

Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2019/20

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Officer & Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Focus
4 th June 2019	Draft Committee Work Programme 2018/19	Cllr Julian Amos (Chair) and Scrutiny Committee Members	The Committee to discuss the draft Work Programme and make any required adjustments to this in order to agree its content and sign off the Work Programme for 2019-2020.
	Cyfarthfa Heritage Area	Councillor Geraint Thomas/ Alyn Owen / Chris :Long/ Zoe Thomas	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Following the update report received by the Committee in July 2018; a subsequent report has been requested on recent developments linked to the Cyfarthfa Heritage Area. The report should contain details on the governance activities supporting delivery of this activity for the Committee to scrutinise. It should also demonstrate how the area will feature as part of the Design Council for Wales' Crucible Report.
16 th July 2019	Refocus of the CCTV service area	Councillor Geraint Thomas/ Alyn Owen / Paul Lewis / Ryan Evans	Scrutiny and Challenge:- Following the management of the CCTV service being transferred to the Community Safety and Regulatory Compliance Manager's service area; Committee Members would like a report outlining any proposed changes to the way in which the CCTV will work. The Committee also expects some detail on how the Council plans to use the system to generate intelligence that will strengthen the Council's performance not only in community safety-related work but also in the broader sense.
	Anti-social Behaviour	Councillor Geraint Thomas/ Alyn Owen / Paul Lewis / Ryan Evans	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Committee requests officers bring forward a report which will offer them an overview of the current status in relation to anti-social behaviour and its impact on residents of and visitors to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough. The report should contain the latest available data on a local and national level in relation to this topic. Members would welcome an update on the current funding situation re: this; as well as an overview of partnership arrangements supporting delivery of activity addressing this issue.
	Work Programme	Chair and Committee Members	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Committee will review the items due to be presented at the next Committee meeting, ensuring a clear brief of the Committee's expectations are available to report authors who will be drafting the report.

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10 th September 2019	Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 1: Outcomes	Cllr Geraint Thomas / Alyn Owen / Chris Long / Paul Lewis	Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the first of the key questions which is linked to Outcomes. They will be required to scrutinise the proforma outlining the findings of the process (along with relevant supporting evidence); and review the validity of the judgment ascribed.
	Destination Development	Cllr Geraint Thomas / Alyn Owen / Chris Long / Ryan Barry	Scrutiny and Challenge: The Scrutiny Committee will receive a report on the progress made linked to the work undertaken by the Council linked to ongoing Destination Development activity. The Committee will scrutinise the report to identify progress made to date; explore the impact of these activities on the economy; and the opportunities these activities make on jobs/careers and training and skills development
	Committee Work Programme 2019/2020	Cllr Julian Amos (Chair) and Scrutiny Committee Members	The Committee to discuss the draft Work Programme and make any required adjustments to this in order to agree its content and sign off the Work Programme for 2019-2020.
22 nd October 2019	Findings of WAO examination visit 2018-19	WAO officers/Councillor Geraint Thomas/Alyn Owen/Chris Long/Andrew Mogford	Scrutiny and Challenge: Following an examination visit made by Welsh Audit Office (WAO) to review the Working Life theme with a particular focus on the component 'Making Skills work for Merthyr Tydfil: developing the workforce of the future'; officer from WAO will present key findings noted during the examination visit directly to Committee Members
	Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service (YOS)	Councillor Geraint Thomas/Alyn Owen/ Paul Lewis / Lyndon Lewis (Cwm Taf YOS)	Scrutiny and Challenge: Following an update received by the Committee in April 2019; members requested a report be received detailing the work being undertaken by the Youth Offending Service within Merthyr Tydfil. The Committee expects most up-to-date data to be included; and that this information is put into the context of the key interventions being delivered by Cwm Taf YOS; and the impact of these.
	Substance Misuse	Councillor Geraint Thomas/Alyn Owen/Paul Lewis / Ceri Ford (RCT CBC)	Scrutiny and Challenge: Following an update received by the Committee in April 2019; members requested a report be received focusing on the specific situation in relation to Merthyr Tydfil regarding substance misuse. The Committee expects the most up-to-date information for the County Borough to be included; and that this information covers the use of both alcohol and illegal substances. The report should also offer an outline of the key interventions being delivered and the impact of these.

