2010/11 in relation to the performance of the Social Services Department in implementing the Representations and Complaints Procedure during the year in question.	£0
	Regional Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring Hub Collaboration Project-Update	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the information regarding the status of the Regional Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring Collaborative Project as presented. To note that a further report will be presented to this Committee post Christmas when the Full Business case has been completed. 	£0
19 Dec 2011	Provider Unit Inspection Cycle Report	Resolved to accept the report and to note the observations made during the discussion thereon.	£0
	Anglesey Strategy for Older People	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the progress to date around realising the commissioning intentions of the Social Services Older People's Services Commissioning Strategy with respect to 	£0

		<p>Telecare Services and Remodelling Day Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note that fully realising the second commissioning challenge of intermediate care is dependent upon joint negotiation/agreement with Health around common vision/goal, detail and timeframe. • To note the Department's continuing endeavours to secure additional, fixed term capacity to project manage the change programme and also to ensure appropriate advocacy and support for service users during the transition. • To accept in principle the need to address and reconsider internal residential care provision as part of the current tranche of remodelling, and to ask the Head of Service (Adults' Services) to present to the next meeting of this Committee, a Programme and detailed Business Case in relation to this aspect of care provision. • To note the Implementation Plan and the comments made during the discussion thereof. 	
	Local Authority Mortgage Scheme	Resolved to support the proposal in relation to LAMS in principle and to agree that the Officers further discuss the risks and legal papers prior to presenting a further report following the receipt of additional papers from Sector Treasury Services.	£0
	Disabled Facilities Grant.	<p>Resolved –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the report in relation to the operation of the Disabled Facilities Grants on Anglesey during 2010/11. • To ask the Housing Officers to present to a future meeting of this Committee, a report incorporating suggestions as to how the Disabled Facilities Grants processes and procedures may be further improved. 	£0
30 Jan 2012	Consultation on the Draft Budget 2012-2013	<p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the initial proposals for the Council's Budget for 2012-13. • To convey to the Board of Commissioners' the profound concerns of the Housing and Social Services Scrutiny Committee in relation to both the impact on adults and older people dependent upon the Department's care services of the proposed rationalisation of those services on the scale put forward, and the consequent risk to the County Council of not fulfilling its statutory duties, and to ask the Commissioners to have serious regard of those concerns in formulating its final Budget proposals. 	£0

	Consultation on the Draft Corporate Business Plan	Resolved to accept the draft Corporate Business Plan for 2012-15 and to note its contents and the observations made during the discussion thereon.	£0
	Housing Rent (HRA) 2012-2013	Resolved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That housing rents be increased by 4.91% equating to £3.03 per dwelling per week; • That garage rents be increased by 30 pence per week, to £6.37 per week. <p>[The rent increase will generate an estimated a total rental income to the HRA in 2012-2013 of £12,576,204.24]</p>	£12,576,204.24
	Children's Services Action Plan	Resolved to note the contents of the report and the progress made to date.	£0
12 March 2012	Regional Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring Hub in North Wales	Resolved to support the establishment of Regional Collaborative Commissioning, Procurement and Monitoring Hub in North Wales to serve the six local authorities and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board following the completion of the Business case as presented on the basis that initially, the Isle of Anglesey will commit to the arrangements for a period of two years and that following a centrally arranged review, the Authority will submit further recommendations at that time. <p>[Savings for Anglesey are anticipated at between 2.5%and 4% of current expenditure once new arrangements are in place].</p>	2.5%-4% of current expenditure
	Supporting People Programme – Establishment of a North Wales Regional Collaborative Committee	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the Isle of Anglesey County Council's participation in a shadow Regional Collaborative Committee for Supporting People Services to undertake the functions set out in Paragraph 3.01 of the report and the Terms of Reference as presented. • To accept the proposed membership of the Shadow Collaborative Committee as set out in paragraph of 3.02 of the Terms of Reference. • To record the Committee's view that the scrutiny arrangements as referred to in paragraph 5.02 of the Terms of reference should allow for pre-decision scrutiny to enable Elected Members to present their views before decisions are made. • To note that the Council will be represented on the Regional Collaborative 	£0

		Committee by Mr Gareth Llwyd, Commissioning and Business Support Manager, Housing & Social Services Department and Commissioner Mrs Margaret Foster OBE or Councillor O.G.Jones, Shadow Portfolio Holder fro Housing Services.	
	Fees and Charges 2012-2013 - Adults' Social Services	<p>Following discussion, it was resolved to support the recommendation that the Standard Charge for 2012/13 be at £474.02 per week (equating to a 3.34% increase).</p> <p>Resolved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it approves the proposals to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Social Care Charges (Wales) Measure 2010 and related Regulations and Guidance and the proposals to introduce revised charges on 9 April, 2012. • That it notes the need for the Local Authority to fully estimate the actual loss of revenue to the Social Services Department as a result of implementing the Measure above and associated Regulations and Guidance (as a basis for claiming lost income from the Welsh Government) • That it adopts the following in respect of the fees and charges to be levied for domiciliary care services for 2012/13 • The charges as set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report for the provision of meals. • To freeze charges at 2011/12 levels for Telecare Services as set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report. • To freeze the charge for community support services at £7.90/week as set out in paragraph 4.8 of the report • To freeze the Direct Payments rate at £10.50/hour as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report badges. • To levy a charge of £10/badge in respect of organisational and replacement blue badges. <p>Following discussion it was resolved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That it approves Option 2 in respect of Independent Sector Care Home Fee Levels. • That the established quality elements continue to be subject to a negative fee differential of -£36/week as at present. • That the current practice for client groups other than older people be retained as 	£139,000

		outlined in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report. [The Committee, following representations from members of a Scrutiny Panel, agreed to recommend to the Commissioners that the Home Care (older people) charge be increased by 43% to £50 per week. Current estimates indicate that the 43% increase will yield an estimated income of £139,000].	
	Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Blue Print	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the allocation of budget for 2012-13 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report. To note the continued appointment of external consultants as necessary in order to carry out supplementary services in accordance with the details on paragraph 2.5 of the report. 	£0
	Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) Capital Plan 2012-2013	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the allocation of budget for 2012-13 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report. To note the continued appointment of external consultants as necessary in order to carry out supplementary services in accordance with the details on paragraph 2.5 of the report. 	£0
26 March 2012	Safeguarding Arrangements for Vulnerable Adults	Resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report and the information presented in relation to Adult Safeguarding activities during 2010/11; the implications of the Social Services Measure 2012 and local performance against national KPIs. To nominate Councillor Selwyn Williams in his capacity as Older People's Champion to lead on safeguarding matters. 	£0
	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Care in North Wales is Changing (Presentation). Anglesey Locality (Report) Public Health Strategic Framework (Tobacco and 	N/A	£0

	Alcohol) (Report)		
23 April 2012	Children's Commissioning Strategy		
	CSSIW Report –Children Safeguarding Inspection		
	Progress Against Children's Services Improvement Plan		
	Annual Fostering Inspection 2011		
	Supporting People Operational Plan 2012-2013		
	Financial Incentives For Empty Homes		

APPENDIX 3
Scrutiny Committees Review Panels

- Efficiency of Income from Launching & Registration Fees
- Small Holdings Energy Pilot Scheme
- Energy & Water Policy for Council Buildings I
- Ysgol y Bont Budget Allocation 2011-12
- Review of Measures Undertaken to Tackle Underage Drinking on Anglesey
- Public Toilet Provision on Anglesey
- The Director of Social Services Annual Report (Year 2)
- Fees and Charges in Adult Social Services 2012-2013