

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
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<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Annual Report of the Scrutiny Committees- 2015/2016</b>
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<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>To report on the work of the two scrutiny committees in 2015/2016</b>
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## **1.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 1.1 To note and approve the Scrutiny Committees Annual Report 2015-2016.
- 1.2 To appoint the chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee as the “scrutiny champion” from May 2016 to May 2017.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report 2015-2016 encompasses the work undertaken by the two scrutiny committees between the council's annual meeting on the 14 May 2015 and 12 May 2016. Throughout this period the scrutiny committees have been fortunate to have received contributions from members and officers.
- 2.2 The chairs of the two scrutiny committees led on developing the work programmes during this period. The scrutiny committees work programmes are also submitted for approval at each scrutiny committee and considered on a monthly basis by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Coordinating Forum. A schedule of matters scrutinised by each committee is included in the attached Scrutiny Committees Annual Report 2015/2016.
- 2.3. On the 14 May 2015 the council resolved that the chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee be appointed as “scrutiny champion” from May 2015 to May 2016 and that the chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee from May 2016 to May 2017. Thereafter the role of the “scrutiny champion” to alternate between the two scrutiny committee chairs.
- 2.4 The role of the “scrutiny champion” is not remunerated. The scrutiny champion’s role is to:
  - Promote the scrutiny function in and outside the council
  - Support the continuing development of scrutiny in the council.

### **Appendix:**

Scrutiny Committees Annual Report 2015/2016

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### ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016



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# Foreword

## **Councillor R Meirion Jones**

- **Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2015-16**
- **Scrutiny Champion 2015-2016**



In 2015/16 Scrutiny continued to perform well in very challenging circumstances and it continued to develop. It was another year of building on the experiences of the previous two years and continuing to promote scrutiny, of making a difference and adding value.

Scrutiny was able to continue with its principal work of focusing on Council performance, service delivery, the achieving of corporate and service objectives and continuous improvement. It reviewed and scrutinised decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's functions by the Executive or otherwise. There has been a heavy demand on scrutiny and it has performed well under increased pressure within limited resources.

It can be seen overtime that there has been a change in culture. The Scrutiny officers and members have worked hard and have contributed directly in relishing the scrutiny process of being hands-on and challenging policy and practice and to come up with new ideas and drive improvement. Those in Scrutiny have acted responsibly and constructively as critical friends to support the decision-makers and the Council's priorities and objectives but also to scrutinise and question where necessary.

One particular development was the greater use of Scrutiny Outcome Panels. A great deal of effective work was done in this way and the details of the Panels, the meetings held and the work done are summarised in this report. I am particularly appreciative of the work done in and by these panels.

An informal briefing session has also become a regular part of preparation for the full Corporate Scrutiny Committee. Members feel that their work is more effective following such briefing sessions.

Meetings of the Co-ordinating Forum of Chairs and Vice-chairs have been held regularly and contribute successfully to the efficiency and effectiveness of scrutiny and its two committees.

In last year's report I referred to the Williams Report and I do so again (Appendix1) as the words and recommendations regarding scrutiny are of importance currently as well as when the question of local government reorganisation will be considered again.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those officers and members who have contributed to the work of scrutiny during the year. Although those words of thanks maybe few they are sincere and every contribution is appreciated.

**Yours sincerely,**

**R Meirion Jones**

**(Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Scrutiny Champion)**

## **Councillor Derlwyn Hughes**

- **Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee 2015-16**



“2015/2016”, was again a successful year of consolidation for scrutiny in Isle of Anglesey. We built on the experience and good practice refined over the last 3 years to shape the way in which we reviewed and challenged the policies and decisions of the Executive.

It remains essential that Scrutiny continues to contribute positively to supporting the delivery of the island’s priorities through its critical friend role, its contribution to decision making and its unique role of bringing the public, partners and elected members together to explore issues in greater detail and provide solutions.

It has also become increasingly important as we continue to navigate our way through this period of financial austerity, that we focus our Scrutiny resource on areas that matter most to the public and on issues where we feel we can help the council to work smarter and more efficiently.

