

**REPORT TO CORPORATE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE – LEGAL AND REGULATORY
SERVICES**

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the items due to be considered at the Committee's next meeting to be held following the Annual General Meeting of Council.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2013-2017 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 25 February 2015 formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2013 and 2017. 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 on 24 June 2015 the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2015/16.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

4.1 In relation to the Committee's next meeting the table below lists the potential items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Year End Performance and Budget Monitoring Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Director – Resources and Section 151 Officer,• Cabinet and CMB• All Scrutiny Chairs• Yuan Shen - Corporate Improvement and Integrated Partnerships Manager	Annual/Year End report for financial and performance year 2015-16	Detail research / To be confirmed
Annual Forward Work Programme	None	Forward Work Programme proposed items and related information	Detail research / To be confirmed

Extra Items for Consideration

4.2 The list below contains potential items as yet to be decided for the 2016-17 forward work programme. The prioritisation and timings of these will be agreed at the Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

Topic	Purpose of Report	Invitees
Rationalising the Council's Estate and Digital Transformation Programme	Originating out of the Corporate Plan – two of the five key projects/programmes under Corporate Priority 3 – Smarter Use of Resources. Rationalising the Council's Estate – Once decision made in relation to Ravens Court Committee's role to assist in developing the next phase. Digital Transformation - Report going to Cabinet in May, Committee's role is to assist in the design and development for the future.	TBC
2016-17 Quarter 1: Budget Monitoring Financial Performance	To review 2016-17 financial performance as at 30 June 2016: forecast out-turn against revenue and capital budget and reasons for variance.	TBC
2016-17 Half Year Financial Performance and Half Year Corporate Plan Performance Report	To review performance including financial performance as at 30 September 2016 against 2016-17 corporate plan commitments, milestones and indicators.	TBC
Directorate Budget Consultation Process	Consideration of Directorate Budget for 2016/17	TBC
Budget Responses and Budget REP	Collate all OVSC BREP feedback and comments.	TBC
Commercialisation Programme and Procurement Programme	Originating out of the Corporate Plan – further two of the five key projects/programmes under Corporate Priority 3 – Smarter Use of Resources. Consideration of the wider opportunities for income generation and getting best value for money on services and goods that we buy in; what are other LAs doing – in UK and wider?	TBC
Corporate Plan	To comment on the Council's Corporate Plan including its improvement priorities, revised actions and the associated commitments and indicators for 2017-18.	TBC

Business Plan 2016/17	To comment on Directorate 2016-17 business plans including its actions, milestones and performance measures	TBC
2016-17 Quarter 3 Financial Performance	To review 2016-17 financial performance as at 31 December 2016	TBC

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
- 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 Corporate Resources and Improvement 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 well being in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 None.

8. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the topics due be considered at the next meeting of the Committee to be scheduled at the Annual General Meeting of Council;
- (ii) Determine the invitees to be invited to attend, any specific

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

information it would like the invitees to provide and any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to this meeting.

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