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4.00 pm TUESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2023

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)

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the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 relating to Council Tax, the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Members Code of Conduct

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(b) Where Members withdraw from a Meeting as a consequence of the disclosure of a prejudicial interest they must notify the Chair when they leave

Reports

3. UK Shared Prosperity Levelling-Up Fund
To consider report of the Deputy Chief Executive **5 - 12**
4. Report Recommendations
Did we address the recommendations in each report and how have we added value?

Work Programme

5. Forward Work Programme 2022/2023
To consider the attached report **13 - 24**

Reflections

6. Scrutiny Referrals
7. Feedback on Scrutiny Activities
Any outstanding actions? Feedback from workshops / task and finish groups / enquiry days, etc.
8. Any Other Business deemed urgent by the Chair

COMPOSITION:

Councillors: L Davies (Chair)
D Sammon (Vice-Chair)

Councillors: C T Jones, S Thomas, J Thomas and
A Williams-Price

Co-optee(s): H Hopkins, H Jackson, A Millar and
R Stone

together with appropriate officers

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Written	20 th February 2023
Report Author	Chris Long, Ryan Barry, Joanne Davies
Service Area	Housing & Regeneration
Committee Date	7 th March 2023

UK Shared Prosperity Levelling-Up Fund

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report summarises progress on the UK Government's Levelling-up Programme, specifically, the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) element.
- 1.2 The report describes the UK Government's rationale in terms of deciding on its financial allocation to each region whilst also identifying year on year spend over the course of the programme.
- 1.3 The report also explains the journey of work undertaken to date by the Core SPF Team in relation to deciding upon programme priorities and the needs of the County Borough.
- 1.4 The report provides an update on the Levelling-up Capital Fund and Multiply Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 The contents of this report are discussed and noted.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will be aware of previous Scrutiny reports that considered the implications of Brexit and the loss of EU funding. The before mentioned reports also outlined information relating to the UK Government's Community Renewal Fund (CRF) and proposed 'Levelling Up' grant funding programmes, namely, Shared Prosperity Fund.
- 3.2 Scrutiny Members have identified risks associated with the ceasing of EU Structural funding and the subsequent impact on a number of services within the County Borough. In a previous Scrutiny report, it was highlighted that at that time there was very little information available in relation to what the SPF Programme would look

like, what the focal points (or themes) were and how it would be administered. This report hopefully outlines all of those areas.

- 3.3 The purpose of this report is to appraise Scrutiny Members on the progress of the “Levelling Up” Programme, specifically in relation to the Shared Prosperity Fund.

4.0 WHERE WE WERE

- 4.1 Following the BREXIT referendum on the 23rd of June 2016, the UK’s decision to leave the European Union (EU) has had a momentous impact on the political and economic landscape of the UK, and more specifically Wales.

- 4.2 As referenced in previous Scrutiny Committee reports referenced above, many of the EU programmes have been running in different guises over the last 20 years, and in doing so, have developed relationships within our various communities, businesses, third sector organisations and stakeholders.

- 4.3 In 2019, and as part of the Conservative Party’s election campaign, they announced their plans to “level up” the UK by giving people and communities the opportunity “catch up” to more affluent areas. However, a definitive plan as to how they proposed to do this was not released until February 2022.

- 4.4 In early November 2021 (three months later than originally scheduled), UK Government announced all of the successful Community Renewal Fund (CRF) projects from around the UK. From the six applications submitted from Merthyr Tydfil, four were successful which had a total grant value of just over £1.9m. These were as follows:

- British Institute for Geological Conservation (BIGC) - Based at Cyfarthfa Greenhouses
- H Factor Group Cyf
- Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust
- Tydfil Training Consortium Ltd

5.0 WHERE WE ARE NOW

- 5.1 The SPF Programme is made-up of 53 interventions (including Multiply – description below in point 5.2) with associated community outputs and outcomes aimed at:

- Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging.
- Spreading opportunities and improving public services, especially in those places where they are weakest.
- Restoring a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost.
- Empowering local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency.

