

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
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REPORT TITLE:	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24
REPORT BY:	Chairs of the: 1. Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2. Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:	Report on the work of both scrutiny committees during 2023/24 and provide an overview of the scrutiny work programme for 2024/25
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LOCAL MEMBERS:	Applicable to all Scrutiny Members

1. Recommendations

Full Council is requested to:

R1 Approve the Scrutiny and Overview Annual Report for 2023/24

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 Corporate Scrutiny Committee as the Scrutiny Champion for the period May 2024 to May 2025.

2. Background and Context

2.1 This Annual Report on Overview and Scrutiny encompasses the work undertaken by the two scrutiny committees between May 2023 and May 2024.

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 regular meetings of the Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice- chairs Forum and for approval at every meeting of the scrutiny committees.

2.3 Whilst the impact and value of scrutiny activity continues to make a meaningful contribution to the Council's corporate priorities through support and challenge, the Local Authority is of the view that it is now timely to complete a review of current scrutiny arrangements. This external review is ongoing at the time of writing this report with the findings and recommendations scheduled to be available by August, 2024. Any recommendations will be translated into a development programme and progress monitored by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum.

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 Corporate Scrutiny Committee should therefore be appointed as the designated Scrutiny Champion for the forthcoming year.

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Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2023/24

Overview and Scrutiny

Annual Report: 2023-24





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1. FOREWORD

Councillor Douglas Massie Fowlie

- **Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2023/24**



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 9 meetings were convened during the municipal year:

- **Annual budget setting 2024/25** – 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 2024/25 with a significant contribution by the Finance Scrutiny Panel again this year – with the Panel completing in-depth scrutiny of both the revenue and capital budget proposals on behalf of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.
- **Council Plan: 2023-2028** – Members scrutinised a number of key strategic plans which when implemented will enable the Local Authority to realise the 6 key strategic objectives of the Council Plan for 2023-2028. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the following plans:
 - Annual Delivery Document: 2023/24
 - Empty Homes Strategic Plan
 - Tenant Participation Strategic Plan
 - Asset Management Strategic Plan (Housing)
 - Asset Management Strategic Plan
 - Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan
 - Modernising Learning Communities and Developing the Welsh Language

The Committee recommended that these strategic plans be adopted, providing a clear direction for the Council’s strategic priorities for the next five years.

- **Quarterly Performance Monitoring** – the Committee monitored performance on a quarterly basis throughout 2023/24, 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 scrutinise performance and data across all Council services. In January 2024, the Committee established a Scrutiny task and finish group to examine local performance of the Housing Service against KPI 29 (the average number of calendar days to let lettable units of accommodation - excluding Difficult to Lets). The outcome of the Scrutiny work is scheduled to be reported at the beginning of the next financial year (June 2024).
- Our work as a committee also included monitoring and scrutinising of the Annual Performance Report 2022/23. This is a core element of the Scrutiny Committee’s work.
- **Housing Services** – The Committee scrutinised the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2024-54

which sets the direction for developing and maintaining the Authority's council housing stock. Members focused 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, in November 2023 Members scrutinised 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 Corporate Parenting 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 thank all Committee Members and officers who have assisted during 2023/24. I would also like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank the Vice-chair, Councillor Dyfed Wyn Jones, for his support during the past 12 months.

Councillor Douglas Massie Fowlie
(Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee)

Councillor Dylan Rees

- **Chair of Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee 2023/24**
- **Scrutiny Champion → 2023/24**



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:

- **Welsh Language** - the Partnership & Re-generation Scrutiny Committee looked at one of the six strategic objectives of the Council Plan for 2023-2028 namely the Welsh Language. The Welsh language is an integral part of our identity, culture and heritage and we have a responsibility to ensure that it continues to develop and thrive. We want to see an increase in the number of people on Anglesey who can speak Welsh and in the number of people who use the language on a daily basis. The areas in particular which were scrutinised by Members include the following -
 - I. Welsh Standards Annual Report: 2022/23
 - II. Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2022/23 - Measuring Progress
 - III. Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
- **Modernising Day Opportunities: Learning Opportunities (Holyhead area)** - the Scrutiny Committee looked at the proposals to modernise and transform day opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities in the Holyhead area. Members considered proposals to integrate service users within the community and respond to the aspirations of people who attend activities (in order to deliver better outcomes for service users). This will allow the Service to continue to transform and modernise the way in which day services are provided across the Island.
- **Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board** - an additional meeting of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee was convened in November 2023 to welcome the Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. The meeting was the forum for a positive, constructive dialogue with the Health Board focusing on the following key areas of collaboration:
 - ✓ Health Board Improvement Programme – high level overview

- ✓ Resilience of Community Clinical Services on the Isle of Anglesey
- ✓ Joint Working between the Health Board and Isle of Anglesey County Council Adults' Services

The Committee asked relevant primary and supplementary scrutiny questions resulting in constructive scrutiny of a key strategic partner to the Local Authority. A tangible outcome has been confirmation of an agreement for the Health Board to return on an annual basis.

