

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 14 September 2015

SCRUTINY IMPROVEMENT OUTCOMES FOR 2015/6

Purpose	This report invites the committee to discuss and consider agreed scrutiny improvement outcomes for 2015/16 and implications on the work of the committee.
Content	The report provides information on the agreed scrutiny improvement outcomes, as included in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2014/15.
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss and consider actions in respect of the committee's work that will help deliver identified scrutiny improvement outcomes.
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1. Scrutiny Improvement Outcomes

1.1 The Scrutiny Annual report for 2014/15 agreed by the committee and recently presented to Council identified six improvement outcomes that will provide a focus for scrutiny in the year ahead:

1. We need to talk more to cabinet members so that we can plan better and ensure that our work is making a difference
2. We need to align the work of scrutiny more closely to the five corporate priorities so that we can focus and impact on the things that matter.
3. We need more briefings and development sessions so that we have the knowledge and skills we need
4. We need more coverage in the media so that the public are more aware of our work
5. We need more members of the public contributing to scrutiny meetings so that we can reflect their views in our work
6. We need closer links with regulators and inspectors so that we can provide a more coordinated and effective challenge

- 1.2 Over the next 12 months we should work on practical ways to achieve these outcomes and improve scrutiny in Swansea. These are to be subject to wider discussion by scrutiny members which means that both the committee and panels should consider implications for their work and how they can contribute to the outcomes in their own work plans.
- 1.3 The committee is invited to discuss / consider:
- What are we (as a committee) doing now for each of the outcomes?
 - What more do we (as a committee) need to do?

2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

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