I have always stressed the importance for Scrutiny Committees to maintain an open and critical mind, to provide criticism in a constructive way and to offer genuine praise where appropriate.

The following report contains an outline of the key elements of the scrutiny work programme for 2015/2016, highlighting both the breadth of scrutiny’s remit and the volume and diversity of our work. I hope you find them interesting and informative and will feed back to us any comments, questions or proposals for future reviews.

I would like to thank the many members, officers and outside representatives whose thoughtful contributions, patience and enthusiasm have been invaluable throughout the year. Without their support scrutiny would not have a voice and our decision making processes would be less accountable, less inclusive and the weaker for it”.

Looking forward to 2016/2017, we hope to continue the good work undertaken by scrutiny over the past year in engaging communities and residents groups as we seek to further broaden the horizons of scrutiny and encourage involvement in the scrutiny process.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Derlwyn Rees Hughes**

**(Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee)**

## 1. WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

- 1.1 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 decision-makers to account, drive improvement, act as the voice of the community and play a role in assisting in policy development and review.
- 1.2 During 2015-2016 the scrutiny function at the Isle of Anglesey County Council was undertaken by following two scrutiny committees:
- Corporate Scrutiny Committee;
  - Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee;
- 1.3 To ensure scrutiny works effectively, the Centre for Public Scrutiny<sup>1</sup> has put forward four key principles. In their view, scrutiny should:
1. Provide 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers
  2. Enable the voice and concerns of the public and its communities to be heard
  3. Be carried out by 'independent minded governors' who lead and own the scrutiny process
  4. Drive improvement in public services
- 1.4 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 Panel.
  - Conduct informal sessions on a particular matter.
  - Undertake site visits.

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<sup>1</sup> "Good Scrutiny Guide", London, Centre for Public Scrutiny, 2004.

## 2. SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE

- 2.1 A Scrutiny Annual Report primary aim is to give an account of what the scrutiny committees have done during the municipal year. The period known as the municipal year takes place between the annual meeting of the council each May. Included in the report is a summary of items the two committees have considered between May 2015 to May 2016.
- 2.2 All council's in Wales have to provide services against a backdrop of reduced public expenditure which is likely to continue. The general financial environment on the Island is difficult and scrutiny has an important part to play in improving service efficiency and the way the council operates.
- 2.3 In order to measure itself scrutiny has a wide set of quarterly performance indicators by which it can compare progress from one quarter to another. A schedule of all the indicators can be obtained from the scrutiny unit, but the two key indicators for 2015- 2016 are shown in the table below:

Indicator Title (2015-2016)	Target (Q) – Quarterly (A) – Annually	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	End of Year (Average)
% of attendance of Committee Members at Scrutiny Committee	80%  (Q)	80%	83% ↑	84% ↑	76% ↓	81%
The % of Scrutiny Committee recommendations approved by the Executive	90%  (Q)	100%	100% ↔	67% ↓	90% ↑	89%











- 2.4 In order to assist with scrutiny performance, the council on the 29 September 2015, resolved to update the scrutiny committees terms of reference to enable both to transfer their work load between one another when pressure of work required flexibility. In addition, it was clarified that the role of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee is to monitor the budget and scrutinise the draft Annual Budget. The focus of the scrutiny committees work will remain as before but the added flexibility and clarity given to the scrutiny committees by the council is welcomed.



### 3. Corporate Scrutiny Committee Focus

The focus of the committee's work will be to secure assurance regarding the performance / delivery of all services, ensuring the council achieves its corporate and service objectives (as outlined in its Corporate Business Plan, Annual Budget, Budget and Policy Framework, Performance Management Framework, Corporate Policies or their successor plans and policies) and to support and make recommendations for continuous improvement.