- **Council Plan: 2023-2028** – Members scrutinised a number of key strategic plans which when implemented will enable the Local Authority to realise the 6 key strategic objectives of the Council Plan for 2023-2028. To that end, the Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the following plans-
 - i. Public Participation Strategic Plan
 - ii. Waste and Recycling Strategic Plan
 - iii. Equalities Strategic Plan
 - iv. Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan
- **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. During the 2023/24 civic year, Members carefully considered the Board's annual report: 2022/23 and examples of quality scrutiny work were seen with Members asking how the Board addresses slippages in individual work streams.
- **Ambition North Wales** – the Committee scrutinised 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 Ambition North Wales – an essential role to ensure the maximum economic benefits for North Wales and Anglesey in particular.
- **Education Scrutiny** – Members added value through scrutinising key areas of education services on the Isle of Anglesey with the Education Scrutiny Panel looking in detail at some priority areas –
 - i. An Integrated Joint Working Model for Anglesey (Children in Care)
 - ii. NEST - The mental health and wellbeing framework
 - iii. Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Legislation
 - iv. Schools in a Category, Estyn Follow Up or Receiving Additional Support
 - v. GwE Annual Report for Anglesey: 2022/23

During the year, the Committee received the latest information about standards in schools on Anglesey, along with the assurance that improvement measures are in place, as well as appropriate support, for schools that raise concerns.

The above summary shows how the work of the Scrutiny Committee has provided added value to the decision-making process of the Council during the last 12 months. However, I believe that even more value can be added if all members of the Committee play their part. Attendance at meetings from some Members has been poor and this concern has been raised in meetings of the Scrutiny Chairs & Vice-chairs Forum.

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. 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my Vice-chair, Councillor Gwilym Owen Jones, for the invaluable support he has provided me with.

Lastly, I would like to 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)

Modernising Arrangements for Convening Meetings

1.1 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 Committee Room. These arrangements ensure that the Council fully complies with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021. At the time of writing this report, meetings of our 3 scrutiny panels continue to be convened virtually in the main.

1.2 Both Scrutiny Committees met regularly and completed the priority scrutiny work during 2023/24. 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 scrutinised some key partnerships and has fully complied with all statutory requirements. Capacity in Democratic Services did however hinder the development of a broader programme of partnership scrutiny (beyond our statutory obligations). Those capacity issues have been addressed and planning is now underway in order to ensure that this broader scrutiny work is fully realised during 2024/25 and beyond.

Training and Development Opportunities

1.3 The Authority successfully delivered a corporate induction training programme following the 2022 Election. This was followed by a bespoke training programme for Elected Members who sit on scrutiny committees and panels. The training and development programme is ongoing and provides opportunities to self-evaluate the impact of Member scrutiny work on our corporate governance arrangements.

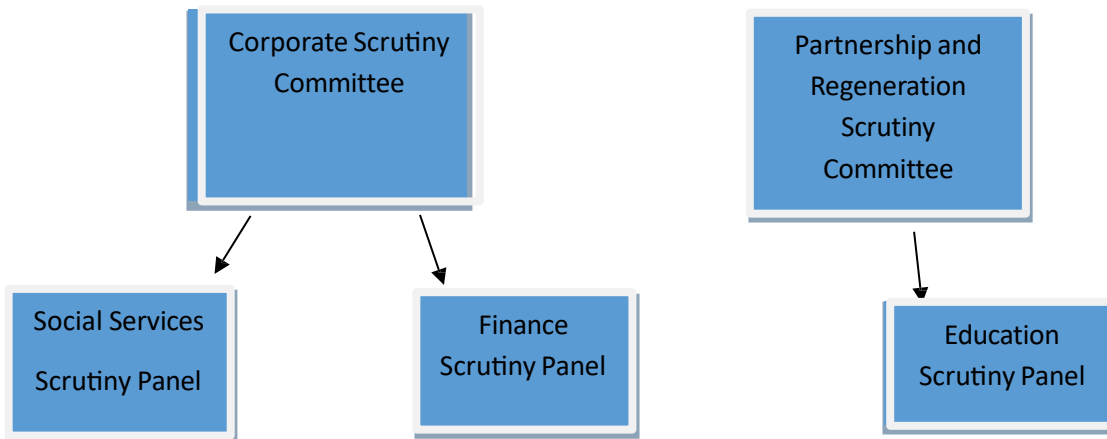
1.4 We will review our Member training programme again when the outcomes of the current review of scrutiny arrangements are available in order to ensure that the conditions are created for continuous improvement and robust scrutiny by Elected Members.