5.2 Table 1 below gives a brief description of each of the four Levelling Up funds:

Shared Prosperity Fund:

The Shared Prosperity Fund is a £2.6 billion revenue programme which is focused on three priority areas:

- Community & Place
- Supporting Local Business
- People & Skills

SPF aspires to empower each place to identify and build on their own strengths and needs at a local level, focused on pride in place and increasing life chances. The delivery of this fund is giving directly to local authorities who will be supported by local partners.

The Fund can be used flexibly to support interventions via:

- grant to public or private organisations
- commissioning third party organisations
- procurement of service provision
- in-house provision

Levelling Up Fund:

The Levelling Up Fund is a capital regeneration programme focussed around three pillars (priorities). These are:

- Transport Investments
- Regeneration and Town Centre Investments
- Cultural Investments

Bids can be for an individual project or a package of up to three projects up to £20 million in grant value per bid. Two large culture projects will be funded across England, Scotland and Wales worth £20 - £50 million.

Community Ownership Fund:

The £150m Community Ownership Fund helps communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to take ownership of assets at risk of closure, ensuring that important parts of the social fabric can continue to play a central role in our towns and villages.

Multiply Programme:

The Multiply Programme has the potential to reach adults across the whole United Kingdom over the next three years; improving their functional numeracy skills. This will support the UK Governments Levelling Up mission to ensure that by 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the United Kingdom.

There is an aspiration to help people improve their ability to understand and use maths in daily life, home, and work. Whether that be improving household finances, helping children

with homework, making more sense of the facts in the media, or improving numeracy skills specific to a line of work.

To achieve that, Multiply will offer a range of options such as free personal tutoring, digital training and flexible courses that fit around people’s lives and are tailored to specific needs, circumstances, sectors and industries.

Table 1: Outline of each of the Levelling-up grant programmes

- 5.3 All CRF funded projects within Merthyr Tydfil have now been completed and final evaluations have been received by the Local Authority; each of which will be submitted to the UK Government.
- 5.4 In terms of the SPF financial allocation to each Local Authority, the UK Government has stated that they had made allocations to each nation to ensure a real-terms match of EU structural funding. Importantly, for Wales, UK Government adopted the following percentage allocation following on from a formal consultation exercise:
- 40% of funding is allocated on a per capita basis across Wales.
 - 30% of the allocation uses the same needs-based index previously used to identify UK Community Renewal Fund priority places.
 - 30% are allocated using the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation.
- 5.5 In relation to the SPF Programme, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council have assumed the ‘Lead Authority’ role on behalf of the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR), and have subsequently submitted the CCR Investment Plan, which was approved by the UK Government in December 2022. The Regional Programme will be managed via a Service Level Agreement (SLA) which is currently still in draft format. It is currently the Lead Authority’s intention to pay claim submissions in arrears.
- 5.6 The total cumulative value of the SPF finance across the Cardiff Capital Region, which will run between April 2022 to March 2025, is £230,432,573 (excluding Multiply). This amount is broken down per Local Authority in the table below:

Local Authority:	SPF Allocation:
Blaenau Gwent	£23,301,572
Bridgend	£19,116,296
Caerphilly	£28,272,298
Cardiff	£34,587,594
Merthyr Tydfil	£22,698,977
Monmouthshire	£5,919,533
Newport	£27,177,563
Rhondda Cynon Taf	£37,320,994
Torfaen	£20,431,241
Vale of Glamorgan	£11,606,505
Total CCR Allocation:	£230,432,573

Table 2: Amount of SPF finance allocated to each SE Wales Local Authority

- 5.7 The £22,698,977 allocated to Merthyr Tydfil has been financially profiled to meet the UK Government's original directive. This will mean £2.75m of our allocation being spent in 2022/23, a further £5.5m being spent in 2023/24, and the remaining £14.4m needing to be spent in 2024/25. The UK Government stated that there could not be any underspend each year. However, due to delays by the UK Government in approving the regional plan (October approval was delayed until late December 2022) we have prepared a revised local plan to RCTCBC which will request a significant amount of 2022/23 SPF & Multiply funding to be transferred into 2023/24. This will form part of a regional "Credible Plan" (re-profile) which will need to be approved by UK Government.
- 5.8 In terms of Merthyr Tydfil's £22,698,977 allocation, internal briefings and consultations have taken place with key senior officers and Members of Cabinet to discuss what the priorities of development would be eligible for support within our own Merthyr Tydfil SPF Programme.
- 5.9 Based on the existing 'Corporate Priorities', coupled with the needs of our key stakeholders; the Council report presented on the 6th of July recommended that interventions should focus on seven key priority areas. These were as follows:

