

HOMES & ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme from October 2019

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The information in this work programme is subject to approval at the Committee meeting on 18 September 2019

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All Meetings start at 2.30 pm in the Guildhall, Wrexham, unless otherwise stated.

DATE OF MEETING	ITEM	PURPOSE OF REPORT	RESPONSIBLE LEAD MEMBER/OFFICER
16 October 2019	Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiatives in Wrexham	<p>Link to In Year Priority: Improving the Environment - Minimising the production of waste and improving recycling rates to meet statutory targets of 70% by 2025</p> <p>Link to Underpinning Activity: Review and improve efficiency of existing bin collection rounds, and influence behaviour change in order to develop a long-term approach to reviewing our waste service and meeting future statutory targets</p> <p>To consider developments in this area of work with a view to meeting statutory targets of recycling 70% of waste by the year 2025.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services
20 November 2019	Management of Sports pitches and Pavilions	<p>Link to in-year priority: Promoting Good Health and Well Being – supporting and enabling individuals, families and communities to be resilient and have good physical health, mental health and well-being.</p> <p>Link to underpinning activity: Provide access to outside spaces, continue engagement with the public and work with voluntary groups to enable them to become more sustainable</p> <p>Review of existing assets and development and formation of Football Community Hubs allowing a strategy for the future management of the Council's assets.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services

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	Active Travel Initiatives in Wrexham	<p>Link to in-year priority: Improving the Environment - improving services to ensure that the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition Developing the Economy - working with partners to influence and create the conditions for business growth and employment, improve road, rail and digital communication infrastructure and become a world leader in manufacturing, energy and digital sectors</p> <p>Link to underpinning activity: Identification and development of a programme of Active Travel Initiatives as part of a wider package of measures supporting the delivery of key economic development aspirations</p> <p>Development of a series of Active Travel initiatives as part of a wider transport and development proposals that demonstrate ambitious and transformational travel behaviour change.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services
12 December 2019	Affordable Housing Build and Buy Programme	<p>Link to in-year priority: Ensuring Everyone is safe – advancing our role as a housing provider, developer and enabler.</p> <p>Link to underpinning activity: Continue to invest, in order to increase our housing stock and improve housing standards</p> <p>To consider the development of this programme.</p>	Councillor David Griffiths Housing)/ Chief Officer Housing and Economy

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	Biodiversity	<p>Link to In Year Priority: Ensuring everyone is safe – advancing our role as a housing provider, developer and enabler. Improving services to ensure that the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition.</p> <p>To consider how grounds maintenance supports biodiversity. To consider issue in respect of grass cutting, the use of herbicide and wider maintenance of open spaces. Content to be further informed by discussions arising from a Members Workshop in September 2019.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services
22 January 2020	Environmental Enforcement	<p>Link to In Year Priority: Improving the environment - improving services to ensure the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition</p> <p>To consider an options paper for future policy development.</p> <p>To detail legal or contractual definitions to ascertain if only certain types of litter can be collected by external contractors.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services
19 February 2020	Welfare Reform	<p>Link to In Year Priority:</p> <p>Link to underpinning activity</p> <p>To consider the Council’s response to Welfare reform and its effects on both Council and private rented sector tenants.</p>	Councillor David Griffiths Housing)/ Head of Housing and Economy

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18 March 2020	Local Housing Strategy 2018-23	<p>Link to In Year Priority: Ensuring everyone is safe – Creating sustainable communities and focusing on specialist housing to reduce demand for care and support and advancing our role as a housing provider, developer and enabler.</p> <p>Link to Underpinning Activity: All activities listed under appropriate service provision to reduce the prevalence of homelessness and continue to invest , in order to increase our housing stock and improve housing standards</p> <p>The strategy is a statutory requirement and sets out the reasons for our interventions – including new build, refurbishment and support for the private rented sector</p> <p>To consider an update report on progress of the Action Plan, to review targets / measures /outcomes during the five year programme</p>	Councillor David Griffiths Housing)/ Chief Officer Housing and Economy

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15 April 2020	Bus Strategy	<p>Link to in-year priority: Improving the Environment - improving services to ensure that the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition Developing the Economy - working with partners to influence and create the conditions for business growth and employment, improve road, rail and digital communication infrastructure and become a world leader in manufacturing, energy and digital sectors</p> <p>Link to underpinning activity: Ensuring transport infrastructure and services are appropriate to support the economy and provide transport choices for users</p> <p>Review of existing bus service provision and the development of revised local Bus Strategy that will provide a more sustainable Local Bus Network.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services
13 May 2020	Highway Asset Management Plan	<p>Link to In Year Priority: Improving the environment - improving services to ensure the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition and working with partners to influence and create the conditions for business growth and employment, by improving transport infrastructure.</p> <p>Link to Underpinning Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the timelines and quality of reactive road repairs to minimise risks to the travelling public, ensuring the network is resilient and fit for purpose • To continue to upgrade street-lighting to ensure energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions <p>To consider an update on the progress of the Management Plan. To include details of LED improvement scheme.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services

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	Carbon Reduction Action Plan	<p>Link to in-year priority: Improving the Environment – improving services to ensure that the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition</p> <p>Link to underpinning activity: Complete the upgrade to Street Lighting ensuring energy efficiency and reducing carbon emissions Introduce more electric vehicle charging points across the County Borough</p> <p>Development of a decarbonisation action plan in response to the Welsh Governments commitment on climate change.</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services
24 June 2020	Welsh Housing Quality Standard Update	<p>Link to In Year Priority: Ensuring everyone is safe - Advancing our role as a housing provider, developer and enabler</p> <p>Link to Underpinning Activity: Complete the Welsh Housing Quality Standard works programme by 31 December 2020</p> <p>To consider progress made and work undertaken in respect of the Housing Revenue Account – Housing Capital Programme 2019/20. To also include details of estimated % of properties that will not be compliant with the Welsh Housing Quality Standard by the required completion date of December 2020.</p> <p>To be considered on an Annual basis.</p>	Councillor David Griffiths Housing)/ Chief Officer Housing and Economy
15 July 2020			

ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED

ITEM	DATE AGEED	PURPOSE OF REPORT	RESPONSIBLE LEAD MEMBER/OFFICER
Residents Parking Task and Finish Group		<p>Link to In Year Priority: Ensuring everyone is safe – creating sustainable communities</p> <p>To consider the possible introduction of residents parking schemes in areas detrimentally affected by on street parking</p>	n/a
Environment Service		<p>Link to In Year Priority: Improving the environment - improving services to ensure the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition</p> <p>Link to Underpinning Activity:</p> <p>To consider developments in the remodelled service that will help deliver the in year priority</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and Technical Services

INFORMATION REPORTS Recommended by Committee

ITEM	EXPECTED DATE OF CIRCULATION	PURPOSE OF REPORT	RESPONSIBLE LEAD MEMBER/OFFICER
Highways Safety Inspection Policy (HSIP)	November 2019	<p>Link to In Year Priority: Improving the environment - improving services to ensure the environment is clean, tidy and in a good condition</p> <p>Link to Underpinning Activity: Improve the timelines and quality of reactive road repairs to minimise risks to the travelling public,</p>	Councillor David A Bithell (Environment and Transport)/ Chief Officer Environment and

		<p>ensuring the network is resilient and fit for purpose.</p> <p>To detail the consequences of the Highways Safety Inspection Policy (HSIP) agreed in September 2018, together with detail as to the number of claims to the Council in relation to road defects and the cost of these to the Council.</p>	Technical Services
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