Isle of Anglesey County Council
Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Corporate Scrutiny Committee
Date:	16th September, 2026
Subject:	Corporate Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Jeff Evans

1. Who will be the portfolio holder presenting / leading the report?

Portfolio Holder	Role
Not applicable	
Service Officer (Supporting)	**Role**
Angharad Hughes	Scrutiny and Committee Services Manager

2. Why the Scrutiny Committee is being asked to consider the matter

Assist the Scrutiny Committee in considering, agreeing and reviewing its forward work programme for 2026/27

3. Role of the Scrutiny Committee and recommendations

☒For assurance
☐For recommendation to the Executive
☐For information

Recommendation(s): The Committee is requested to:
R1 agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2026/27
R2 note progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme

4. How does the recommendation(s) contribute to the objectives of the Council's Plan?

Effective work programming is the foundation of effective local government scrutiny. Our Scrutiny rolling forward work programmes are aligned with the corporate priorities of the Council and corporate transformation programmes – ensuring the role of Member scrutiny makes a tangible contribution to the Council's improvement priorities.

5. Key scrutiny themes

Key themes the Scrutiny Committee should concentrate on:
Not applicable

Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg
This document is available in Welsh

6. Key points / summary

1. Background

1.1 Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective local government scrutiny function[1]. Done well, work programming can help lay the foundations for targeted and timely work on issues of local importance demonstrating where Member scrutiny can add value. Good practice advocates two key issues at the heart of the scrutiny forward work programme:

i. Challenge around prioritising work streams
ii. Need for a member-led approach and interface with officers.

1.2 **Basic principles of good work programming[2]**

- Work programming should not be a "start-stop" process
- Complementary work programmes for separate scrutiny committees
- Balance between different methods of work
- An effective process for reporting / escalating issues to the Executive
- Input and views of internal stakeholders
- Close working with the Executive
- Links with the Annual Scrutiny Report (evaluation and improvement tool).

2. Local context

2.1 There is now a well-established practice of forward work programming which are now rolling programmes focusing on the quality of scrutiny with fewer items, to add value. They are an important tool to assist Members in prioritising their work and are discussed with the Leadership Team and Heads of Service. Both committees review the content of their work programmes on a regular basis, to ensure that they remain relevant and keep abreast with local priorities. Our local forward planning arrangements now ensure greater focus on:

- Strategic aspects
- Citizen / other stakeholder engagement and outcomes
- Priorities of the Council Plan and transformation projects
- Risks and the work of inspection and regulation

Matters on the forward work programme of the Executive. **Outcome**: rolling work programmes for scrutiny committees which are aligned with corporate priorities.

2.2 Committee chairs lead on developing the forward work programmes and are submitted to the monthly Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum and for approval at each ordinary meeting of the scrutiny committees. The Forum is considered an important vehicle to oversee these programmes and jointly negotiate priorities.

[1] A Cunning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)
[2] A Cunning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

2.3 **"Whole council" approach to Scrutiny:** our work programmes provide a strong foundation for our improvement programme, ensuring the role that Scrutiny plays in the Authority's governance arrangements:

i. Supports robust and effective decision-making
ii. Makes a tangible contribution to the Council's improvement priorities
iii. Continues to evolve.

3. Issues for consideration

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee receives regular update reports on the implementation of its forward work programme. A copy of the current 2026/27 work programme is attached as **APPENDIX 1** to this report for reference and includes changes made to the work programme since the Committee last considered the document[3]

3.2 Where appropriate, items may be added to the Committee's forward work programme during the municipal year. Requests for additional matters to be considered for inclusion on the work programme can be submitted via the Members Request Form for an item to be considered for Scrutiny. Requests are initially considered by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum, using the following criteria:

- the Council's strategic objectives and priorities (as outlined in the Council Plan)
- the ability of the Committee to have influence and/or add value on the subject (A Scrutiny Test of Significance Form will be completed).

7. Impact assessments

7.1. Has an impact assessment (equality considerations, the socio-economic duty, Welsh language) been undertaken?

☐Yes
☒No

If not, please explain why: Not applicable.

7.2. Potential impacts on opportunities to use Welsh and not treating the language less favourably than English

Not applicable for this overarching issue but will be considered as an integral part of preparing for specific proposals to be submitted for consideration by the Committee.

