

ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
REPORT TO:	County Council
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REPORT TITLE:	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23
REPORT BY:	Chairs of the: 1. Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2. Regeneration and Partnership Scrutiny Committee
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:	Report on the work of both scrutiny committees during 2022/23 and provide an overview of the scrutiny work programme for 2023/24
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1. Recommendation

Full Council is requested to:

R1 Approve the Scrutiny and Overview Annual Report for 2022/23

R2 Note the continued progress made in implementing our Scrutiny journey and the impact this is having on practice.

R3 Appoint the chair of the Regeneration and Partnership Scrutiny Committee as the Scrutiny Champion for the period May 2023 to May 2024.

2. Background and Context

2.1 This Annual Report on Overview and Scrutiny encompasses the work undertaken by the two scrutiny committees between May 2022 and May 2023.

2.2 The chairs of both scrutiny committees led on developing the forward work programmes during this period. The scrutiny committees' forward work programmes are submitted to the monthly Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum and for approval at every meeting of the scrutiny committees.

2.3 The Council's scrutiny function has been through an improvement journey as a result of commissioning the Centre for Public Scrutiny to review our local scrutiny arrangements (December 2017). The improvement programme put in place as a result of the review has come to an end and a development programme has replaced it within the context of continuous improvement, driving improvements and developments at an appropriate pace which are outlined in the report.

The impact and added value of scrutiny activity is contributing to the Council's corporate priorities through support and challenge.

3. Role of the Scrutiny Champion

3.1 The Scrutiny Champion has an important role in promoting the overview and scrutiny function both within the Council and also with external partners of the Authority. It is not a mandatory or remunerated position. The role is considered

key in demonstrating the Authority's commitment to ensuring that Scrutiny maximises the contribution of Non-Executive Members to the organisation's overall performance and "corporate health".

- 3.2** On 14th May 2015 the Council resolved that the chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee be appointed as Scrutiny Champion for the period May 2015 to May 2016 and thereafter that the role of the Champion should alternate between the two scrutiny committee chairs. The Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee should therefore be appointed as the designated Scrutiny Champion for the forthcoming year.

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Scrutiny and Overview Annual Report for 2022/23

Overview and Scrutiny

Annual Report: 2022-23





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1. FOREWORD

Councillor Robert Llewelyn Jones

- **Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2022/23**
- **Scrutiny Champion → 2022/23**



It is with pleasure that I provide an overview of the work of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee over the last 12 months. The scope of work of the Committee is discussed in this report and it is fair to note that the workload continues to be considerable and varied. A total of 10 meetings were convened during the municipal year.

- **Annual budget setting 2023/24** – one of the main responsibilities of the Committee is to contribute to the process of setting the Council's annual budget. This is a crucial part of our corporate governance arrangements, having a far-reaching impact on every service area of the Council as well as the public. The Committee considered both the initial draft budget proposals and also the final draft budget for 2023/24 with a significant contribution by the Finance Scrutiny Panel.
- **Council Plan: 2023-2028** – Members scrutinized the strategic priorities underpinning the new Council Plan for the current Administration as well as the findings of the public engagement and consultation process. The committee carefully consideration the draft Plan during the Spring before it was considered by the Executive and adopted by the Full Council in March 2023. The Committee recommended that the Plan be adopted as one that provides a clear direction to the Council's strategic priorities over the next 5 years.
- **Quarterly Performance Monitoring** – the Committee monitored performance on a quarterly basis throughout 2022/23, using the corporate scorecard which reports on an extensive range of indicators across all service areas. The scorecard continues to evolve as an effective method for Elected Members to scrutinize performance and data across all Council services.
- Our work as a committee also included monitoring and scrutinizing annual reports, including the Annual Performance Report and the Isle of Anglesey Local Authority Report on the School Sport Survey 2022: Sport Wales, to name only a few, and this is a core element of the Committee's work.
- **Poverty and the Cost of Living Challenge** – at the Committee's request, consideration was given to the poverty context and cost of living challenges, the benefits and financial support available, the free school meals scheme and preventative schemes that are available locally. The Committee scrutinized the resilience and sufficiency of the schemes and interventions in place to support Anglesey citizens.

