

# Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

## Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes 2015/16

| Scrutiny Committees                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1. Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2. Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3. Regeneration, Planning & Countryside                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4. Learning and LAESCYP (Local Authority Education Services for Children and Young People)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5. Social Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>The Council has five Scrutiny committees, and each sets its own work programme to review policies, decisions and services of the Council and other organisations operating in the County Borough to ensure they meet the needs of local communities.</p> <p>The five Scrutiny Committees have agreed their Work Programmes and will be considering the items and issues as shown in this document at their meetings over the coming twelve months or so.</p> <p>Some key principles Councillors considered when they prepared the work programmes include: topics should add value and support corporate priorities; where appropriate involve partners, stakeholders and the public; allow some flexibility to enable topics to be included as they arise; seek improvement in service provision; and be achievable within available resources.</p> <p>There are many different ways you may wish to get involved in the work of scrutiny, including: suggesting a topic for scrutiny; providing information and evidence to inform a particular piece of review work - either written or in person; or attending a meeting to listen to discussion.</p> <p>For more information about overview and scrutiny, contact the Scrutiny Team: email <a href="mailto:scrutiny@merthyr.gov.uk">scrutiny@merthyr.gov.uk</a> or telephone 01685 725454.</p> |

**AUDIT COMMITTEE / DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**


Version 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (Lay Person with voting rights on Audit Committee)<br><br><b>Mr David Gibby</b><br><br>N.B. Mr David Gibby is not a member of the Democratic Services Committee |
| Cllr Richard Thomas<br>(Chair) (Independent)                                      | Cllr Gareth Jones<br>(VC) (Independent)                                           | Cllr Tony Chaplin<br>(Labour)                                                     | Cllr Margaret Davies<br>(Labour)                                                  | Cllr Clive Jones<br>(Labour)                                                        | Cllr Gareth Lewis<br>(Labour)                                                       | Cllr Tom Lewis<br>(Labour)                                                          | Cllr Brian Mansbridge<br>(Labour)                                                   | Cllr Kate Moran<br>(Labour)                                                         | Cllr Ray Thomas<br>(Labour)                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                 |

**CABINET**

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (x5)**

There is also a “**Joint Scrutiny Committee**” - to be chaired by the Chair of the Gov, Perf, Bus Change and Corp Services Scrutiny Committee, and membership will comprise all members of the 5 Scrutiny committees as shown below.

