

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2019-20

Meeting Date	Item	Scrutiny Officer	Author	Further Information	Invitees
17-Jul-19	2018-19 End of Year Financial Performance			To review financial performance for end of year 2018-19	Cabinet and CMB; Cllr Smith apols Gill Lewis, Interim Head of Finance;
	Social Services and Wellbeing Future Service Delivery Plan			Members requested to receive alongside Financial Performance 2018-19	Susan Cooper, Corporate Director, Social Services and Wellbeing; Cllr Phil White, Cabinet Member – Social Services and Early Help. Jacqueline Davies, Head of Adult Social Care; Laura Kinsey, Head of Children's Social Care;
	Q4 End of Year Performance Information Only			End of year performance report addressing how the Authority has met its corporate plan commitments, milestones and indicators - report for information along with written feedback from Scrutiny Chairs from CPA in order for the Committee to highlight any areas that need to be picked up on the FWP.	NA
25-Sep-19	Budget Monitoring 2019/20 - Q1 Forecast			To review and monitor financial performance for Q1	Cabinet and CMB; Gill Lewis, Interim Head of Finance;
	Digital Transformation			To receive an update on recommendations made on 26 September 2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have requested to receive a financial plan detailing the current spend to date, any underspend/overspend and projected spend for the duration of the programme; Members query if the subscriptions for e-billing had increased or if Officers had considered offering a small discount as an incentive as recommended previously; An update on the 'Bridgend Report It' app and Members recommendation for the app include the ability to reporting overflowing litter bins and the need for grass cutting; An update on Tourism having its own webpage with its own button on the Councils homepage. 	Martin Morgans, Head of Performance and Partnership Services Deputy Leader
07-Nov-19	Budget Monitoring 2019/20 - Q2 Forecast			To review and monitor financial performance for Q2	Cabinet and CMB; Gill Lewis, Interim Head of Finance;
13-Jan-20	Q2 Performance 2019-20 Information Only			Quarter 2 performance report addressing how the Authority is meeting its corporate plan commitments, milestones and indicators - report for information along with written feedback from Scrutiny Chairs from CPA in order for the Committee to highlight any areas that need to be picked up on the FWP.	NA
	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-21 to 2023-24			To receive 2020-21 MTFS Proposals for Chief Executive Directorate.	Mark Shephard, Interim Chief Executive; Deputy Leader; Cllr Dhanisha Patel, Cabinet Member Future Generations and Wellbeing; Gill Lewis, Interim Head of Finance and S151 officer.
	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-21 to 2023-24 and Draft Budget Consultation Process			Collate all Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee and BREP feedback and comments for approval.	NA

	Corporate Plan			To comment on the Council's draft Corporate Plan including its improvement priorities, revised actions and the associated commitments and indicators.	Cabinet and CMB; Gill Lewis, Interim Head of Finance;
13-Feb-20	Budget Monitoring 2019-20 – Q3 Forecast			To review and monitor financial performance for Q3	Cabinet and CMB; Gill Lewis, Interim Head of Finance;
	Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy 2019-20 Onwards			Scrutiny Chairs agreed to review this item annually prior to the report going to Cabinet. Received last year on 11 Feb - Check timings for Cabinet	
23-Mar-20	TBC				
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Items for the future					
	Collaboration - Internal and with Third Sector			7 Explore why the Authority has not progressed joint services for HR other than the current pension system, as well as Finance and Democratic Services. 8 Internal collaboration – how are Corporate Directors learning from one another; what can be learnt, what positive aspects can be shared and how can this be transferred appropriately across other Directorates; Third Sector - eg. BAVO - how much do we provide to them and what do they do with it. How are the LA benefiting from collaborative work - value for money and contribution to budget savings	Representative from BAVO
	Cardiff Capital Region City Deal			Members have asked to receive an annual report with a Bridgend County Borough focus.	
	Procurement and Contracts			Members have asked to receive information on homecare contracts and employment contracts with BCBC; How do we ensure ethical procurement is carried out? An update on the outcomes of the Procurement business review What monitoring process is in place with contractors to ensure compliance? Who is obligated to guarantee compliance? How can public accountability be assured if information within a contract is restricted to Members? Have any financial penalties been issued as a result of a breach of contract?	
	Wellbeing and Future Generations Act - Self Evaluation			To receive the Authority's Self Evaluation on the WFG Act to monitor progress on how the Authority is working towards meeting the requirements of the Act. <i>Is proposed that this be followed up with a workshop for all Scrutiny Members as to how Scrutiny needs to take forward their own requirements under the Act. Response coming from Commissioner in June (ish) so best Scrutiny receive after this.</i>	Mark Shephard, Interim Chief Executive Gill Lewis, Interim Head of Finance; Wanda Kirby, Corporate Performance Manager
	Ford Engine Plant			The Committee discussed the possible job losses from the Ford engine plant in Bridgend and were pleased to know that the Council were readily available to support the employer and employees. Members request to revisit this topic at a future meeting when a decision has been confirmed to explore the wider implications of the closure of Ford engine plant.	