7.3. Possible impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010

Not applicable.

[3] Meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee convened on 10th June, 2026

7.4. Possible impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage (strategic decisions)

Not applicable.

7.5. Potential impact on the Council's Net Zero Carbon target

Positive / Neutral / Negative and how Not applicable.

8. Financial implications

Not applicable.

9. Appendices

Corporate Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2026/27

10. Report author and background papers

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR SCRUTINY

Period: May 2026 to April 2027

Version dated: 09/09/26

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Should you wish to speak on any specific item at a Scrutiny Committee then you should register your interest by submitting a written request using the form available as soon as possible and at least 3 clear working days prior to the specific Committee meeting. You can access information about the meeting and which items being discussed by reading this Forward Work Programme. Contact the Scrutiny Team if you have any queries [sgriwtiniscrutiny@ynysmon.llyw.cymru]

May 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
May, 2026 (12/05/2026)	**May, 2026 (12/05/2026)**
Election of Chair: 2026/27	Election of Chair: 2026/27
Election of Vice-chair: 2026/27	Election of Vice-chair: 2026/27

June 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
June, 2026 (10/06/2026)-Q4	**June, 2026 (09/06/2026)-Education / Welsh Language**
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Qtr4: 2025/26	Welsh Language:

	• Annual Report on the Welsh Standards: 2025/26 • Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2022-2032: Measure Progress→2025/26
Annual Delivery Plan: 2026/27	ALN and Inclusion Report 2025/26-measure progress
Care Inspectorate Wales	**Item for Information:** Ambition North Wales Qtr 4: 2025/26 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

July 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
No meeting scheduled	**July, 2026 (14/07/2026)**
	Natural Resources Wales
	Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

September 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
September, 2026 (16/09/2026) – Q1	**September, 2026 (15/09/2026) -Special Meeting**
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Q1: 2026/27	Report following consultation on the Visitor Levy
Vacant Housing Strategy 2023-2028-measure progress	Bus Franchising Report
Strategic Asset Management (Housing) Plan 2024-2029-measure progress	Waste Collection and Recycling Scrutiny Pre-decision
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	

	September, 2026 (28/09/26)
	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

October 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
October, 2026 (14/10/2026)	**October, 2026 (13/10/2026)**
Annual Report North Wales Regional Partnership Board (Part 9): 2025/26	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2025/26
Social Services Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	North Wales Fire and Rescue
Regional Emergency Planning Service Annual Report: 2025/26	Article 4
	Item for Information: Ambition North Wales: • Annual Report: 2025/26 • Qtr 1: 2026/27 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

November 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
November, 2026 (11/11/2026) – Q2	**November, 2026 (10/11/2026)**
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q2: 2026/27	Levelling Up Fund, Local Growth Fund and SPF Report
Self-Assessment, Performance and Wellbeing Report 2025/26	ALN & Inclusion Service-measure progress
Corporate Safeguarding	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

January 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
January, 2027 (19/01/2027) – 2027/28 Budget	**January, 2027 (20/01/2027)**
2027/28 Budget Setting (Revenue Budget) – initial budget proposals	Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Public Services Board: • Annual Report 2025/26 • Governance arrangements / scrutiny of delivery of the Wellbeing Plan
Resources Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Towards Zero Net Strategic Plan 2026-2031- measure progress Housing Services Energy Targets
	Item for Information: Ambition North Wales Qtr 2: 2026/27 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

February 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
February, 2027 (17/02/2027) – 2027/28 Budget	**February, 2027 (16/02/2027)**
Final Draft Budget Proposals for 2027/28 – revenue & capital	Gypsy and Traveler Accommodation Action Plan

Resources Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

March 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
March, 2027 (10/03/2027) – Q3	**March, 2027 (09/03/2027)**
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q3: 2026/27	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai
Housing Assistance Grant Strategy 2027-2031	Ynys Môn Free Port – measure progress
Annual Report on Equalities: 2025/26	ALN & Inclusion Service-measure progress
	Item for Information - Ambition North Wales Qtr 3: 2026/27 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

April 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
No meeting scheduled	**No meeting scheduled**