- **Housing Services** – The Committee scrutinized the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2023/53 which sets the direction for developing and maintaining the Authority’s council housing stock. Members focussed specifically on the following themes – alignment with the Council’s wider strategic priorities (Council Plan: 2023/2028); affordability of the expansion programme to increase the Local Authority’s housing stock; supply of sufficient accommodation for vulnerable adults and families and the risks related to the need for sufficient internal and external capacity to deliver the schemes. The Committee recommended the business plan for adoption by the Council.
- **Social Services** – finally, every six months Members scrutinized progress in realising the development plans for the Children and Families Services and the Adults Services. Consideration was given to the Post Performance Evaluation Inspection Action Plan (routine inspection of performance in the Social Services by Care Inspectorate Wales). At the end of the civic year, the Committee looked in detail at the Looked After Children Strategy before it was considered by the Executive in the Spring. The Committee recommended that the strategy be adopted as providing a clear direction for the Council to meet its statutory commitments towards looked after children and young people.

I acknowledge the work done by the Finance Scrutiny Panel and the Social Services Scrutiny Panel and to close a thank you to all Committee Members and officers who have assisted during 2022/23.

Councillor Robert Llewelyn Jones

(Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee)

Councillor Dylan Rees

- **Chair of Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee 2022/23**



I believe that the scrutiny process plays a key role in the corporate governance arrangements of the Council – by holding decision makers to account, challenging in a constructive way and ensuring that the voice of the public and the community is heard as part of the decision-making process. Our Public Speaking Protocol in Scrutiny Committees is testimony to the Council's commitment and formalises the process for the public to express their views at Scrutiny Committee meetings.

I would like to thank Members of the Partnership and Regeneration Committee for their contributions and commitment to the work of the Committee which has made an important contribution in terms of fulfilling the Council Plan and in maintaining standards of our public services.

It gives me great pleasure to provide an overview of the Committee's work over the past 12 months. The Committee has made fair, robust recommendations to the Executive on a number of key topics and service areas during this period as well as the work of the Authority's partners:

- **Anglesey and Gwynedd Public Services Board (PSB)** – The Committee leads on scrutinising the work of the Board, which is a partnership between Gwynedd and Anglesey. This includes scrutinising the delivery of the Wellbeing Plan, governance arrangements and the Annual Report. Members carefully considered the Board's annual report: 2021/22 and examples of quality scrutiny work were seen with Members asking how the Board addresses slippages in individual work streams. The Committee also provided observations on the Anglesey Wellbeing Assessment (2023 onwards) as part of the Board's statutory consultation process. Finally, consideration was given to the draft Wellbeing Plan for Gwynedd and Anglesey: 2023/2028, which was considered by the Executive and adopted by the Full Council in May 2023.
- **North Wales Economic Ambition Board** – the Committee scrutinized the quarterly monitoring reports and raised appropriate questions concerning progress against the projects that are underway e.g., what mitigation measures will be in place to address any slippage and how will the potential risk of over-expenditure in individual projects be managed. This is the designated Committee for scrutinising the work of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board – an essential role to ensure the maximum economic benefits for North Wales, and Anglesey in particular.
- **Education Scrutiny** – Members looked at a number of key areas whilst scrutinising education during the civic year and thereby added value to the contribution of the Education Scrutiny Panel. During the Autumn members were given an opportunity to scrutinize progress against the recommendations of a recent inspection of the Authority by Estyn (June, 2022) and it proposed the post-inspection plan for adoption by the Executive as being a considered, comprehensive and sound plan. In Spring, the Committee focused on the GwE Annual Report for Anglesey: 2021/22. Members scrutinized the effectiveness of GwE's offer to Anglesey schools and the implications of the new Accountability Framework on our scrutiny approaches in future.