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<p style="text-align: center;">3rd December 2019</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">MEETING CANCELLED</p>	<p>Cwm Taf Youth Offending Service (YOS)</p>	<p>Paul Lewis / Lyndon Lewis (Cwm Taf YOS)</p>	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: Following an update received by the Committee in April 2019; members requested a report be received detailing the work being undertaken by the Youth Offending Service within Merthyr Tydfil. The Committee expects most up-to-date data to be included; and that this information is put into the context of the key interventions being delivered by Cwm Taf YOS; and the impact of these.</p>
	<p>Homelessness Strategy</p>	<p>Cllr Geraint Thomas / Alyn Owen/ Suzanne Lewis-Abbott</p>	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: Following approval of the Council's Homelessness Strategy by Full Council on 17th December 2018, the Committee has requested a report be brought back to identify what impact had been noted as a result of the strategy being rolled out. The Committee expects any relevant performance data to be included in the report; along with any details of issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome.</p>
	<p>Work Programme</p>	<p>Chair and Committee Members</p>	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Committee will review the items due to be presented at the next Committee meeting, ensuring a clear brief of the Committee's expectations are available to report authors who will be drafting the report.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14th January 2020</p>	<p>Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 2: Provision and Service Delivery</p>	<p>Cllr Geraint Thomas / Alyn Owen / Chris Long / Paul Lewis</p>	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the second key question which is linked to Service Delivery. They will be required to scrutinise the proforma outlining the findings of the process (along with relevant supporting evidence); and review the validity of the judgment ascribed.</p>
	<p>Homelessness Strategy</p>	<p>Cllr Geraint Thomas / Chris Long / Suzanne Lewis-Abbott / Cerys Clark</p>	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: Following approval of the Council's Homelessness Strategy by Full Council on 17th December 2018, the Committee has requested a report be brought back to identify what impact had been noted as a result of the strategy being rolled out. The Committee expects any relevant performance data to be included in the report; along with any details of issues/barriers experienced and how these have been overcome.</p>
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3 rd March 2020	Self-Evaluation Findings: Question 3: Leadership and Management	Cllr Geraint Thomas / Alyn Owen / Chris Long / Paul Lewis	Scrutiny and Challenge: Made up of 3 key questions the re-focused self-evaluation process supports Chief Officers and service teams to reflect on what they achieved and identify and set priorities for improvement. The Committee will receive the service's response to the last of the key questions which is linked to Leadership and Management. They will be required to scrutinise the proforma outlining the findings of the process (along with relevant supporting evidence); and review the validity of the judgment ascribed.
	Continued Development of the Town Centre and the Night-time Economy	Cllr Geraint Thomas / Alyn Owen / Chris Long / Paul Lewis	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Following an report received by Members in August 2019; the Committee requires a further report to be presented outlining the developments linked to the development of the Town Centre; and the Night-time Economy. The report should contain status updates in relation to the 'next steps' identified when the topic was previously brought to scrutiny: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of the Merthyr After Dark strategy and the practical implications of delivering this on communities; • The status and membership of the Evening Economy Board; and the Board's key priorities; and • What specifically the Council's Regeneration and Public Protection Teams will be contributing to delivery of the strategy
	Town Centre Master Plan	Cllr Geraint Thomas / Alyn Owen / Chris Long / Paul Lewis	Scrutiny and Challenge: - Members have requested a report be brought before the Committee to outline the key elements of the latest iteration of the Town Centre Master Plan. Updates on key activities such as the Building Enhancement Scheme; developments linked to transport infrastructure should be included in the report.
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28 th April 2020	Third sector funding and support	To be confirmed	Scrutiny and Challenge: - The Committee acknowledged Governance committee are undertaking a piece of work around this issue. However, Members of the Regeneration and Public Protection Committee Members wish to review and discuss the contribution third sector organisations make to the activities which are brought before them on a regular basis. Discussions will focus on how funding cuts experienced over time have impacted on working arrangements; the level of services and activities being delivered generally and, in particular, how third sector funding and support has been impacted in relation to regeneration, cultural and public protection activities.

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28 th April 2020	Substance Misuse	Councillor Geraint Thomas/ Paul Lewis / Ceri Ford (RCT CBC)	Scrutiny and Challenge: Following a verbal update received by the Committee in October 2019; members requested a written report be received focusing on the specific situation in relation to Merthyr Tydfil regarding substance misuse. The Committee requests up-to-date information to be included; and that this information covers the use of both alcohol and illegal substances. The report should also offer an outline of the key interventions being delivered and the impact of these.
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Additional Topics for Review		
To be discussed	Hoover Master Plan	Public awareness around the proposed development of the Hoover site is growing and people are keen to find out more about what is being discussed, what impact any development would have on the people living in the areas around the Hoover site as well as to find out what role the Council will play in this.
To be discussed	Merthyr Tydfil's Hidden History	During a number of scrutiny sessions during 2018-19; Merthyr Tydfil's Hidden History had been identified as a possible area of interest by the Committee Chair.
To be discussed	Violent Crime: Sexual Violence	The Committee has requested a report on this topic, which would include both local and national data on sexual violence. The report should outline the impact of sexual violence on citizens (i.e.) STIs; pregnancies; impact on mental health and offer basic detail on the support structure available for victims both at the time incidents occur and in the longer-term.
To be discussed	Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust	The Committee seek an update on the activities being delivered by Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust with a specific focus on how these activities compliment or impact upon the services delivered by MTCBC.