Business Support (£4.5m):

Funding within this theme will provide support to both private sector businesses and social enterprises focussing on developing staffing resources plus complementary revenue and capital grant funding opportunities.

Town Centre Enhancement (£3m):

Staff resources will facilitate the development of a Town Centre Hub, public realm enhancements, a Community Wardens Project and additional grant support interventions.

Community Schools (including integration into communities) (£3.15m):

Staff resources will enable the development of a 'Community Focused Schools' and a Community Hub Programme situated across the County Borough.

Employability (£5.9m):

Supporting the transition from EU ESF funded programmes into SPF. Specifically, this funding will enable various valuable projects within Merthyr Tydfil to continue.

Strategic Tourism & Events (£2.6m):

A mixture of grant support and staff resources will deliver projects which include destination development, strategic event support and trail enhancement interventions.

Decarbonisation (£1m):

Staff resource will support enterprises alongside grant funding opportunities.

Environment & Biodiversity (£1.09m):

Staff resources will enable co-ordinated and enhanced biodiversity and cleansing community engagement projects.

Funding has also been aligned to programme administration and regional CCR projects.

- 5.10 The above are all subject to approval of the ‘Credible Plan’ which in essence is a re-profile of our finance) from UK Government which is planned to be implemented in line with the Council’s financial allocation (See point 5.7) e.g. a significant proportion of support will be provided in 2024/25.
- 5.11 It was also agreed in the Council report of 6th July 2022, that we utilise our SPF administrative financial allocation to develop a ‘Core Central Team’ that will manage the finances, project agreements and monitoring / reporting / claim processes. Significantly, this will be undertaken both internally across Council departments and with external project deliverers. This team comprises a Programme Manager, Finance & Senior Projects Manager, Monitoring Officer and Project Officer.
- 5.12 The UK Government official ‘Guidance’ identifies certain criteria under which projects cannot be funded, such as “payments for works or activities which the lead local authority, project deliverer, end beneficiary, or any member of their partnership has a statutory duty to undertake, or that are fully funded by other sources”. The Council’s SPF Core Team are working towards putting in place an appropriate governance and financial system to ensure that the ‘programme’ is delivered efficiently and effectively, in keeping with the intentions of UK Government (as set out in 5.1 & 5.2 of this report). These arrangements will be finalised on receipt of formal ‘Terms & Conditions’ from the Lead Authority.
- 5.13 Formal ‘Terms & Conditions’ from the Lead Authority are yet to be clarified and agreed, however, we are hoping to receive these imminently.
- 5.14 In terms of the Levelling Up Fund, which was also referenced in July’s Council report, a capital bid has been submitted to the UK Government under Round 2 of the programme. MTCBC has subsequently received correspondence dated 19th January stating that the application has been unsuccessful. Formal feedback from UK Government will be forthcoming and shared with Scrutiny in due course.
- 5.15 Merthyr Tydfil’s ‘Multiply’ allocation was £4,738,136, however, due to concerns from all Local Authorities in Wales in relation to the pressures on the spend profile, a letter was sent to the Secretary of State for Wales from the WLGA on 28th July 2022, informing them of the intention to achieve consistency across the four regional Welsh Plans. The agreed underspend to be reflected in all four Welsh Plans will be Year1 - 50%; Year 2 – 10%; Year 3 – 5%. This has reduced Merthyr Tydfil’s Multiply allocation from £4,738,136 to £3,773,980. We are still awaiting feedback UK Government on how they will treat the Multiply funding that was reduced from our original ‘Investment Plan’ but it is hoped that this can be utilised to enhance the finance available for SPF.