The Committee received regular progress reports during the civic year on the Education Scrutiny Panel's work programmes. The Education Scrutiny Panel continues to be a key component of the Council's corporate scrutiny arrangements.

- **Economic Development and Regeneration** – The Committee increasingly focused on regeneration and economic development projects which are corporate priorities e.g., Anglesey Levelling Up Fund, Anglesey Town Centre Improvement Strategy and the Arfor Programme. The Committee proposed these schemes for adoption by the Executive.
- **Other Partnerships** – The Committee scrutinized a number of reports to hold partners to account and to ensure the best possible outcomes for citizens. These reports included the Annual Report of the North Wales Partnership Board, the Community Safety Partnership Annual Report and the Annual Report on Equalities. Due to lack of capacity in the Democratic Services it was not possible for a number of our main partners to appear before the Committee this year.

I would like to thank members of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and members of the Education Scrutiny Panel for working effectively as a team over the past year. All members have successfully adapted to ensure that the scrutiny function remains hybrid and undertaking scrutiny in an innovative way, maximising time of officers and Elected Members. Lastly, I would like to sincerely thank officers from the Scrutiny Team for their leadership, support and willingness to assist at all times.

Councillor Dylan Rees
(Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee)

2022 Election: New Council

1.1 There was a significant change in our Elected Members following the 2022 Election with almost 50% of them elected as councillors for the first time. Several factors were behind this change – the Council has 5 additional seats as a result of a review of electoral boundaries within the Local Authority (Boundary Commission for Wales), and a number of Elected Members decided to step down.

1.2 Corporate induction arrangements were put in place during the first months of the civic year as a basis for further specific training for our Elected Members who sit on scrutiny committees and panels. The training and development programme is ongoing and provides regular opportunities to self-evaluate the impact of scrutiny work on our corporate governance arrangements.

Modernising our Arrangements for Convening Meetings

1.3 Since June, 2022 and in line with the statutory requirements¹, a hybrid solution is in place which facilitates multi-location meetings in the Council Chamber and the Committee Room. These arrangements ensure that the Council fully complies with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021.

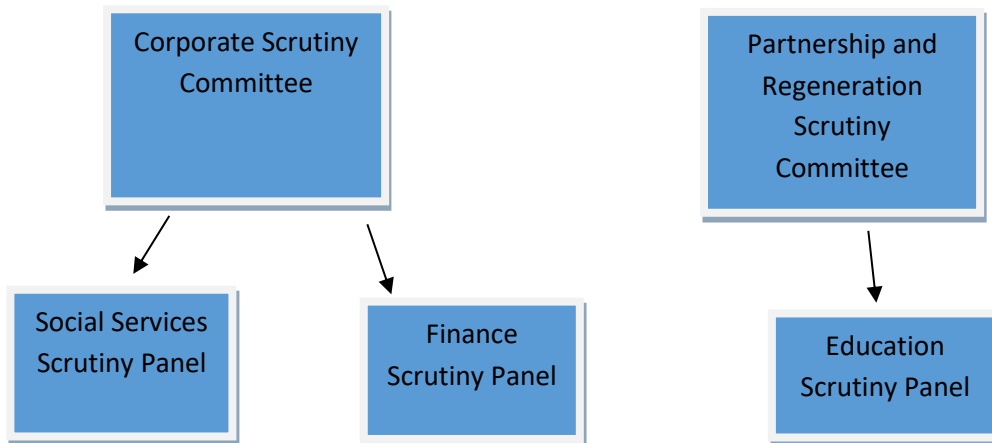
1.4 Both Scrutiny Committees met regularly and resumed the priority scrutiny work during 2022/23. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee has undertaken successful scrutiny, ensuring that the Council achieves its corporate objectives and its service objectives. The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee has scrutinized some key partnerships and has complied with all statutory requirements. However, some partners that should have been scheduled had to be postponed due to lack of capacity in the Democratic Services. We hope to be able to resume this key focus during 2023/24.

