

Agreed Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20

New Inquiry Panel (time-limited in-depth scrutiny – six months)	New Working Groups (light-touch scrutiny / one-off meetings)	Performance Panels (ongoing in-depth performance / financial monitoring & challenge)	Issues for Scrutiny Programme Committee (Overall work programme management; Cabinet Member Q & As; discussion of broad range of policy and service issues)
<p>1. Procurement (Terms of Reference to be agreed by Panel but may look at effectiveness of process & Strategy; value for money / social value; benefits to local economy; impact of local procurement on regeneration / jobs; financial savings to Council; collaboration etc)</p> <p>Follow Up of Previous Inquiries:</p> <p>1. Regional Working 2. Equalities</p>	<p>1. Brexit (Council preparedness and resilience; how is this being discussed; what plans / contingencies are being put in place given possible impact, relationship with Wales / UK Government)</p> <p>2. Employee Health & Wellbeing (how the Council supports members of staff; issues around staff sickness; pressures)</p> <p>3. Road Safety (hot spots; work to improve safety; preventative measures; speed controls; safety of cycling routes; partnership working)</p> <p>4. Digital Inclusion (follow up on previous -Mar 2017- discussion around digital transformation, the Council's digital inclusion strategy, and how well prepared both the Council and the public is to use and communicate / engage via digital technology to avoid exclusion / poor access)</p>	<p>1. Service Improvement & Finance (monthly)</p> <p>2. Education (monthly)</p> <p>3. Adult Services (monthly)</p> <p>4. Child & Family Services (every two months)</p> <p>5. Development & Regeneration (every two months)</p> <p>6. Natural Environment (quarterly)</p> <p>7. Public Services Board (twice yearly)</p> <p>Specific issues to pick up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Improvement & Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget (spend / sustainability) - Waste & Recycling (incl. issues around plastic waste, civic amenity site provision; influence on commercial organisations) - Embedding Welsh Language Measures - Archives Service (concern about accommodation issues and their effect on current/future service) - Co-production (Council's approach to improving involvement and engagement, embedding Well-being of Future Generations Act) • Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional Learning Needs (impact of new legislation) - Performance of Children on Free School Meals • Adult Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioning of Residential Care (quality of service / contracts; financial stability) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Safeguarding - Housing Commissioning Review • Cabinet Member Q & A Sessions (issues to pick up): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Commitments - Poverty Reduction - Regional Working - 5G Roll-out & Health Concerns (local impact; council involvement re. testing and response) - Fires on Kilvey Hill - Beach / Cliff Incidents - Youth Work - Homelessness Strategy & Action Plan Progress - Council Housebuilding - Rural Economy • Crime & Disorder Scrutiny: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child Sexual Exploitation / County Lines (size / scope of problem & efforts to tackle) - Community Cohesion / Hate Crime • Follow Up on Previous Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welfare Reform - Environmental Enforcement - Anti-Social Behaviour

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	<p>Reserve List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel (are we meeting obligations of Welsh Government Active Travel Act; encouragement of cycling / walking) • Leisure Facilities (assessment of the leisure offer to residents and visitors; discussion around issues; gaps; work to cater for the young e.g. skateboard parks) • Services for the Disabled and their Carers (Council's overall approach to inclusion / access to information, advice, and services, improving quality of life, progress with Carers Strategy; compliance with legislation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality of Needs Assessments / Care Plans - Charging - Availability of Specialised Dementia Beds in Care Homes - Waiting Lists for Care in the Community • Child & Family Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Offending Service (effectiveness of new local arrangements following critical regional inspection) • Development & Regeneration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inward Investment (concern about retail collapse in city centres; advice/support to SMEs) - City Deal & Wider Regeneration - Management of Gower AONB - Regeneration Projects in Deprived Communities - Seafront Proposals - Student Accommodation Developments (managing impact) • Natural Environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up on Inquiry Recommendations - Local Flood Risk Management - Pollution Control - Use of Glyphosate for Weed Spraying - Council action on Climate Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourism
<p>Regional Scrutiny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERW (Education through Regional Working) • City Deal (Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee) 			