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, be a critical friend, 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 Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 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**.

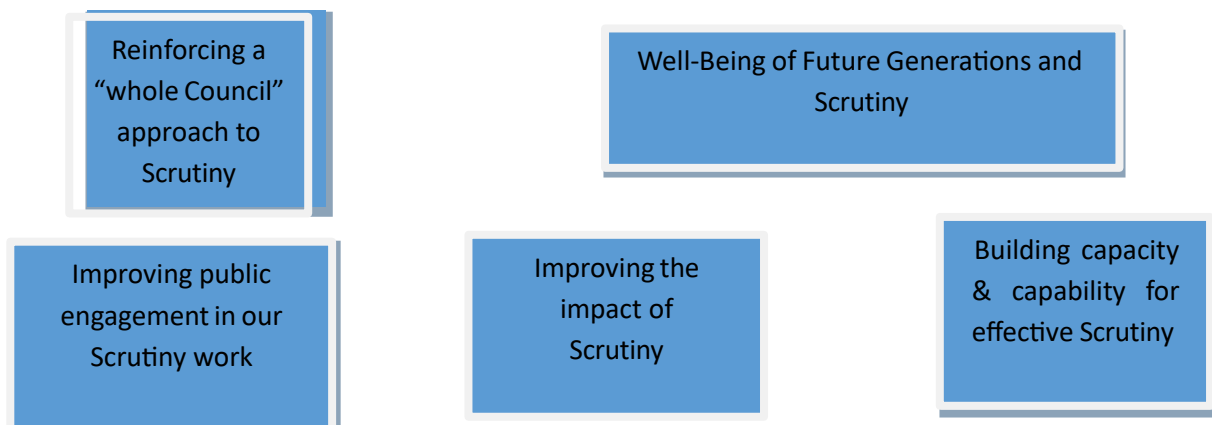
3 KEY LOCAL THEMES FOR SCRUTINY

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 2023/24:

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

Committee	Number of Meetings Convened
Corporate Scrutiny Committee	9
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	10

committees.

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

These panels have been embedded into practice by:

Panel	Number of meetings convened
Social Services Scrutiny Panel	9
Finance Scrutiny Panel	9
Education Scrutiny Panel	10

- ✚ Putting in place robust governance arrangements to support each panel
- ✚ Ensuring a clear focus / remit and work programme for each panel
- ✚ Introducing a reporting / escalation process ensuring that the work of scrutiny panels is reported regularly to the two Parent Committees, with Chairs of the Panels proposing recommendations when appropriate
- ✚ Ensuring 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 are discussed regularly 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 focus on:

- i. Strategic aspects
- ii. Citizen / other stakeholder engagement and outcomes
- iii. Priorities of the 2023-2028 Council Plan
- iv. Risks
- v. Work of audit, inspection and regulation
- vi. Matters on the forward work programme of the Executive.

4.1.4 Scrutiny 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 across the work of the Authority.

4.1.5 Development, training and support for Members –




- ✓ Elected Members received Scrutiny specific training and development inputs in light of the 2022 local Election (Introduction to Scrutiny; Chairing Scrutiny Committees; Effective Scrutiny / Questioning Strategies; technology – upskilling Members with the aim of ensuring that all can participate effectively in multi-location meetings). The priority during 2023/24 has been a focus on training and development inputs:
 - i. for individuals new to their role (Co-opted Members and officers supporting Member Scrutiny)
 - ii. a continued focus on technology (upskilling Members)

- ✓ convening monthly briefing sessions to share information / raise awareness regarding key issues (eg Green Waste Collection, North Wales Police – engagement with the Local Policing Team; Modernising Day Opportunities (Learning Disabilities) and Education Eco-System (partnership working in education). 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 2023/24 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
-  Introducing 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 scrutinise the Public Services Board and other key partnerships.