2 OUR LOCAL STRUCTURE

Scrutiny committees form part of the way in which local government in Wales operates. Their prime role is to hold the decision-makers to account, drive improvement, act as the voice of the community and play a role in policy development and review. A summary of the national policy context is outlined in **APPENDIX 1**.

¹ Deddf Llywodraeth Leol ac Etholiadau (Cymru) 2021

2.1 Our local structure comprises of 2 scrutiny committees and three panels:



The remit and membership of our scrutiny committees are summarised in **APPENDIX 2**.

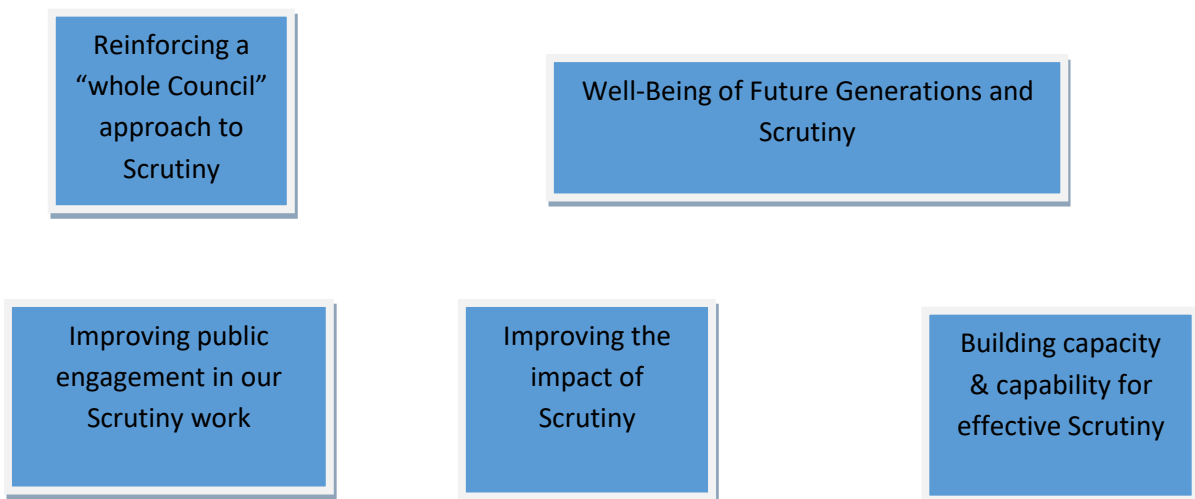
3 KEY LOCAL THEMES FOR SCRUTINY

3.1 Key Themes

Our local scrutiny work streams have prioritised key themes (which are summarised below), in order to provide a robust framework to:

- Clarify the role and contribution of Scrutiny in the governance arrangements of the Council
- Identify the actions required in the short and medium term in order to further improve Scrutiny within the context of the post Pandemic period and current legislative requirements.

KEY LOCAL THEMES FOR SCRUTINY



4. ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF SCRUTINY

4.1 MEASURING OUTPUTS

A number of significant **outputs** were achieved by Scrutiny during the last municipal year which go some way in assisting us to assess the impact that the function has had locally:

4.1.1 Committee meetings – a total of 19 scrutiny committee meetings were convened during 2022/23:

Committee	Number of Committees convened
Corporate Scrutiny Committee	10
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	9

There are also robust arrangements in place to ensure feedback at meetings of the Executive by scrutiny committee chairs on matters that have been considered by both committees.

4.1.2 Scrutiny Panel meetings – there have been regular meetings of all 3 scrutiny panels over the past 12 months:

Panel	Number of meetings convened
Social Services Scrutiny Panel	8
Finance Scrutiny Panel	8
Education Scrutiny Panel	9

These panels have been embedded into practice by:

- ✚ Putting in place robust governance arrangements to support each panel
- ✚ Ensuring a clear focus / remit and work programme for each panel
- ✚ Putting in place a reporting / escalation process ensuring that the work of scrutiny panels is reported quarterly to the two Parent Committees, with Chairs of the Panels proposing recommendations on plans or proposed decisions
- ✚ Ensure an appropriate pace for the work of the panels which is in line with corporate priorities and also complete detailed scrutiny on the Council's all important subjects.