6.0 WHERE WE WANT TO BE

- 6.1 The process for identifying funding against the various themed interventions (as set out in the July 6th Council report) has enabled enhanced cross-departmental working which will be developed during the SPF Programme. Importantly, this new joint way of working will instigate a cultural change within MTCBC as an organisation. Additionally, the SPF Programme also provides the opportunity to develop new ways of working collaboratively for a more efficient use of public money.

- 6.2 We need to ensure that, in terms of supporting both the third and private sectors, that the potential financial resource available through the SPF Programme provides value for money. This will be achieved by developing and implementing a robust monitoring and reporting mechanism, which will be finalised by the 'Core Team' upon receipt of full 'Terms and Conditions' from the Lead Authority.
- 6.3 A coordinated approach to external funding will be facilitated using the Council's Community Regeneration Department, who will also work to identify other complementary funding opportunities e.g., Welsh Government, National Lottery etc. in order to provide 'added value' to priority projects across the County Borough.
- 6.4 In relation to programme continuity (post March 2025), structured plans will be developed in early 2024, where the Council will reflect on its 'Corporate Priorities' at that point in time; which will also depict what areas the Council want to focus on for the next phase of UK Government funding (post 2025). Subsequently, it is envisaged that the result of the next General Election will dictate the future of funding post Levelling Up Programme.

7.0 WHAT WE NEED TO DO NEXT

- 7.1 'Terms and Conditions' for the delivery of the programme regionally need to be clarified and approved. The SPF Core Team is in regular contact with RCTCBC to ensure that relevant 'Terms and Conditions' are put in place as soon as possible.
- 7.2 Council reports will be submitted as and when appropriate, which will also detail further information for discussion and approval by Members.
- 7.3 The SPF Core Team will respond promptly to requests for information from the UK Government and Lead Authority in order to facilitate the development and approval of the "Credible Plan" re-profile.

8.0 CONTRIBUTION TO WELLBEING OBJECTIVES

- 8.1 This work supports the achievement of the Best Start to Life, Environmental Wellbeing and Living Well objectives outlined in the Council's Corporate Plan (Focus on the Future: wellbeing in our community).
- 8.2 This work also contributes towards delivery of the Economic Recovery element of the RTI Plan and MTCBC's Economic Recovery Plan.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Council Report - UK Government's Levelling Up Funding Programme in Merthyr Tydfil Scrutiny Report - EU Replacement Funding Programmes: Levelling Up and Shared Prosperity Fund	6 th July 2022	
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No



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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Written	4 th August 2022
Report Author	Councillor Lee Davies – Chair of Regeneration, Public Protection and Housing (inc. Crime and Disorder) Scrutiny Committee
Service Area	Scrutiny
Exempt/Non-Exempt	Non-Exempt
Committee Date	7 th March 2023

To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

Forward Work Programme 2022/23

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To provide Scrutiny Members with the proposed Scrutiny Forward Work Programme (FWP) (Appendix 1) for consideration to agree its work programme and to use it to prepare in advance of future scrutiny meetings.
- 1.2. To remind Scrutiny Members that they need to consider the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in all aspects of scrutiny work.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Scrutiny Members agree the items set out in the Scrutiny Forward Work Programme (Appendix 1)

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Scrutiny Members will be aware of the work programme report presented to the Regeneration, Public Protection and Housing (inc. Crime and Disorder) Scrutiny meeting on the 5th of July 2022. This provided Scrutiny Members with the four principles of scrutiny (as set out by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny) are listed below:
 - Provides constructive, critical friend challenge to executive policymakers and decision-takers

- Amplifies and enables the voice and concerns of the public and its communities
- Led and owned by independent minded Councillors on behalf of the public
- Drives improvement in public services

3.2. Building on this, we have used the '4R's' model (which sets out how good scrutiny should work).



3.3. Scrutiny is required to prepare and keep under review a programme for their work. By reviewing and prioritising issues, Members are able to ensure that the work programmes deliver a member-led agenda and add value to delivery of outcomes for our residents.

