

Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2018/19

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item		Linked to MTCBC's Wellbeing Objectives (Corporate Objectives)	Officer & Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
18 th June 2018	Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)		EW Environmental Wellbeing	Martin Stark / Carwyn Morris / Sue Gow / Cherylee Evans	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The nitrogen dioxide levels exceeded the National Air Quality Objective at a number of monitoring locations along the Twynyrodyn Road from the roundabout at the western end (Tesco) to the crossroads between Gilfach-Cynon and Arfryn Place. This is an area of high Public interest / concern and will this report will provide the committee with an update on the Air Quality Management Area.
	Energy Update (Carbon Management)		EW Environmental Wellbeing	Mick Campbell / Cherylee Evans	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report to provide an update on the Carbon Management Plan. This outlines a strategy to deliver a programme of initiatives to achieve our reduction targets and ultimately reduce the Authority's revenue expenditure by £350,000 per annum by the end of the five year plan.
	Environment Enforcement across the County Borough		EW Environmental Wellbeing	No Officers in attendance – Report for information.	Scrutiny & Challenge: - An information report to provide an update on environmental enforcement i.e. number of fly tipping prosecutions; Section 34 notices; Fixed Penalty Notices etc. This is a standing item. This is an area of high Public interest / concern.
	Task & Finish Group report on "Capital Project Referral (Brandy Bridge scheme / Road Slip - South of Pontygwaith)"		EW Environmental Wellbeing	Task and Finish Group	The Task and Finish Group will provide a report for the Committee for consideration. This follows the referral from Cabinet member for Governance.
23 rd July 2018	Countryside	Countryside (including the Environment Act)	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Rolf Brown / Judith Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report to provide the committee with details for example of what the Section does, what they can do to help Community Groups.

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	Open Spaces Strategy – An update	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Tom Bramley / Judith Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - a shared and strategic approach to the provision of open space is essential for the provision of well-designed and cared for open spaces within our County Borough. To receive details of the Councils Open Space Strategy and details of current and future plans. To also provide details of all Measures- and progress against them.
10 th September 2018	Recycling / Landfill (Performance).	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr K Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Paul Davies / Steve Thomas	Scrutiny & Challenge:- By 2025 at least 70% of municipal waste is to be recycled and the remaining (residual) 30% is to be dealt with by high efficiency Energy from Waste plant. The Recycling / Landfill performance data will have been published in August. The main focus of the Authority is to build on recent successes and continue to improve performance to enable us to exceed the Welsh Government statutory target. A report to scrutiny providing details of the figures, showing trends, comparisons with other Welsh authorities and progress against targets.
	Environment Enforcement across the County Borough	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Simon Jones (Legal) / Jemma Price (Nee Rough) / Paul Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report to provide an update on environmental enforcement i.e. number of fly tipping prosecutions; Section 34 notices; Fixed Penalty Notices etc. Also an update on the new legislation and how this has been implemented.
22 nd October 2018	Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC)	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Paul Davies / Steve Thomas	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The contract for the management of Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC's) expired on 1st September 2018 and the facilities were brought back under the control of the Council. How has the transition gone?

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3 rd December 2018	Environment Enforcement across the County Borough	EW Environmental Wellbeing	No Officers in attendance – Report for information.	Scrutiny & Challenge: - An information report to provide an update on environmental enforcement i.e. number of fly tipping prosecutions; Section 34 notices; Fixed Penalty Notices etc. This is a standing item. This is an area of high Public interest / concern.
	Street Cleansing Performance	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Jemma Rough / Paul Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report to provide an update on the cleanliness of the streets within the borough i.e. litter picking, needle stick complaints, dog fouling. This is an area of high Public interest / concern.
	Local Development Plan (LDP) Update This was rescheduled from 22nd October 2018 as agreed by the scrutiny committee on 23rd July 2018.	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr K Gibbs / John Raine / Judith Jones	Scrutiny & Challenge: - Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, all Councils have a duty to produce an LDP Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) which must be submitted to the Welsh Government by the end of October each year. Scrutiny will – firstly consider whether the policies identified in the monitoring framework are being implemented, and secondly, to consider whether the plan as a whole is working successfully.
21 st January 2019	Highways; Winter Maintenance; and Street Lighting Update	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Darren Chaffe / Chris Ridout	Scrutiny & Challenge: - An update on Highways; Winter Maintenance; and Street Lighting

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11 th March 2019	Carbon Management	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Mick Campbell / Energy Officer / Cheryllee Evans	Scrutiny & Challenge: - A report to provide an update on the Carbon Management Plan. This outlines a strategy to deliver a programme of initiatives to achieve our reduction targets and ultimately reduce the Authority's revenue expenditure by £350,000 per annum by the end of the five year plan.
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15 th April 2019	Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC)	EW Environmental Wellbeing	Cllr Kevin Gibbs / Cheryllee Evans / Paul Davies / Steve Thomas	Scrutiny & Challenge: - The contract for the management of Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC's) expired on 1st September 2018 and the facilities were brought back under the control of the Council. We are now 6 months on. An update on the current position and future plans.
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