

Regeneration and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Work Programme Descriptors 2020/2021

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Date / Timing	Overarching Item	Cabinet Member & Officer(s)	Scrutiny Focus
29 th September 2020	Draft Committee Work Programme 2020/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Chair • 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.
	Coronavirus Update – Response and Transition to Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Housing & Economic Development • Head of Protection & Safety Services 	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: Local councils have faced unprecedented events during 2020 as a result of the pandemic and, more specifically, the impact of the prolonged period of lockdown.</p> <p>With a specific focus on the areas of Community/Economic Regeneration; Protection and Safety Services and Housing; the Committee seeks a report that will enable them to review how these specific service areas within the Council have responded to pre-existing and emerging needs resulting from the prolonged period of lockdown; and how it has worked differently to manage/mitigate identified risks/issues specifically linked to these. The report should reflect on what outcomes were achieved, whether opportunities were identified and acted upon and what lessons have been learned; showing how these will be used to take the next required steps supporting recovery in both the immediate and longer-term.</p>
20 th October 2020	Housing & Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Housing & Economic Development • Head of Protection & Safety Services 	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: The Committee has requested a report be provided to review the Council’s provision of Housing and Homelessness services. The Committee request the report contains information on the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most recent available data in relation to homelessness; • The recent changes to Welsh Government housing/homelessness legislation and the implications of these on the Council’s services; • Details on how services have had to adapt to meet requirements of the coronavirus and the impact of these changes; • Housing/homelessness in the Town Centre – an overview of the current status and the related issues which arise from this (this would lead on to the ASB/Substance Misuse and the Town Centre report which is also on your Work Programme). <p>Additionally; the Committee seeks an update on the current status of the Council’s plans for the Winter Night Shelter showing how recent events have been impacted on the planning of this.</p>

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1 st December 2020	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)/Substance Misuse in the Town Centre*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Housing & Economic Development • Head of Protection & Safety Services 	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: The Committee requests a report be produced advising Committee Members of the latest status in relation to the Council’s activities regarding anti-social behaviour and substance misuse in the Town Centre. The report will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest data into the number of instances of anti-social behaviour within the Town Centre; • A breakdown of the types of ASB incidents being reported; • The number of ASB letters being issued by the Council; • An overview of the instances where, following investigation of a complaint, substance misuse is found to be a key factor in relation to ASB incidents being reported; • An overview of the actions being taken to address these issues; including a breakdown of any projects or targeted activities to support improvements in this area. <p>The Committee also wishes the report to reflect the impact the recent and current local lockdowns have had on the issues; and how the pandemic has affected how services are delivered.</p>
	<p>Update on Response to Coronavirus Pandemic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Housing & Economic Development • Head of Protection & Safety Services 	<p>Overview and Scrutiny: The Committee requests a short update be presented at each Committee meeting providing them with key information on the ongoing response activities in relation to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic. By receiving regular updates; the Committee can maintain an overview of progress made and the challenges faced; whilst enabling the voice/concerns of the public to be raised. Committee Members will provide ‘critical friend’ challenge, and aim to work with officers to identify and drive any further improvements required.</p>
	<p>Draft Committee Work Programme 2020/21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Chair • Scrutiny Committee Members 	<p>To 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>

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19 th January 2021	Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Protection & Safety Services • Representative from Safer Merthyr Tydfil 	<p>Scrutiny and Challenge: The Committee acknowledges the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns have been a difficult and worrying time for everyone; particularly so for adults and children living with abuse, and the professionals working hard to support them. The Committee requests a report be produced outlining the current status re: domestic abuse and sexual violence across the County Borough along with information on the status for the wider Cwm Taf Region. Current information should be presented and contextualised against the pre-Covid 19 status, enabling the Committee to establish the impact of the extraordinary circumstances.</p> <p>The Committee would also seek to identify the different ways of working which support provides have had to adopt in order to provide targeted support to those at risk of harm; safeguarding them.</p>
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23 rd February 2021	<p>Subsidised Bus Services and the City Deal Metro programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Housing & Economic Development • Head of Protection & Safety Services 	<p>Overview and Scrutiny: Following queries and comments received from community members across the County Borough; the Committee seeks to open a discussion with officers around the current arrangements in relation to the subsidised bus services covering the public transport network.</p> <p>The report should include detail on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the process used to secure sufficient; affordable and quality bus services for communities to use and access; • an overview of the allocation of funding to this process to ensure best value and a description of how this has changed over time; • an assessment regarding whether best value is being achieved from contracts/agreements; and • how the proposed network development linked to the South Wales Metro aims to further improve the public transport network across the County Borough and beyond.
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13 th April 2021	Sexual Violence*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy CEO – New Pathways • Head of Sexual Assault Services – New Pathways • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing 	Discussions with External Partner(s): The Committee will receive a verbal update on the work of the New Pathways services. This update will offer information on both local and national data in relation to sexual violence; and more specifically focus on the impact this issue has across Merthyr Tydfil County Borough. The update will also offer detail on the support structure available for victims both at the time incidents occur and in the longer-term.
	Crucible Project & the developing Special Purpose Vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Housing & Economic Development • Strategic Regeneration Manager 	<p>Scrutiny & Challenge: Reports received by the Committee previously on this topic have offered Committee Members an insight on the early stages of planning; key project strands and demonstrated the connectivity within this large-scale heritage, culture and destination development project.</p> <p>The Committee seeks a report containing a full status update; along with key aspects of the project (scope; cost; timescales; key partners; benefits/dis-benefits etc.). The Committee would also seek to develop their understanding of the requirements of any developing Special Purpose Vehicle mechanism – a component which was previously outlined as a key consideration of this project.</p>
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	<p>Working Life – Corporate Self Evaluation Summary Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member – Regeneration & Public Protection • Chief Officer – Community Regeneration; Public Protection & Housing • Head of Housing & Economic Development • Environmental Health Manager • Head of Protection & Safety Services 	<p>Overview and Scrutiny: 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.</p> <p>The Committee will review the summary findings report; and review the validity of the judgements made by the Chief Officer to secure assurance that these are robust and appropriately evidenced.</p>
	<p>Committee Work Programme 2020/21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Chair • Scrutiny Committee Members 	<p>The Committee’s Work Programme for the 2020-2021 municipal year has been completed.</p> <p>The Chair will reflect on the topics covered during the year; and lead a general discussions around the development of the 2021-22 Work Programme; discussing the approach for this with all Committee Members</p>

Additional Topics for Review

<p>To be discussed</p>	<p>Hoover Master Plan</p>	<p>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. This development is understood to align with the ongoing development of the Cardiff and the Regions City Deal Offer and the Committee would seek to explore key requirements etc.</p>
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