	Digital Transformation		<p>To receive an update on recommendations made on 26 September 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members have requested to receive a financial plan detailing the current spend to date, any underspend/overspend and projected spend for the duration of the programme; • Members query if the subscriptions for e-billing had increased or if Officers had considered offering a small discount as an incentive as recommended previously; • An update on the 'Bridgend Report It' app and Members recommendation for the app include the ability to reporting overflowing litter bins and the need for grass cutting; • An update on Tourism having its own webpage with its own button on the Councils homepage. 	Martin Morgans, Head of Performance and Partnership Services Deputy Leader
	Potential item for Scrutiny Chairs Research Group/REP		<p>Feedback from BREP on subject of Collaboration with the Police - The Panel highlighted the need to work more closely with the Police and therefore proposed that an item be considered to look at Policing of the borough on a local level. Members proposed the following points and areas be considered:</p> <p>a) As the delegated powers to the Police and PCSO's varies between local authorities, the Panel recommend that clarification be provided on what powers have been assigned to the Police and what has been retained by the LA to inform all Members, members of the public, Inspectors and PCSOs;</p> <p>b) How often does the Chief Executive and Leader meet with key people in the Police to discuss and align priorities;</p> <p>c) How often do both the Corporate Director – Operational and Partnership Services and the Corporate Director - Communities meet with their counterparts in the Police to discuss community policing and safety within the County Borough and align priorities.</p> <p>d) The need for a joint plan between Police and the LA; Explore how the Authority is collaborating with the Police and to what extent they have been approached to share the monetary burden especially in enforcement; Update on valleys Task Force How are the LA benefiting from collaborative work - value for money and contribution to budget savings</p> <p><i>Scrutiny to confirm what they are looking for in terms of communities input e.g. Fleet Depot.</i></p>	Mark Shephard, Interim Chief Executive (Lead) Corporate Director Communities; Chief Constable SWP Police and Crime Commissioner Cllr Richard Young
	Collaboration Work with the Police			
	Partnerships and Joint Working		<p><i>Item proposed by SOSC 2.</i></p> <p>The Committee agreed that the subject of Partnerships and Joint Working in relation to Prevention and Wellbeing, such as in respect of the Police and Fire Service, be put forward for the CORP FWP.</p> <p><i>(Does this not fit with the above?)</i></p>	
	Scrutiny Chairs Research Group		<p>Practice , Policy and review of reported "near misses".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many near misses have been reported? - How did we respond? - What lessons have been learnt? <p>Scrutiny Chairs have agreed to carry out an 'Information Gathering' exercise, interviewing representatives from schools, governors from schools and parents to present alongside the Officer report.</p> <p>School H&S Audits</p> <p>With reference to a recommendation made by BREP 2018 - The Panel request that an assessment of School Crossing Patrol and possible alternatives is included in this report</p>	Lindsay Harvey, Interim Corporate Director - Education and Family Support; Cllr Charles Smith, Cabinet Member for Education and Regeneration; Health and Safety rep
	Strategic Review of Health & Safety Responsibilities			
	Supporting Communities in Bridgend to be Safe and Cohesive		<p>At it's meeting in April 2019, the Committee noted the Head of Performance and Partnerships comments in relation to the early positive engagement with the Cwm Taf Health Board on the work of the Community Safety Partnership. The Committee requested that a future update be provided to ascertain whether this engagement was ongoing and successful.</p>	
	Incident and Near Misses Reporting Procedure		<p>To scrutinise new policy and how the Authority is taking it forward. How the Authority has implemented lessons learnt. for comments and possible recommendations</p> <p><i>(Is a slight link to Strategic Review of Health and Safety Responsibilities but is wider than this so proposal to wait until after Research Project - if it is held in near future)</i></p>	