4.1.3 Forward work programmes – there is a well-established practice of forward work programming in place to underpin the work of both scrutiny committees. These programmes are an important tool in assisting scrutiny committee members to prioritise their work and have been discussed with the Leadership Team and Heads of Service.

Both committees and the 3 panels review the content of their forward work programmes on a regular basis in order to ensure that they remain relevant and keep abreast with local priorities. Our local forward planning arrangements ensure greater focus on:

- i. Strategic aspects
- ii. Citizen / other stakeholder engagement and outcomes
- iii. Priorities of the 2017/2022 Council Plan and corporate transformation programmes as well as the Transition Plan (providing the operational parameters for officers to deliver key work streams during the 12 month transition period between the two Administrations)
- iv. Risks
- v. Work of audit, inspection and regulation
- vi. Matters on the forward work programme of the Executive.

4.1.4 Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum – is well established and continues to meet regularly. The Forum is considered an important vehicle to oversee the scrutiny committee work programmes and jointly negotiate priorities with the Scrutiny Committees' Chairs and Vice-chairs. It also takes lead responsibility for developing and continuously improving the overview and scrutiny function in the Council. The role of the Forum has also evolved to include conversations between the Executive (Leader), Chairs/Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny and Leadership Team (Chief Executive) to ensure better alignment between work programmes.

4.1.5 Development, training and support for Members –

- ✓ a large part of the corporate Members' training & development programme has focused on the following areas in light of the 2022 Election:
 - i. Introduction to Scrutiny
 - ii. Chairing Scrutiny Committees (for committee and panel chairs /vice-chairs
 - iii. Effective Scrutiny / Questioning Strategies)
 - iv. Technology – upskilling Members with the aim of ensuring that everyone can participate effectively in multi-location meetings (**innovative / alternative models of Member scrutiny**)
- ✓ convening monthly briefing sessions to share information / raise awareness regarding key issues (eg Cost of Living Support Schemes, Destination Management and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). Also, as a forum for Member self- evaluation / reflection on the performance of Scrutiny.

4.1.6 Scrutiny across a broader base – a broader approach to Member scrutiny has been further developed and consolidated during 2022/23 by:

- i. Effective forward planning to ensure alignment between topics discussed at Member briefing sessions, scrutiny panels and full scrutiny committee meetings.
- ii. Ensuring clarity of role for Members on corporate programme boards and ensuring robust, timely high level reporting to scrutiny committees, escalating slippage as required.
- iii. Developing a breadth of topics discussed at Member briefing sessions in support of Scrutiny and ensuring information available to Members on strategic and transformation topics.

4.1.7 “Closing the Scrutiny circle” – by having in place robust arrangements to:

- i. Report on progress or escalate issues from:
 - ✚ Scrutiny panels to parent committees
 - ✚ Scrutiny committees to the Executive
 - ✚ Corporate programme boards to scrutiny committees.
- ii. Enable and encourage self-analysis and reflection by Scrutiny Members in order to identify strengths and areas for further development / focus.

4.1.8 Scrutiny & Wellbeing of Future Generations – developing the role of Scrutiny by:

- ✚ Ensuring Members focus on the 5 ways of working to frame questions²
- ✚ Developing a revised scrutiny report template, placing wellbeing of future generations at its core
- ✚ Raising awareness and providing information in Member briefing and development sessions
- ✚ Reviewing progress made in developing the role of scrutiny against best practice
- ✚ Putting in place a framework to scrutinize the Public Services Board and key partnerships.

4.1.9 Citizen engagement in scrutiny – ensure the voice of citizens is heard in local decision making, e.g. the Protocol for Public Speaking in Scrutiny Committees is a key element of our corporate governance arrangements. Meetings of both Scrutiny Committees are broadcast live and a recording is kept on the Council website for 12 months. Committee meetings are publicised on the Council’s social network platforms.