### 4. Committee Membership 2015-16

	Name	Ward	Political Party/Group		Name	Ward	Political Party/Group
	Cllr R Meirion Jones (Chair)	Aethwy	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Gwilym Jones (Vice Chair)	Llifon	Independent
	Cllr Raymond Jones	Caergybi	Independent		Cllr Jim Evans	Aethwy	Independent
	Cllr Victor Hughes	Bro Rhosyr	Independent		Cllr Lewis Davies	Seiriol	Plaid Cymru
	Cllr Ann Griffith	Bro Aberffraw	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Llinos Medi Huws	Talybolion	Plaid Cymru
	Cllr R Llewelyn Jones	Caergybi	Unaffiliated		Cllr Peter Rogers	Bro Aberffraw	Revolutionist Group

## 5. Committee Work Programme (2015/2016)

The Corporate Scrutiny Committee met on 9 occasions.

Corporate Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16	
Committee Date	Item Considered
14 May 2015	To elect a Chairperson for the Corporate Scrutiny Committee
	To elect a Vice-Chairperson for the Corporate Scrutiny Committee
10 June 2015	Chairman's and Members' Update
	Performance Monitoring-Corporate Scorecard Q4 2014/2015
	Budget Monitoring - Capital Budget Out-Turn 2014/2015
	Budget Monitoring – Revenue Budget Provisional Out-Turn 2014/2015
	Report on Conference Attendance on 27 March 2015
	Work Programme
6 July 2015	Chairman's and Members' Update
	Corporate Parenting Panel Nomination
	Local Authority Arrangements to Support Safeguarding of Children
	Performance Monitoring-Corporate Scorecard Q4
	Draft Annual Performance Report 2014/2015
	Capital Strategy 2015 Scoring Matrix
	Work Programme
17 September 2015	Chairman's and Members' Update
	Annual Performance Report ( Improvement Plan)2014/2015
	Performance Monitoring-Corporate Scorecard Quarter 1 2015/2016
	Budget Monitoring- Capital Budget Quarter 1 2015/2016










	Budget Monitoring- Revenue Budget Quarter 1 2015/2016
	Consultation Plan: 2016/2017 Budget
	School Modernisation-Bro Rhosyr and Bro Aberffraw Areas Formal Consultation
	Scrutiny Outcome Panels- Position Statement
	Work Programme
<b>16 November 2015</b>	Nomination to the Children's Services Transformation Programme Board
	Draft Revenue Budget 2016/2017
	Capital Bids /2017
<b>1 December 2015</b>	Chairman's and Members' Update
	Performance Monitoring-Corporate Scorecard Q 2 2015/2016
	Performance Monitoring – People Management
	Budget Monitoring-Revenue Budget Q2 2015/2016
	Budget Monitoring- Capital Budget Q2 2015/2016
	Libraries Annual Performance Report 2014/2015
	CSSIW Annual Performance Evaluation of Social Services 2014/2015
	Children's Services Specific Case Review Report
	Scrutiny Outcome Panel – Disposal of Assets
	Work Programme
<b>1 February 2016</b>	2016/17 Budget Setting: Revenue and Capital
	Scrutiny Outcome Panel: Efficiency Savings 2015/16
	Community Mental Health Service
	Ensuring Sustainable And Efficient Services For the Future: Transforming Libraries
	Annual Report on Anglesey's Schools' Performance
	Work Programme
	Position Statement; Scrutiny Outcome Panels
<b>14 March 2016</b>	Budget Monitoring: Revenue Budget Q3 2015/2016

	Budget Monitoring: Capital Revenue Budget Q3 2015/2016
	Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Q3 2015/2016
	Performance Monitoring: Corporate Risk Register
	Work Programme
<b>11 April 2016</b>	Learning Disabilities Services-Transformation
	Annual Delivery Document
	Scrutiny Outcome Panel-Debt Management
	Scrutiny Outcome Panels-Update

## 6. Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Focus

The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee focus is to ensure that the interests of the citizens of the Isle of Anglesey are promoted, and that the council's priorities and resources are most beneficially reflected, in the partnerships, joint working, collaboration and external agency arrangements, as exist from time to time. The remit of the committee will extend to local, regional and national arrangements and will include (but will not be limited to) those areas in which the council has a statutory duty such as crime and disorder matters. In addition the committee's remit also extends to regeneration matters and the "Enterprise Island" concept (or successor plans and policies).