4.1.9 Citizen engagement /participation 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. At the time of writing this report, we are reviewing our arrangements for promoting citizen and stakeholder engagement in scrutiny. The findings of this review will form part of a scrutiny development plan and implementation will be monitored by the Scrutiny Chairs / Vice-chairs Forum.

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, methodical way. Also, 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 summarises the main highlights of the Council's scrutiny work during the last municipal 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 scrutinised along with budget proposals for 2024-25.

The Local Authority has commissioned an external review of its current scrutiny structure and arrangements with the fieldwork scheduled to be completed by August, 2024. This review will also consider:

- i. best in class practice and will benchmark against other organisations in order to provide a robust set of recommendations in moving forward
- ii. measuring outcomes and impact of Member scrutiny as an integral part of practice.

5.0 LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024/25

The outcomes of the external review commissioned of current scrutiny arrangements will form the basis of the next chapter in the local development journey. Without pre-empting the outcome of the review, it is anticipated that the development programme will be crystallised under the following key themes:

KEY SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT THEMES

Theme	How	Outcome ³
Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements	Better outcomes

³ Outcomes and Characteristics for Effective Local Government Overview and Scrutiny – Good Scrutiny? Good Question!

Theme	How	Outcome³
Scrutiny Structure and Governance Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better decisions</i>
Member Development and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better decisions</i>
Citizen engagement and Participation in our Scrutiny work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better engagement</i>
Well-being of Future Generations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better outcomes</i>

Theme	How	Outcome³
Partnership Working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better engagement</i>
Innovative models of Member Scrutiny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better decisions, better outcomes and better engagement</i>
Alignment and Ownership of Scrutiny Work Programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better decisions, better outcomes</i>
Continuous self-assessment of our local scrutiny arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better outcomes</i>
Closing the Scrutiny Circle and Alignment with Corporate Transformation Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<i>Better decisions, better outcomes, better engagement</i>
Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The detail to be informed by the findings of the external review of scrutiny arrangements 	<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.

⁴Good Scrutiny Guide, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny 2004

APPENDIX 2

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 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 2024/25.

Membership

- The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is chaired by Councillor Douglas Massie Fowlie 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

Elected Members

Name	Ward	Political Party/Group
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Name	Ward	Political Party/Group
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Cllr Geraint ap Ifan Bebb

Cefni

Plaid Cymru



Cllr Alwen Watkin

Bodowyr

Plaid Cymru



Cllr Ieuan Williams

Lligwy

Anglesey Independents



Cllr Arfon Wyn

Bro Aberffraw

Plaid Cymru



Cllr Dyfed Wyn Jones (Vice-Chair)

Aethwy

Plaid Cymru



Cllr Sonia Williams

Aethwy

Plaid Cymru



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 (Chair)

Crigyll

Anglesey Independents

Co-opted Members



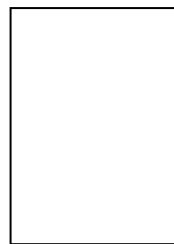
Mr John Tierney
Representing: The Roman Catholic Church in Wales



Mrs Wenda Owen
Representing: The Church in Wales



Mrs Gillian Thompson
Representing: /Parent Governor – Primary Schools Sector



Vacant Seat: Parent Governor – Secondary Schools Sector and ALN)

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 2024/25.

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

Elected Members

	Name	Ward	Political Party/Group		Name	Ward	Political Party/Group
	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 Eurn Morris	Lligwy	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Jeff Evans	Tref Cybi	Anglesey Independents
	Cllr Sonia Williams	Aethwy	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Derek Owen	Twrcelyn	Anglesey Independents
	Cllr Ken Taylor	Bro'r Llynnoedd	Plaid Cymru		Cllr Pip O'Neill	Tref Cybi	Welsh Labour

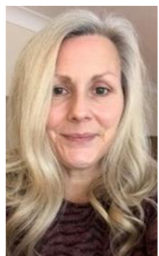
Co-opted Members



Mr John Tierney
Representing: The Roman Catholic
Church in Wales



Mrs Wenda Owen
Representing: The Church in Wales



Mrs Gillian Thompson
Representing: Parent Governors – Primary
Schools Sector



Vacant Seat: Parent Governor – Secondary Schools
Sector and Additional Learning Needs

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 2023/24, 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 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 2023/24 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.