² Long term, Prevention, Integration, Collaboration, Involvement (Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)

4.2 MEASURING OUTCOMES

Capturing and assessing the impact of Scrutiny is a challenge to achieve as the **outcomes** of overview and scrutiny activities are not always tangible and often do not easily lend themselves to being measured in a systematic way. Furthermore, it is not easy to measure the effectiveness of the overview and scrutiny function's ability to influence decision makers through discussion and debate. There are however some examples where the input of scrutiny has added value and / or influenced the way in which proposals have been implemented by the Council.

The foreword to the report explains the main highlights of the Council's scrutiny work during the year. This included scrutinising and providing observations on the Council's main strategic plans, including the Council Plan 2023-28. The Council's outcomes and performance monitoring arrangements were also scrutinized, along with budget proposals for 2023-24.

During 2023-24, the intention is to implement a new scrutiny protocol for education and to adopt the principles across all scrutiny work within the Council. We will also review the Council's scrutiny arrangements to consider good practice and benchmark against other organisations.

5.0 LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023/24

The Authority will continue on the next stage of its development journey and the following key areas will be prioritised for action over the next year:

KEY SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Theme	How	Outcome ³
Vision	Fully mainstream our Scrutiny vision and ensure that every Elected Member has a robust understanding of the purpose and value of scrutiny within the Council's governance. Utilise the new education scrutiny protocol to raise awareness of the principles of scrutiny and develop consistent principles.	<i>Better outcomes</i>

³ Canlyniadau a Nodweddion am Drosolwg a Sgrïwtini Effeithiol i Lywodraeth Leol – Craffu Da? Cwestiwn Da! Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru 2014

Theme	How	Outcome ³
Member Development and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A training and development programme is in place to support and develop Members. Effective chairing skills is part of the programme and new Scrutiny Committee members will also receive training on scrutiny work. • Convene short, regular briefing / development / review sessions with Scrutiny Members. 	Better decisions
Scrutiny Panels	<p>Support the work of the panels through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the forward work programmes of the 3 Panels align with the corporate priorities of the Council Plan: 2023-2028 • Developing an evolving focus to the work of the Panels • Ensuring that the Panels complete self-evaluation exercises at least once a year • Undertake a review of the Scrutiny Panels' effectiveness as part of the Council's governance structure 	Better decisions
Citizen engagement in our Scrutiny work	<p>Continue to mainstream the Protocol for Public Speaking and raise the public's awareness of its existence, in order to ensure greater public participation by providing a clear structure for the public to request to speak in Committees.</p> <p>Publicise Committee meetings in advance.</p> <p>Monitor the number of people watching both live and recorded broadcasts of the Scrutiny Committees.</p>	Better engagement
Well-being of Future Generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support chairs in developing the role of scrutiny whilst meeting the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015. • To fully embed a robust questioning strategy using the Well-being of Future Generations Act to ensure that key scrutiny questions are included in every committee report and are asked in the Panel and Committee meetings. • Review our arrangements in order to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act. 	Better outcomes