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| <b>Leader of the Council</b><br><br>Cllr Brendan Toomey<br>(Chair) | <b>Governance and Corporate Services</b><br><br>Cllr Phil Williams<br>(Labour)<br>V. C.<br>(D.Leader) | <b>Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services</b><br>(4.30pm start) | <br>Cllr Tom Lewis<br>(Chair) (Labour)          | <br>Cllr David Isaac<br>VC (Labour)           | <br>Cllr Brent Carter<br>(Labour)         | <br>Cllr David Davies<br>(Labour)       | <br>Cllr Gareth Jones<br>(Independent) | <br>Cllr Lisa Mytton<br>(Independent)   | <br>Cllr Darren Roberts<br>(Labour)     | <br>Cllr Leighton Smart<br>(Independent)                                           | <br>Cllr Bill Smith<br>(Labour)                                                                                                      | <br>Cllr Richard Thomas<br>(Independent) | <br>Cllr Simon Williams<br>(Labour) | Co-opted Members<br><b>1 x Vacant</b><br>(Public – non voting)<br><b>Mrs Alison Harris</b><br>(Public – non voting)<br><b>1 x Vacant</b><br>(Voluntary Sector – non voting) |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection</b><br><br>Cllr David Jones<br>(Labour)               | <b>Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection</b><br>(2.30pm start)                    | <br>Cllr Darren Roberts<br>(Chair) (Labour)     | <br>Cllr Leighton Smart (VC)<br>(Independent) | <br>Cllr Howard Barrett<br>(Independent)  | <br>Cllr John McCarthy<br>(Labour)      | <br>Cllr Sian Slater<br>(Labour)       | <br>Cllr Bill Smith<br>(Labour)         | <br>Cllr Ray Thomas<br>(Labour)         | Co-opted Members<br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Mr Robert Holdaway</b><br><b>Mrs. Nicola Mahoney</b>                                                                          | Public – non voting<br>Public – non voting<br>Vol. Sector – non voting                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Regeneration, Planning and Countryside</b><br><br>Cllr Chris Barry<br>(Labour)                    | <b>Regeneration, Planning and Countryside</b><br>(2.30pm start)                          | <br>Cllr Gareth Jones (Chair)<br>(Independent) | <br>Cllr Brent Carter<br>VC (Labour)         | <br>Cllr Howard Barrett<br>(Independent) | <br>Cllr Paul Brown<br>(Merthyr Indep) | <br>Cllr Ernie Galsworthy<br>(Labour) | <br>Cllr Kate Moran<br>(Labour)        | <br>Cllr Michael O'Neill<br>(Labour)   | Co-opted Members<br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Vacant</b>                                                                                                   | Public – non voting<br>Public – non voting<br>Vol. Sector – non voting                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Learning</b><br><br>Cllr Harvey Jones<br>(Labour)                                                | <b>Learning and LAESCYP</b><br>(4.00pm start)                                            | <br>Cllr Lisa Mytton (Chair)<br>(Independent) | <br>Cllr Simon Williams<br>VC (Labour)      | <br>Cllr Margaret Davies<br>(Labour)    | <br>Cllr Gareth Lewis<br>(Labour)     | <br>Cllr Kate Moran<br>(Labour)      | <br>Cllr Sian Slater<br>(Labour)      | <br>Cllr Clive Tovey<br>(Independent) | Co-opted Members<br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Mr Alan Rees</b><br><b>Mrs Teresa Bradley</b><br><b>Mrs Maureen Harris</b><br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Vacant</b> | (Gov. Rep MTGA - non voting)<br>(Public – non voting)<br>(Public – non voting)<br>(Voluntary Sector – non voting)<br>(Diocesan Rep - voting)<br>(Parent Gov - Sec./Special - voting)<br>(Parent Gov – Primary - voting) |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Social Services</b><br><br>Cllr Linda Matthews<br>(Labour)                                       | <b>Social Services</b><br>(3.00pm start)                                                 | <br>Cllr Bill Smith<br>(Chair) (Labour)       | <br>Cllr David Davies<br>VC (Labour)        | <br>Cllr Rhonda Braithwaite<br>(Labour) | <br>Cllr Allan Jones<br>(Independent) | <br>Cllr Tom Lewis<br>(Labour)       | <br>Cllr Brian Mansbridge<br>(Labour) | <br>Cllr John McCarthy<br>(Labour)    | Co-opted Members<br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Vacant</b><br><b>Mr Brian Lewis</b>                                                                                           | non voting<br>non voting<br>Vol. Sector – non voting                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                             |

**PLANNING, REGULATORY & LICENSING COMMITTEE / STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE**

See [Constitution](#) for membership rules of “Licensing Sub Committee”; “Statutory Licensing Sub Committee”; and “Rights of Way Committee”

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| (Park Ward)<br>Cllr Clive Jones<br>Chair (Labour)                                   | (Merthyr Vale Ward)<br>Cllr Brian Mansbridge<br>Vice Chair (Labour)                 | (Vaynor Ward)<br>Cllr Howard Barrett<br>(Independent)                               | (Cyfarthfa Ward)<br>Cllr Tony Chaplin<br>(Labour)                                    | (Treharris Ward)<br>Cllr Ernie Galsworthy<br>(Labour)                                 | (Plymouth Ward)<br>Cllr Gareth Lewis<br>(Labour)                                      | (Town Ward)<br>Cllr Sian Slater<br>(Labour)                                           | (Penydarren Ward)<br>Cllr Allan Jones<br>(Independent)                                | (Bedlinog Ward)<br>Cllr Leighton Smart<br>(Independent)                               | (Gurnos Ward)<br>Cllr Bill Smith<br>(Labour)                                          | (Dowlais Ward)<br>Cllr Simon Williams<br>(Labour)                                     |