3.4. The scrutiny forward work programme (appendix 1) identifies the topics for consideration at scrutiny. These were discussed and developed following a series of scrutiny work planning sessions held with the Chair, Scrutiny Members, the Director and supported by officers from the Policy and Improvement Section. Due to its significant local importance, the first item for consideration was subsequently agreed by all Members of this Scrutiny in readiness for this scrutiny meeting on the 6th of September 2022, with focused meetings to follow to develop the forward work programme further, including quarterly technical meetings as detailing in 3.6

3.5. The Scrutiny FWP sets out the items for consideration by scrutiny; however, the Scrutiny FWP is subject to change when the Cabinet Forward Work Programme is produced. This will allow Scrutiny Members the opportunity to undertake pre-decision scrutiny, i.e., prior to items being presented to Cabinet for approval.

3.6. Quarterly technical meetings with the Chair, Cabinet Member and Director will also enable scrutiny to build in items for pre-decision. The technical meetings will also ensure that the Scrutiny FWP captures public voice through member engagement with their constituents. Other key considerations such as Corporate Risk and strategic priorities can also be considered.

3.7. It is important that the Scrutiny FWP remains flexible enough that we can add value and ensure we are still scrutinising the things we should. For example, task and finish groups are likely to be developed from the items in the Scrutiny FWP.

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Statement of Well-being and the Corporate Well-being Plan	March 2022	Council Website
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Scrutiny Forward Work Programme

Regeneration, Public Protection and Housing (Inc. Crime and Disorder) Scrutiny

Date / Timing	Overarching Item/Issue	Why is this on the work programme?	Cabinet Member & Officer	How will this be scrutinised?	Scrutiny Focus – What are we trying to achieve?
Page 16 5 th July 2022	Scrutiny Forward Work Programme	Link to Well-being Objectives, priorities for improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Life • RTI Plan – Economic Recovery Ensuring public voice. Drive improvement.	Chair of Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny	Venue: MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Committee style meeting	Adding value through critical friend challenge and ensuring a robust work programme is in place. This will adhere to the 4 principles of scrutiny and 4R's model.
	Crime and Disorder	Link to Well-being Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Well • Working Life Ensuring public voice. Drive improvement. A requirement of this scrutiny function. A cross-cutting item. High impact on the residents.	Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Crime and Disorder Head of Service	Venue: MS Teams Scrutiny Type: Committee style meeting	Adding value through gaining a fuller understanding of the subject matter to be able to provide critical friend challenge and include appropriately in the work programme. The loop will be closed by inclusion in the work programme leading to stronger plans and accountability.
6 th September 2022	Scrutiny Forward Work Programme	Link to Well-being Objectives, priorities for improvement:	Chair of Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams	Adding value through critical friend challenge and ensuring a robust work

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Life RTI Plan – Economic Recovery <p>Ensuring public voice. Drive improvement.</p>		<p>Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting</p>	programme is in place. This will adhere to the 4 principles of scrutiny and 4R's model.
	Housing and Homelessness	<p>Link to Well-being Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Well Working Life <p>Housing (Wales) Act 2014</p> <p>Corporate Risk</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Senior Housing Officers</p>	<p>Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams</p>	Scrutiny seeks to receive a progress review of the issues, as well as the developments since item was brought forward in the cycle last year. Information should be provided on any continuing challenges presented by a change in Welsh Government legislation pertaining to housing and homelessness. This topic will allow critical friend challenge and add value by scrutinising mitigation actions against the Homelessness corporate risk and consider these proposals going forward to improve outcomes.
				<p>Scrutiny Type: Scrutiny Meeting</p>	
11 th October 2022	Scrutiny Forward Work Programme	<p>Link to Well-being Objectives, priorities for improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Life RTI Plan – Economic Recovery <p>Ensuring public voice. Drive improvement.</p>	Chair of Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny	<p>Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid)</p>	Adding value through critical friend challenge and ensuring a robust work programme is in place. This will adhere to the 4 principles of scrutiny and 4R's model.
				<p>Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting</p>	

