

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

SCRUTINY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

At: Council Chamber, Guildhall

On: Monday, 16 March 2015

Time: 4.30 pm

Summary: This is the agenda pack for a meeting of the Scrutiny Programme Committee taking place on the 16th March 2015. The main items are a question and answer session with the Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, and the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel. Background reports are included.

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a.	Committee	22 Dec	Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Education
b.	Service Improvement & Finance Performance Panel	14 Jan	Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Education
c.	Service Improvement & Finance Performance Panel	14 Jan	Letter to/from Cabinet Members for Enterprise, Development & Regeneration and Communities & Housing
d.	Child & Family Services Performance Panel	19 Jan	Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Services for Children & Young People
e.	Committee	19 Jan	Letter to/from Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City
f.	Schools	22 Jan	Letter to Cabinet Member for Education
g.	Education Inclusion Inquiry Panel	16 Feb	Letter to Cabinet Member for Education

10 Feedback from Recent Scrutiny Events:

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- 10a Visit to National Assembly for Wales - Public Engagement (12 February).
- 10b Western Bay Regional Scrutiny Seminar (23 February).

11 Upcoming Scrutiny Events:

- 11a Scrutiny Improvement Workshop: Making Scrutiny More Effective: Wednesday 18 March, 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. Committee Room 2, Civic Centre.
A self-evaluation workshop is being planned that will enable members of the committee and conveners to reflect on the past year. The workshop will provide an opportunity to:
- *review the way scrutiny is working*
 - *share views about scrutiny practice and experiences (positive and negative), including approaches to questioning*
- identify what needs to be done to become even more effective as a scrutiny function*
- 11b National Conference on Scrutiny, Partnership, Collaboration and Regulation: Friday 27 March 2015 (Llandrindod Wells).
The chair will be attending this conference on shared accountability, facilitated by Cardiff Business School, several local authorities, Welsh Government and the Centre for Public Scrutiny. It will be about joint scrutiny, the interface between internal scrutiny and external review,

and public service accountability in Wales. Of particular interest will be the launch of a new handbook on joint scrutiny and governance, produced by Cardiff Business School.

12 For Information: Audit Committee Work Plan.

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13 Date and Time of Future Committee Meetings for 2014/15 Municipal Year (all at 4.30 p.m. except where noted):

13 April 2015

14 Date and Time of Upcoming Panel / Working Group Meetings:

Topic	Approach	Date	Time	Venue Civic Centre (CC) Guildhall (GH)
Service Improvement & Finance	Performance Panel	11 Mar	1.30 pm	Committee Room 3 (CC)
Child & Family Services	Performance Panel	16 Mar	2.00 pm	Committee Room 3 (CC)
Planning Services	Working Group	19 Mar	10.00 am	Chamber Meeting Room (CC)
Local Service Board	Performance Panel	23 Mar	11.00 am	Committee Room 3 (CC)
Education Inclusion	Inquiry Panel	27 Mar	10.00 am	Meeting Room 3 (CC)
Transformation of Adult Social Services	Panel	30 Mar	2.00 pm	Meeting Room 3.4.1 (CC)
Corporate Culture	Inquiry Panel	8 Apr	5.00 pm	Committee Room 6 (GH)

Members of the public are welcome to attend the above Panel / Working Group meetings. Contact the Scrutiny Team if you would like to attend.

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