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|                                              | 19 <sup>th</sup> January<br>2016                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> March<br>2016                                                                         | 12 <sup>th</sup> April<br>2016                                                                                                     | 24 <sup>th</sup> May<br>2016 | Work Programme<br>suggestions                                                                      |
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| <b>Corporate Items</b>                       | <b>Corporate Risk Register</b><br>(MT/ KOD)                       | <b>Local Service Board. The transition from LSB to Public Service Board</b><br>(Chair of LSB, MT, SD) | <b>Overview of Scrutiny</b><br>(CK/Cllr PW)<br><br><b>Corporate Developments update</b> (incl self-evaluation and value for money) |                              | <b>Wales Audit Office Reports, AIR &amp; Letters</b><br>(GT, EC, LB, MT, PW)<br>Dates to be agreed |
| <b>Policy Review &amp; Development</b>       |                                                                   |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |                              |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Monitoring Reports / Briefing Reports</b> | <b>Review of HR Services - action plan update</b><br>(LJ/Cllr PW) | <b>Performance and Challenge against x4 “Strategies on a Page”</b><br>(GC/EC/LB/Cllr BT/Cllr PW)      | <b>Whistleblowing Policy</b><br>(CK/Cllr PW)                                                                                       |                              |                                                                                                    |
| <b>Performance Monitoring</b>                |                                                                   | <b>Corporate Plan 2015/16 (Q3)</b><br>(EMcW)                                                          |                                                                                                                                    |                              |                                                                                                    |

# Governance, Performance, Business Change and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

## Work Programme Descriptors 2015/16

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| Committee Governance, Performance, Business Change & Corporate Services |                                                                                   |                                 |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Overarching Item                                                        | Officer & Cabinet Member                                                          | Timing                          | (Other)          | Scrutiny Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Corporate Strategic Direction                                           | Gareth Chapman/Ellis Cooper/Lorraine Buck/Cllr Brendan Toomey/ Cllr Phil Williams | 15th Sep 2015                   |                  | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> A report outlining the corporate strategic direction and identifying measures for success, desired outcomes and targets towards meeting the ambition of top performance, sustainability and good reputation.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Local Service Board; Wellbeing of Future Generations Act                | Chair of LSB, MT, SD                                                              | 15th Sep 2015                   |                  | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> A report detailing the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act: Overview of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the role of partnerships to support local implementation.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Corporate Plan Challenge Process                                        | Ellis Cooper/Lorraine Buck/Mark Thomas / Cllr Phil Williams                       | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2015       | Ewan Mc Williams | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> A report detailing (i) the outcomes of the SER process for services during 2014/15 (ii) what process will be used during 2015/16 to ensure robust corporate and service challenge (iii) how the SER process for 2014/15 has influenced the Corporate Plan and the corporate strategic direction (iv) progress towards embedding self-evaluation into corporate and service planning cycles |
| Annual Performance report and progress updates                          | Lorraine Buck/Mark Thomas                                                         | 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 |                  | <b>Scrutiny and Challenge:</b> Statutory publication of Annual Performance Report and quarterly updates on performance. Each year the Council reviews its performance and evaluates progress made against the priorities set out in the corporate plan. A report is prepared that sets out how well the Authority is performing and what it can do to improve.                                                               |
| Review of HR Services                                                   | Lorraine Buck/ Lisa Jones/ Cllr Phil Williams                                     | 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015       | Carys Kennedy    | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> Follow up to the Schools Scrutiny Committee scrutiny concerns about HR related issues with schools and progress on delivering the actions following the HR review in 2014 and in relation to the effectiveness and impact of school related issues                                                                                                                                         |

