

**REPORT TO COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

19 DECEMBER 2016

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP
SERVICES**

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a) present the items due to be considered at the Committee's meeting to be held on 26 January 2017; and
- b) present a list of further potential items for prioritisation by the Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 The improvement priorities identified in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Plan adopted by Council on 10 March 2016 formally set out the improvement priorities that the Council will seek to implement between 2016 and 2020. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background

3.1 At its meeting 28 July 2016, the Community, Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

Meetings of the Community Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next scheduled meeting to be held on 26 January 2016, the table below lists the items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Cultural Partnership Project	Mark Shephard – Corporate Director Communities Susan Cooper – Corporate Director Social Services and Wellbeing Cllr Ceri Reeves – Cabinet	Update report. To return to Committee no sooner that 1 year	

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MREC	Member Communities Mark Shephard – Corporate Director Communities Zak Shell – Head of Neighbourhood Services Cllr Hywel Williams – Deputy Leader Robert Hughes – Senior Solicitor		

4.2 The table below lists all potential items that the Committee has considered during their planning workshop and, subject to any changes from the approval of the Annual Forward Work Programme, are put forward for reprioritisation as appropriate.

Topic	Proposed Date	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Highways Maintenance	30 March 2017	Relates back to 2014 where there were concerns over the budget - increase in the cost of the project and the need for consultants, the disposal of land and the gaining of a capital receipt for this.	
Rhiw Gateway	30 March 2017	Late 2016/early 2017 - Measure of Success report – to include information on any impact on the town centre, footfall, how people have moved into the town centre etc.	

Corporate Parenting

4.3 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a local authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a whole is the 'corporate parent' therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend. ¹

¹ Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Government Association 'If this were my child... A councillor's guide to being a good corporate parent to children in care and care leavers', June 2009

4.4 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how the services within the remit of their Committee affects children in care and care leavers, and in what way can the Committee can therefore assist in these areas.

4.5 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee in this by advising them of the ongoing work of the Cabinet-Committee and particularly any decisions or changes which they should be aware of as Corporate Parents.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

5.1 The work of the Community Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the topics due to be considered at the meeting of the Committee 26 January 2017 and confirm if it requires any additional specific information to be provided by the invitees listed or the Overview & Scrutiny Unit;
- (ii) Determine the topics, invitees to be invited to attend and any specific information it would like the invitees to provide as well as any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to its meeting for 26 January 2017;
- (iii) Revisit and consider the list of future potential items for the Committees Forward Work Programme and reprioritise as the Committees feels appropriate.

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