

REPORT TO:	Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
REPORT NO:	COGC/43/19s
DATE:	12 September 2019
LEAD MEMBER:	N/A
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SUBJECT:	Work Programme
WARD:	N/A

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To assist the Committee in considering and agreeing its work programme.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The proposed work programme up until July 2020, for consideration, is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 To inform the Committee of the agreed process for budget scrutiny for the forthcoming municipal year.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That, subject to the changes outlined in this report, the Committee agrees the Work Programme at **Appendix 1**.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To enable the Committee to develop an outcome-focused work programme for the next 12 months and beyond.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 In June, two all Member Scrutiny Work Programme Planning Workshop were held to review the topics on the scrutiny committee work programmes, to align

with the Council's new in-year priorities and underpinning activities. All Members and Chief Officers were invited to attend to contribute.

- 4.2 Each Scrutiny Committee then held a workshop in July to consider a proposed revised work programme based on the feedback from these All Member Workshops. The revised work programme is attached at **Appendix 1** for the Committee to agree.

2020/22 Budget Process

- 4.3 In April 2019, the Executive Board agreed the budget process and timetable for 2020/22 budget.

<http://vmmodern.gov/documents/g4160/Public%20reports%20pack%2009th-Apr-2019%2010.00%20Executive%20Board.pdf?T=10>

The committee is asked to note that the Scrutiny Coordinating Group has recommended that Scrutiny Members identify any specific savings proposals for Scrutiny as early as possible via Scrutiny Topic Selection Forms to enable budget items to be scheduled into the work programmes. Dates of the Scrutiny meetings will be dependent upon the timetable for the announcement of the Local Government Settlement.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – The terms of reference of this Committee are partly aligned to the priorities in the Council's Strategic Theme 'People' as set out in the Council Plan. Any scrutiny topics identified will contribute to the terms of reference '**To ensure that the people of Wrexham have positive aspirations, education and potential**'.
- 5.2 **Budget** – There are no budget implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 **Legal** – There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.4 **Staffing** – There are no staffing issues arising out of the report, but Officer resource will be required to support the preparation of information for Scrutiny Committee consideration.
- 5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – This report provides information to inform a work programme and the Equality Manager has confirmed that the programme does not require an equality impact assessment as it merely sets out a timetable.
- 5.6 **Risks** – The main purpose of Scrutiny is to review and improve Council services, to make recommendations on future policy options and to act as a check and balance on the decisions made. Successful work programming and identification of issues for scrutiny, focusing on outcomes contributing to the relevant Council priorities, should minimize the risk to them not being attained/delivered.

6. CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

7. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.
Work Programme Planning Report (HF/03/18s) to Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee 8 February 2018.	Wrexham County Borough Council Website	http://modern.gov.wrexham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=172&MId=4080