Theme	How	Outcome ³
Partnership Working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and expand scrutiny of key partners, subject to capacity. Work with the health sector as a priority and scrutinize strategic developments in other areas. • Continue to invite key partners to appear before the Committees in order to scrutinize their work on the Island. 	<i>Better engagement</i>
Innovative models of Member Scrutiny	Consider more innovative and effective ways of scrutiny, taking account of good practice and benchmarking against other organisations.	<i>Better decisions, better outcomes and better engagement</i>
Alignment and Ownership of Scrutiny Work Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the work programmes of scrutiny panels and committees on a monthly basis to align with the process of updating the Executive's forward work programme. • Ensure that the forward work programme is discussed in every meeting of the Scrutiny Chairs Forum / committee / panel and ensure Members' input in forming the work programmes in order to ensure ownership. • Utilise national / regional good practice to steer local work programmes. Work with the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA). 	<i>Better decisions, better outcomes</i>
Self-assessment of our local scrutiny arrangements	<p>Members to continue to complete self-assessments which includes identifying recommendations to improve the current scrutiny arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as part of the process of preparing the Scrutiny Annual Report. • to assess the outcomes and impact of our scrutiny panels. 	<i>Better outcomes</i>
Closing the Scrutiny Circle and Alignment with the Transformation Boards	Accountability through reporting on the progress of the Panels' work on a quarterly basis and continue to formalise the process of reporting to Scrutiny Committees through Panels Chairs as a matter of course.	<i>Better decisions, better outcomes, better engagement</i>
Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021	Continue to act in accordance with the requirements of the Act and arrange information sessions for members as required.	<i>Better decisions, better outcomes</i>

6. CONTACT SCRUTINY

6.1 To find out more about scrutiny in Anglesey or to give your views please contact:

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APPENDICES

WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY? National policy context

National context:

Scrutiny committees form part of the way in which local government in Wales operates. As well as establishing a decision making executive, the Local Government Act 2000 requires one or more scrutiny committees. Their primary role is to hold decision-makers to account, drive improvement, act as the voice of the community and play a role in policy development and review.

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS)⁴ advocates four key principles in support of effective Member scrutiny:

- i. Provide “critical friend” challenge to executive policy makers and other decision makers
- ii. Enable the voice and concerns of the public and its communities to be heard
- iii. Be carried out by “independent minded governors” who lead and own the scrutiny process
- iv. Is evidence based and drives improvement in public services.

⁴ Good Scrutiny Guide, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny 2004

REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP OF OUR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The overview and scrutiny function at the Isle of Anglesey County Council continues to be delivered through a structure comprising of two parent scrutiny committees - Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Remit:


- The focus of work of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee is to provide assurance regarding the performance and delivery of all services; ensure the council achieves its corporate and service objectives (as outlined in the Corporate 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.
- Members of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee endeavour to hold preparation meetings in advance of committee meetings in order to prepare and focus discussion at the formal meetings of the committee. This is regarded as good practice and it is intended to ensure these arrangements are in place for 2023/24.


Membership

- The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is chaired by Councillor Robert Llewelyn Jones and supported by Vice Chair Councillor Dyfed Wyn Jones. Twelve Elected Members sit on the committee⁵ with provision for 4 co-opted members:

Membership of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee

⁵ Councillor membership of the Scrutiny Committees reflect the political balance of the Council

	Name	Ward	Political Party/Group		Name	Ward	Political Party/Group
	Cllr Geraint ap Ifan Bebb	Cefni	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Alwen Watkin	Bodowyr	Plaid Cymru
	Cllr Neville Evans	Crigyll	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Arfon Wyn	Bro Aberffraw	Plaid Cymru
	Cllr Dyfed Wyn Jones	Aethwy	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Dafydd Roberts	Bodowyr	The Independent Group
	Cllr Jackie Lewis	Talybolion	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Keith Roberts	Ynys Gybi	Welsh Labour
	Cllr Llio A Owen	Talybolion	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Robert Llewelyn Jones (Chair)	Parc a'r Mynydd	Anglesey Independents
	Cllr Aled M. Jones	Twrcelyn	Anglesey Independents		Cllr Douglas Fowlie	Crigyll	Anglesey Independents

Member of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee during part of 2022/23	
Cllr Sonia Williams	
	Aethwy

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Remit:

- The primary focus of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that the interests of the citizens of the Island are promoted, and that best use is made of Council resources, in line with the Council's priorities, that demonstrate added value from working with partners. The remit of the committee includes regional and national arrangements as well as local arrangements.
- The committee is also the nominated Crime and Disorder Committee dealing with crime and disorder matters, as required under Section 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. It is also the designated committee for scrutinising the work of the Ynys Môn and Gwynedd Public Services Board.
- The Committee has introduced a practice of holding briefing meetings with members prior to each formal scrutiny committee meeting. This is regarded as good practice and it is intended to continue with these arrangements in 2023/24.