## 7. Committee Membership 2015-2016

	Name	Ward	Political Party/Group		Name	Ward	Political Party/Group
	Cllr Derlwyn R Hughes (Chair)	Lligwy	Independent		Cllr Alun Mummery (Vice Chair)	Aethwy	Plaid Cymru
	Cllr William T Hughes	Twrcelyn	Independent		Cllr Richard Owen Jones	Twrcelyn	Independent
	Cllr Dafydd Rhys Thomas	Ynys Cybi	Independent		Cllr John Griffith	Talybolion	Plaid Cymru
	Cllr Carwyn Jones	Seiriol	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Dylan Rees	Canolbarth Mon	Plaid Cymru
	Cllr Robert Llewelyn Jones	Caergybi	Unaffiliated	1	Vacant Seat		

## 8. Committee Work Programme (2015/16)

The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee met on 7 occasions.

Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16	
Committee Date	Item Considered
14 May 2015	To elect a Chairperson for the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
	To elect a Vice-Chairperson for the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
15 September 2015	Nomination of Member on the Corporate Parenting Committee
	Annual Review of Anglesey Housing Partnership
	Annual Update- Safeguarding Arrangements for Vulnerable Adults in Anglesey
	Annual report- “ Listening and Learning” from Complaints
	Scrutiny Outcome Panel- Update
	Update on Proposed Joint Local Services Board Scrutiny
	Update by the Chair and Vice-Chair
	Work Programme
12 November 2015	Waste Collections Options Appraisal
	Galw Gofal / Care Connect North Wales Regional Call Monitoring Service
	Nomination to the Children’s Transformation Programme Board
17 November 2015	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service

	Work Programme
<b>2 February 2016</b>	Ensuring Sustainable and Efficient services For the Future: Transforming the Youth Service
	Anglesey and Gwynedd Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Needs Assessment
	Update – School Progress Review Group
	Regional Engagement Team – Future Arrangements
	Update by the Chair and Vice-Chair
	Work Programme
<b>12 April 2016</b>	Partnership Policy Document and the Role of Scrutiny in Monitoring Partnerships
	Community First
	Update by the Chair and Vice-Chair
	Work Programme

## 9. Scrutiny Outcome Panels

During the municipal year 4 Scrutiny Outcome Panels concluded their task and submitted reports on matters under review. None of recommendations contained in the final reports were rejected.

A further 2 Scrutiny Outcome Panels are on-going, their work continues annually.

### Scrutiny Outcome Panel: Disposal of Assets (status: concluded)

#### Panel Membership:

Councillors: R Meirion Jones (Chair), Llinos Medi Huws, Jim Evans and Raymond Jones.

#### Summary:

On the 1 September 2014 a report, on monitoring the budget, was presented by the Interim Head of Resources and Section 151 Officer to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. As concerns were raised about the process of selling assets and the speed of implementation the Committee resolved to establish a panel to examine the approach to disposal of the small holdings portfolio and other assets.

Information was gleaned from a variety of policy documents and verification from officers working in the area of asset disposal.

The panel met on 9 occasions. The final report of the panel was forwarded to the Executive on the 14 December 2015 and was approved in full. The report contained the panel's 6 main conclusions and 24 consequential recommendations.

### Scrutiny Outcome Panel: Efficiency Savings 2015-2016 (status: concluded)

#### Panel Membership:

Councillors: R Meirion Jones (Chair), Llinos Medi Huws and Councillor Victor Hughes.

#### Summary:

On the 20 April 2015, whilst considering the initial report of the "Scrutiny Outcome Panel: Efficiency Savings 2014-2015", the Executive agreed that the panel continue to monitor the implementation of savings targets identified by services for 2015-16.

The panel continued with its work in 2015-2016, focusing on the council's progress in achieving the 2015-2016 efficiency targets. Whilst undertaking its task the panel considered in detail the financial efficiencies spreadsheet of each department and questioned relevant officers to ascertain the developing position.



The panel met on 8 occasions. The final report of the panel was forwarded to the Executive on the 8 February 2016 and was approved in full. The report contained the panel's 5 main conclusions and 7 consequential recommendations.