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| Budget & Performance                                                       | Steve Jones / Mark Thomas                                                         | 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015     |                              | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing progress on embedding value for money analysis in service self-evaluations and providing an indication about whether key council services are providing value for money                                                                                        |
| Performance Strategy & Performance Board                                   | Ewan McWilliams                                                                   | 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 |                              | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report and presentation which is to discuss the performance element of the organisational improvement strategy and to include the role of the Performance Board.                                                                                                                |
| Corporate Strategic Direction                                              | Gareth Chapman/Ellis Cooper/Lorraine Buck/Cllr Brendan Toomey/ Cllr Phil Williams | Late Oct 2015 & Mid Apr 2016  | (Joint Committee)            | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report on progress towards delivering the corporate strategic direction plan for two of the key themes of top performance, sustainability and good reputation in the first meeting and in the second meeting the remaining theme and a summary of progress for the whole plan   |
| Corporate Business Change                                                  | Ellis Cooper / Cllr Phil Williams                                                 | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      | Gary Thomas / Andrew Mogford | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing the key elements of the business change strategy and programme and an evaluation of successful it is in achieving transformational and budgetary change whilst also supporting the delivery of the ambitions of top performance, sustainability and reputation |
| Local Service Board – Annual Report and Key Priorities                     | Ellis Cooper / Cllr Phil Williams/Lorraine Buck                                   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      | Chair of LSB, MT, SD         | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing the role and record of the LSB in addressing key partnership priorities which represent significant challenges to public and voluntary sector organisations during the last 2 years                                                                            |
| Local Service Board - Update on Performance Management of the Reviewed SIP | Ellis Cooper / Cllr Phil Williams/Lorraine Buck                                   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      | Chair of LSB, MT, SD         | Scrutiny & Challenge : A report providing an update on Performance Management of the Reviewed SIP: SIP review including performance management arrangements to monitor delivery of the SIP                                                                                                                          |
| Corporate Plan 2015/16 (Q2)                                                | Ewan McWilliams                                                                   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      |                              | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : Quarter 2 Corporate Plan & Outcome Agreement performance monitoring. Focus is to scrutinise progress and to highlight variations in performance                                                                                                                                   |
| Consultation on draft budget proposals 2015/16                             | Gareth Chapman/Steve Jones/Cllr                                                   | 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2016     | (Joint                       | <b>Challenge &amp; Overview</b> : Referral from Cabinet for scrutiny to understand and then challenge proposed budget proposals for 2015/16 and beyond where appropriate                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                                      | P Williams/<br>Cllr Brendan<br>Toomey                                             |                               | Committees) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Corporate Risk Register                                              | Mark Thomas/K. O'Donovan                                                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 |             | <b>Challenge &amp; Overview:</b> To provide a report providing an overview of the Corporate Risk Register (to manage high level risks facing the organisation from a strategic and business risk perspective).                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Review of HR Services – action plan update                           | Lorraine Buck/<br>Lisa Jones/ Cllr<br>Phil Williams                               | 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 |             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Follow up to the Schools Scrutiny Committee scrutiny concerns about HR related issues with schools and progress on delivering the actions following the HR review in 2014 and in relation to the effectiveness and impact of school related issues. This follows on from the meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015.                                                                                    |
| Corporate Plan 2015/16 (Q3)                                          | Ewan Mc Williams                                                                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016    |             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> Quarter 3 Corporate Plan & Outcome Agreement performance monitoring. Focus is to scrutinise progress and to highlight variations in performance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Local Service Board. The transition from LSB to Public Service Board | Chair of LSB,<br>MT, SD                                                           | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016    |             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> Overview of the transition arrangements from LSBs to PSBs and overview of the requirements of PSBs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Performance and Challenge against “Strategies on a Page”             | Gareth Chapman/Ellis Cooper/Lorraine Buck/Cllr Brendan Toomey/ Cllr Phil Williams | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2016    |             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Performance against each of the “strategies on a page”. At 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 meeting the Deputy leader suggested that they return to provide further information on delivery against the strategies and how they are progressing.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Whistleblowing Policy                                                | CK, PW                                                                            | 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016   |             | <b>Challenge &amp; Overview:</b> As per WAO report - There is significant scope to improve the Council’s whistleblowing policy, process, and training and to raise awareness of whistleblowing arrangements across the CouncilThe current whistleblowing arrangements, themes, trends and outcomes are not subject to member scrutiny and challenge” ( <i>Source – WAO- Annual Improvement report and Corporate Assessment June 2015</i> ) |