	Empty Buildings in the County Borough	<p>Link to Well-being Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Life • Environmental Well-Being • Living Well 	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Public Protection</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Head of Public Protection</p> <p>Public/Environmental Health Manager</p> <p>Senior Regeneration Officers</p> <p>External Representatives Owners of certain empty buildings with the County Borough</p>	<p>Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid)</p>	<p>Scrutiny to explore the current issues relating to empty buildings within the County Borough and provide critical friend challenge of the current practices in place to address issues. Will also allow Members to explore opportunities and/or restrictions influencing progress. and how we can work with building owners to improve quality and use of buildings. Potential to invite building owners and offering critical friend challenge to them.</p>
				<p>Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting</p>	
	<p>Public Transport (Bus Service)</p> <p>Postponed until later in cycle (information received on Regional</p>	<p>Link to Well-Being Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Life • Living Well <p>Ensuring a public voice</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Housing and Regeneration</p>	<p>Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid)</p>	<p>To provide critical friend challenge of the current service and the issues and challenges that are faced. Scrutiny of this item will also enable and bring forward the voice of the public with this item being a topic of high importance amongst</p>
				<p>Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting</p>	

	Transport meetings and work with TFW)		Senior Regeneration Officers Transport Officers Representatives from Stagecoach		members of the public.
22 nd November 2022	Crime and Disorder – Non-Emergency Number (101) Issues and Anti-Social Behaviour	Link to Well-Being Objectives: • Living Well Crime and Disorder a requirement for this Scrutiny	Cabinet Member for Public Protection Deputy Chief Executive Head of Public Protection Representatives from South Wales Police	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid) Workshop - TBC Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting followed by further workshop	Initial scrutiny to provide critical friend challenge of current reporting methods and working practices within Local Authority (Community Safety Team), and if appropriate, offer recommendations to strengthen current service. Future workshop will allow Scrutiny to undertake a thorough review of the issues which are currently faced, giving a voice to the public in a topic of significant interest. By offering the invite to Police representatives to the workshop, this will allow Members to provide critical friend challenge of the current service and, if appropriate, provide recommendations/proposals on improvements and options on how collaborative may improve the delivery of services.

17 th January 2023	Fly-Tipping in the Borough	<p>Link to Well-Being Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Well-Being • Living Well <p>Ensuring voice of the public</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Public Protection</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Public Protection</p> <p>Public Health Manager</p>	<p>Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid)</p> <p>Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting</p>	To provide critical friend challenge to current practices providing input and feedback from residents. Challenge how better collaboration can improve outcomes and support continuous improvement of the service.
	Vermin Issues within the County Borough	<p>Link to Well-Being Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Well-Being • Living Well 	<p>Cabinet Member for Public Protection</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Public Protection</p> <p>Public Health Manager</p>	<p>Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid)</p> <p>Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting</p>	To provide critical friend challenge to current working practices allowing input/feedback from residents. Challenge how different approaches and enhanced collaboration may improve service performance going forward.
	Housing Support Grant (HSG) Funding	<p>Link to Well-being Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Well • Working Life <p>Housing (Wales) Act 2014</p> <p>Corporate Risk</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Head of Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Senior Housing Officers</p>	<p>Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid)</p> <p>Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting</p>	Scrutiny to receive progress review of current and future plans for HSG Funding and the decision process, including developments/changes in HSG guidance and eligibility. Scrutiny to provide critical friend challenge to any decision and process involved and, if appropriate, provide recommendations/proposals for improvements or options.