### **Scrutiny Outcome Panel: Debt Management (status: concluded)**

Panel Membership:

Councillors: R Meirion Jones (Chair), Jim Evans and Robert Llewelyn Jones

Summary:

On the 24 March 2015 a report, setting out the debts over £5,000 in value for write-off, was presented by the Interim Head of Resources and Section 151 Officer to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. The committee was concerned at the amount to be written off and resolved to establish a panel to examine the debt write-off process and procedures together with wider debt management arrangements in the council.

Whilst undertaking its task the panel considered the council's current policy with regard to debt write-off and how it was being implemented by various service areas. Enquires were also made of other councils in North Wales with regard how they were dealing with this issue.

The panel met on 6 occasions. The final report of the Panel was forwarded to the Executive on the 25 April 2016 and approved.

### **Scrutiny Outcome Panel: Review of Specific Children's Services Case (status: concluded)**

Panel Membership:

Councillors: Gwilym Jones (Chair), Councillor Llinos Medi Huws and Councillor Lewis Davies.

Summary:

During early 2015, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a panel to scrutinise the response of social services to issues arising from the services involvement to a specific child case. The aim was to seek an assurance that the subsequent case review had been conducted thoroughly, impartially and that the service had responded appropriately.

In undertaking the task the panel considered progress undertaken against the action plan and a progress report prepared on the matter for the attention of: the Director of Social Services, Corporate Parenting Panel, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales and a Circuit Judge. The panel was also provided with examples of good practice alongside some areas where practices could improve.

From the information provided the panel concluded that social services had identified lessons that needed to be learnt and that that action was being taken. On the 1 December 2015, a report on behalf of the panel to that effect, was submitted to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and it was noted that no further action required to be undertaken at that moment in time.

### **Scrutiny Outcome Panel: School Progress Review Group (status: on-going )**

Panel Membership:

Councillors: Derlwyn Hughes, Alun Mummery, Dylan Rees, Richard Owen Jones, R Meirion Jones, Gwilym Jones, Lewis Davies and Jim Evans.

(NB a member of the Panel is elected to chair at each meeting).

Summary:

The School Progress Review Group was established on the 21 November 2012 by a former committee known as the Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee. It arose from recommendations made by Estyn on the quality of education services for children and young people on Anglesey. The aim of the group is to assist the education service in improving the performance of schools on the Island, by increasing and developing local accountability for school performance and enhancing local members' knowledge about key performance drivers and challenges that face schools on Ynys Môn.

With the establishment of a new scrutiny committee structure during May 2013 it was agreed that members of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee would continue with the work of the School Progress Review Group but designate it a Scrutiny Outcome Panel. The panel monitors the progress of individual schools to learn from schools performing well and, if necessary, make recommendations to the Life Long Learning Department that a school may require additional support from the education service and/or the regional school improvement service known as "GwE".

During 2015 the panel met on 9 occasions and saw 8 schools. A report on the panel's work was submitted to the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on the 2 February 2016 and a schedule of schools to be seen in 2016 has been approved.

### **Scrutiny Outcome Panel: Joint Scrutiny of the Public Service Board (status: on-going )**

Panel Membership: The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee have elected the Chair and Vice- Chair of the Committee together with Councillor John Griffith. In addition, Councillor Dylan Rees was appointed as a substitute member.

Summary:

On the 14 January 2015 the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee agreed to

establish a Joint Gwynedd and Anglesey Local Services Board Scrutiny Panel.

During April 2016 the Local Services Board is due to be replaced by a Statutory Public Services Board (PSB) and work is ongoing to bed down the new entity. The panel's aim is to provide a "critical friend" challenge to the PSB and to actively promote improvement in developing and implementing projects to address the priorities agreed by the PSB (rather than those of individual constituent organisations represented on the PSB). The PSB work programme will need to be agreed and implemented for a period before practical scrutiny can be undertaken. In addition, training and governance arrangements need to be developed for the Panel.