Membership:

- The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee was chaired by Councillor Dylan Rees and supported by Vice Chair Councillor Gwilym Owen Jones. Twelve members also sit on this committee with provision for 4 co-opted members:

Membership of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Name	Ward	Political Party/Group	Name	Ward	Political Party/Group
 Cllr Dylan Rees (Chair)	Canolbarth Môn	Plaid Cymru	 Cllr John Ifan Jones	Bro Aberffraw	Plaid Cymru
 Cllr Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)	Bro'r Llynnoedd	The Independent Group	 Cllr Margaret Roberts	Lligwy	Plaid Cymru
 Cllr Non Dafydd	Canolbarth Môn	Plaid Cymru	 Cllr Paul Ellis	Canolbarth Môn	Anglesey Independents
 Cllr Euryn Morris	Lligwy	Plaid Cymru	 Cllr Jeff Evans	Tref Cybi	Anglesey Independents
 Cllr Trefor Lloyd Hughes	Ynys Gybi	Plaid Cymru	 Cllr Derek Owen	Twrcelyn	Anglesey Independents
 Cllr Ken Taylor	Bro'r Llynnoedd	Plaid Cymru	 Cllr Pip O'Neill	Tref Cybi	Welsh Labour

Our scrutiny committees can undertake their work in one of the following ways:

- Consider a topic during a formal meeting
- Consider a topic in more detail by establishing a scrutiny outcome panel OR
- Conduct informal sessions on a particular area of policy.

Again during 2022/23, the scrutiny committees were aware of the need to seek to focus their work on outcomes and within the Audit Wales framework of characteristics and outcomes for effective local government overview and scrutiny⁶:

- Better outcomes
- Better decisions
- Better engagement

Call-in of decisions: Scrutiny committees can “call-in” a decision taken by either the Executive, Portfolio Holder or an officer to whom the Executive has been delegated with a specific decision making power. The scrutiny committees only exercise a “call-in” when there is good reason to do so (through a Test of Significance), and during 2022/23 this was not exercised.

⁶ Good Scrutiny? Good Question!, Wales Audit Office, 2014

APPENDIX 3

A vision for delivering effective scrutiny in Isle of Anglesey County Council

Vision

Scrutiny on the Isle of Anglesey aims to secure better outcomes for citizens and communities and add to the effectiveness of the Local Authority by helping make public services more transparent, inclusive, accountable and cost effective.

Our Guiding Principles for Scrutiny on Anglesey

- Scrutiny is characterised by an atmosphere of mutual trust, co-operation and shared responsibility for achieving the best outcomes for local communities on the Isle of Anglesey
- Scrutiny Members are non-political in carrying out their support and challenge roles
- Scrutiny activity directly broadens the evidence base for decisions and transformational change by providing a view on how proposals are likely to be received by local communities
- Scrutiny Members help ensure that a strategic, long term approach is taken when major service strategies are being considered by providing constructive challenge in testing assumptions, looking at risk and challenging how resources are prioritised.

Our Values

Scrutiny on the Isle of Anglesey....

- Is forward and outward thinking and proactive (rather than inwards and reactive)
- has a clearly defined and valued role in the Council's governance and improvement arrangements
- Is non-political and incorporates a wide range of evidence and perspectives including those from strategic partners, regulators and the public
- Is led by Elected Members who have the training and development opportunities they need to undertake their role effectively
- Receives effective support from the Council's Leadership Team who ensures that information provided to Scrutiny is of high quality and provided in a timely and consistent manner
- Takes into account concerns expressed at ward level in a non-parochial way when managing the forward work programme
- Is well planned, chaired effectively and makes best use of the resources available to it
- Is recognised by the Executive and Leadership Team as an important Council mechanism for community engagement and facilitates greater citizen involvement in governance
- Builds trust and positive relationships with a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders.

