

Meeting of:	CABINET
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Report Title:	CABINET, COUNCIL AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMMES
Report Owner / Responsible Chief Officer/Cabinet Member:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE
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Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no impact on the policy framework and procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	The report is required in order to outline the planned programme of items proposed to be considered at Cabinet, Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings in the coming six months. The publishing of this report will benefit the public in terms of them being made aware of such key items of business in advance of future meetings.

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval for items to be included on the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 March 2026 to 31 August 2026 and for Cabinet to note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programmes for the same period.

2. Background

2.1 The Forward Work Programme is usually prepared by the Monitoring Officer to cover a period of four months except when ordinary elections of councillors occur. However, following a recent recommendation from Audit Wales, it has now been amended to cover six months. This is to give more opportunity for robust pre-decision scrutiny and provide greater transparency around the decision-making process for both Members and the public.

2.2 The Forward Work Programme will contain matters which the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and full Council are likely or scheduled to consider. It will contain information on:

(a) the timetable for considering the Budget and any plans, policies or strategies forming part of the Policy Framework and requiring Council approval, and which body is to

consider them;

(b) the timetable for considering any plans, policies or strategies which are the responsibility of the Cabinet;

(c) the work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, to the extent that it is known.

3. Current situation / proposal

3.1 The proposed Forward Work Programmes for the above period are appended to the report, as follows:

- Cabinet - **Appendix 1**
- Council - **Appendix 2**
- Overview and Scrutiny Committees - **Appendix 3**

3.2 Following consideration by Cabinet, the Forward Work Programmes will be published on the Council's website bi-lingually.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

6.1 There are no climate change or nature implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding or corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- Approve the Cabinet Forward Work Programme for the period 1 March 2026 to 31 August 2026 at **Appendix 1**;
- Note the Council and Overview and Scrutiny Committees' Forward Work Programmes for the same period, as shown at **Appendix 2** and **Appendix 3** of the report, respectively.

Background documents

None.