## **10. LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016-2017**

- 10.1 In local government and the public services we continue to face financial and service demand challenges on an unprecedented scale. The savings which we have to make are huge and we have to reform services, make hard choices over priorities, and introduce new ways of working to be more efficient and effective with reducing resources.
- 10.2 Scrutiny plays a major part in both testing out ideas and proposals for reform, and initiating them. Our current Scrutiny function offers both healthy challenge and support to the Executive in its decision making. There are ample examples where the decision-makers and the scrutineers have worked in unison over the past year.
- 10.3 However, looking forward to next year (2016-17) we will need to refresh and refocus our Scrutiny function within our reduced capacity, while supporting and influencing the Council's organisational and service change programmes. With this enhanced role comes expectation. Scrutiny will need to work at pace, and share an appetite for change, with the Executive and the Senior Leadership Team. There can be no respite from making big decisions over the next couple of years.
- 10.4 In refreshing our Scrutiny function we will need to continue to adopt ideas from the 'Characteristics of Effective Overview & Scrutiny' which was put together by scrutiny officers across Wales, working with the Centre for Public Scrutiny and the Wales Audit Office, and applied our own learning.
- 10.5 Other Authorities have already remodelled their Scrutiny Committees to face the challenges coming with the enactment of the new Local Government Wales Act and the pending Assembly elections. The committees are being invited and challenged to make an even greater contribution, with less passive reports, and to forward plan more relevant agendas which reflect the challenges and issues we face.
- 10.6 It will be down to all members and officers to make any new model work well and for Scrutiny to help guide the Council through the challenges which lie ahead. We need to simplify Executive Member and senior officer attendance and to balance the

workload across our committees. Scrutiny must be able to balance detailed scrutiny with more imaginative overview.

## 11. Contact with Scrutiny

- 11.1 The views and ideas of the public and other organisations with an interest in a topic under consideration are valuable in effective scrutiny.
- 11.2 Best practice scrutiny normally involves members working with local people and organisations to provide effective and responsive services.
- 11.3 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 [Scrutiny](#)
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 To find out more about scrutiny in Anglesey or to give your views please contact the scrutiny unit at:  
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**APPENDIX 1- Extract from the “Commission on Public Service Governance on Public Service Governance Report” dated January 2014. ( also known as “the Williams Report”).**

**Recommendations 31-33**

**Scrutiny**

31. The importance, status and value of scrutiny must be recognised, prioritised, continually sustained and reinforced. To support this:
- All elected members, independent health board members, non-executive directors, and officers must acknowledge the importance and value of scrutiny in improving services for people and organisations in Wales. The independence of scrutiny must be strongly asserted and protected, as must its essentially constructive and positive nature;
  - Executive members, non-executive directors, and officers, must similarly acknowledge the value of scrutiny in helping them to deliver services better. They must publicise and explain their decisions clearly, and invite scrutiny of them, including pre-decision scrutiny, willingly and openly. They must also acknowledge and respond to scrutiny reports promptly and in good faith; and
  - As part of raising the stature and profile of scrutiny, and engaging citizens, there must be increased visibility of the outputs and outcomes from local government scrutiny.
32. Organisations must regard scrutiny as an investment to deliver improvements and future savings. They must resource and support scrutiny accordingly:
- Local authorities must make appropriate support available, at officer level, to develop co-ordinated scrutiny plans, identify gaps in expertise on the committees and provide proportionate and understandable information to committee members. Other organisations must similarly ensure that resources for scrutiny are sufficient for an effective scrutiny function;
  - Mandatory training must be provided to all members and chairs of local government scrutiny committees. Equivalent training must also be mandatory for community health council members engaged in scrutiny roles, fire and rescue authority members, others charged with formal scrutiny. Equivalent training should also be given to non-executive or independent members to support their role in holding their executive to account; and
  - Organisations must adopt a “best practice” approach to scrutiny not a “least required”. The scrutiny outcomes and characteristics being prepared by the Centre for Public Scrutiny must be developed in discussion with other public sector organisations. Once agreed, they must be adopted by each organisation within 6 months.
33. Local government scrutiny committees and other formal scrutiny bodies must engage more effectively with the public and partners. That should include the co-option of individuals from advocacy and other groups onto scrutiny committees to increase such committees’ capacity and capability to provide constructive and informed scrutiny.