7 th March 2023	Hoovers Redevelopment	Links to Well-being Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Life Environmental Well-Being Living Well 	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration Deputy Chief Executive Head of Regeneration and Housing Senior Regeneration Officers	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid) Workshop (TBC) Scrutiny Type: Potential workshop to be followed by Committee Style Meeting	Scrutiny seeks to review progress on the redevelopment of the site and provide critical friend challenge to options available, with recommendations to be considered based on any on-going proposals. Potential workshop to develop detailed understanding of any plans/reports.
	SPF Levelling- Up Fund	Links to Well-being Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Life Environmental Well-Being Living Well Best Start RTI Plan – Economic Recovery	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration Deputy Chief Executive Head of Regeneration and Housing Senior Regeneration Officer/SPF Fund Manager	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid) Workshop (TBC) Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting (potentially followed by Workshop)	Members to consider the rationale involved with the decision process and provide a critical friend challenge to progress and plans, with the aim of improving outcomes and service delivery. Potential further workshop to give Members an understanding of the process and guidance relating to the fund. Outcomes to be fed back at future Scrutiny.
2 nd May 2023	Sexual and Domestic Violence	Links to Well-being Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Well Crime and Disorder is a	Cabinet Member for Public Protection Deputy Chief Executive	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid) Workshop (TBC)	Potential workshop, including input from support organisations such as New Pathways, to allow Members understand scope of

		requirement for this Scrutiny	Head of Public Protection Representatives from New Pathways	Scrutiny Type: Potential workshop to be followed by Committee Style Meeting	overarching item. Outcomes/recommendations to be fed back at Scrutiny, aiming to improve outcomes and recommendations on any collaborative working.
	Night-Time Economy	Links to Well-being Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Life • Environmental Well-Being • Living Well 	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration Cabinet Member for Public Protection Deputy Chief Executive Head of Regeneration and Housing Head of Public Protection Senior Regeneration Officers Public Health Manager	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid) Scrutiny Type: Committee Style Meeting	Scrutiny seeks to review current arrangements relating to night-time economy within the County Borough and how it impacts on services/departments whilst considering public views on the arrangements. Will allow Members to provide a critical friend challenge and explore opportunities for improvement.
	Self-Evaluation Report	Link to Well-being objectives and priority for improvement – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Life • Environmental Well-being • Living Well • RTI Plan 	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration Cabinet Member for Public Protection	Venue: Council Chamber/MS Teams (Hybrid) Scrutiny Type: Series of workshops followed by Committee style meeting	The corporate self-evaluation process is a key element of the Council's Governance Framework. The process requires all Chief Officers to annually review the current position for all services in relation to Outcomes, Provision and Service Delivery and Leadership and

					Management. Through completion of the process, they will identify areas where good practice has been noted; along with any areas of development and, more specifically, explicitly note their priorities for improvement.
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Additional ideas for consideration by Scrutiny have been identified below through input from the Chair, Scrutiny Members and Director when considering strategic plans of the Council. Further consideration of ideas will be considered once a Cabinet Work Programme has been confirmed, however, work will continue with Scrutiny Members, especially to capture the voice of our residents, to further develop the forward work programme in using our framework. Workshops will continue to develop the plan and outcomes will be used to inform the forward work programme and will be presented continually through the Scrutiny cycle.

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Overarching Item/Issue	Potential Right Way?	Potential Right Time?	Potential Right Place?
Future plans for the town centre	Information gathering/Workshop to consider details in any relevant plans/reports.	Chair will discuss with Director and Head of Service to confirm best time to bring forward to ensure Scrutiny has full and desired impact.	Council Chamber/Meeting Rooms (Hybrid)
Leisure Trust (inc. Cyfarthfa Foundation)	Workshop where all members will be invited on potential options for future of the Trust for conclusions to be considered in report (October).	As early as possible in cycle depending on date of report. Chair would be declaring interest, but due to public interest in topic, would be best to do it sooner, possibly in October.	Council Chamber/Meeting Rooms (Hybrid)
Road safety issues including affect of new 20mph speed limit	Information gathering on the positives/negatives of the introduction of the speed limit and the potential impact on communities.	To be considered further in cycle if applicable.	Council Chamber/Meeting Rooms (Hybrid)

Air Quality (including affects of A465 dualling and changing of town routes)	Information and data gathering on the effects on air quality, specifically relating to the dualling of A465, and outcomes of town/Twyn area reconfiguration.	To be considered later in the cycle, possibly quarter 3 or 4.	Council Chamber/Meeting Rooms (Hybrid)
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