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| Corporate Software Programme for recording / monitoring Performance.     | Mark Thomas                                                            | 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 |  | <b>Challenge &amp; Overview:</b> At the June 2015 meeting MT advised that the Authority will be introducing a new software package to record and monitor performance. The committee has asked for an update on progress.                                                                                                             |
| Overview of Scrutiny                                                     | CK, PW                                                                 | 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 |  | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Overview:</b> Annual report detailing the work, of the scrutiny committees, their behaviours and the responses to 2014/15 recommendations. This will include an evaluation against the Auditor General's report on Good Scrutiny Practice and an assessment of the impact of the committees and the chair's group  |
| Corporate Developments update (incl self-evaluation and value for money) | Gareth Chapman/Ellis Cooper/Lorraine Buck/M Thomas/ Cllr Phil Williams | 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 |  | <b>Information &amp; Challenge :</b> The work of the Governance Scrutiny Committee needs to be further enhanced monitoring the corporate developments being led by the Chief Executive and in particular in relation to self-evaluation and value for money ( <i>Source – "A Review and Evaluation of Member Scrutiny 2013-14"</i> ) |
| Wales Audit Office Reports, AIR & Letters                                | Gareth Chapman/Ellis Cooper/Lorraine Buck/M Thomas/ Cllr Phil Williams | Date to be agreed           |  | <b>Information &amp; Challenge :</b> The key elements of the Wales Audit Office reports and/or letters issued for 2014/15 and planning for improvement 2015/16.                                                                                                                                                                      |



# Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16

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|                                              | 22 June<br>2015                                                                                                           | 27 July<br>2015                                                                                     | 14 September<br>2015                                                       | 26 October<br>2015                                                                                | 7 December<br>2015                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Corporate Items</b>                       | <b>(Crime &amp; Disorder Committee)</b><br><br><b>Community Safety Awareness Raising</b><br>(EC/SP/JP / Cllr Chris Barry) | <b>Key Transformation Budget Projects 2014/15</b><br>(CLE + various, Cllr DJ)<br><a href="#">1)</a> | <b>Waste Strategy</b><br>(EC, CLE, VS & Cllr DJ)                           | <b>Report on Fly-tipping Prosecutions.</b><br>(Street Cleansing/Health/Legal)<br>Cllr David Jones | <b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b><br>(SP, JP & RSLs)                                                                                                      |
| <b>Policy Review &amp; Development</b>       |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |                                                                            |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Monitoring Reports / Briefing Reports</b> | <b>Energy Efficiency Awareness Raising</b><br>(C. Evans / Cllr David Jones)                                               |                                                                                                     | <b>Highways – Progress towards transformation of the service.</b><br>(CLE) | <b>Update on Review of Community Safety Functions of MTCBC</b><br>(JP/SP)                         | <b>(Crime &amp; Disorder Committee)</b><br>Presentation by partner agencies re: <b>DOMESTIC ABUSE &amp; SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b><br>(SP/JP & Partner Agencies) |
| <b>Performance Monitoring</b>                | <b>Corporate Plan 2014/15 (Q4)</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                                            |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                           |

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# Neighbourhood Services, Public Protection and Community Regeneration

## Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16

| Meeting Date                    | Subject                                    | Invitees               | Theme                          | Scrutiny Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015      | Energy Efficiency                          | CLE & Cllr DJ          | <b>Sustainable Environment</b> | <b>Awareness Raising:</b> A report and session to raise awareness of the committee in terms of the previous Carbon Trust report and the internal follow up report. The report will outline the risks, issues and challenges and how these could be addressed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                 | Community Safety (Crime & Disorder)        | EC, SP, JP & CB        | <b>Public Protection</b>       | <b>Awareness Raising :</b> An update by key Council officers of the issues, risks and challenges in relation to community safety and the potential impact given the lack of an overarching strategy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                 | Corporate Plan Quarter 4 update            | EMcW                   | <b>Performance</b>             | <b>Monitoring:</b> An update performance report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2015      | Key Transformation Budget Projects 2014/15 | CLE + various, Cllr DJ | <b>Budgets</b>                 | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny :</b> An update on key significant transformation budget projects for 2014/15<br>1) an update on Bereavement Services & Street Cleansing<br>2) an update on Grounds maintenance<br>3) Update on the Collaborative Change Programme in Waste Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 | Waste Strategy                             | EC, CLE, VS & Cllr DJ  | <b>Sustainable Environment</b> | <b>Monitor, Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> A report which provides a range of information as detailed below :<br>(i) A performance update on waste landfill and recycling showing 4 year trends, comparisons with other Welsh authorities and progress against targets<br>(ii) A brief update on the key elements of the waste strategy and plan and a progress report on the implementation of CCP and the new strategy for waste landfill and recycling<br>(iii) Identification of the successes of, and challenges to, the strategy<br>(iv) Identification of the negative consequences of the changes (eg increased littering and fly tipping) and the impact of reacting to these (eg enforcement)<br>(v) Future changes or refinements to the strategy. |

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|                                             | Highways                                                        | CLE                                                 | <b>Sustainable Environment</b> | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : A report detailing progress against the transformation of the service and the overall performance against local and national indicators                                                                                    |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> October 2015</b>         | Update on Review of Community Safety Function(s) of MTCBC       | SP/JP                                               | <b>Public Protection</b>       | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : An update following the presentation to Scrutiny on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015 i.e. on the issues, risks and challenges in relation to community safety and the potential impact given the lack of an overarching strategy |
|                                             | Report on Fly-tipping Prosecutions.                             | (Street Cleansing/Health/Legal)<br>Cllr David Jones | <b>Joint departments</b>       | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : The Committee requests a report from the three parties (Street Cleansing/Health/Legal) on where are we in pursuing prosecutions.                                                                                           |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> December 2015</b>         | Housing & Homelessness                                          | SP, JP & RSLs                                       | <b>Public Protection</b>       | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : An update report on performance and progress on delivering the housing and homelessness action plan including a focus on supporting people and housing related support.                                                    |
|                                             | (Crime and Disorder Committee) Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence | SP/JP & Partner Agencies                            | <b>Community Safety</b>        | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : Bringing in representatives of the partnership and questioning them about their roles, responsibilities, and activities                                                                                                     |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (Joint)</b> | Budget Proposals 2015/16                                        | LCJ, EC, GC, LB                                     | <b>Joint Scrutiny</b>          | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing the budget proposals for 2015/16 and the implications for the 4 year medium term financial plan                                                                                                          |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>         | PWC Transformation                                              | EC and various                                      | <b>Budgets</b>                 | <b>Awareness Raising/Scrutiny</b> : As a result of the PWC work, transformation proposals will emerge which need consideration                                                                                                                                |

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|                                      | Highways                                        | CLE                      | <b>Sustainable Environment</b> | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny:</b> A report detailing progress against the transformation of the service and the overall performance against local and national indicators. This is a progress / further report following the 14 <sup>th</sup> September meeting when details of the transformation of the department were not discussed as it was still in work in progress. |
|                                      | Trust                                           | RM                       | <b>Leisure</b>                 | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny:</b> A 6 monthly update on progress and performance in achieving the stated targets and outcomes for the Trust. This item will link with the Economic Growth item in terms of the Castle development                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> February 2016</b> | Energy Efficiency                               | EC, CLE & DJ             | <b>Sustainable Environment</b> | <b>Pre-Scrutiny or Scrutiny :</b> Outline of the strategy and plan for energy efficiency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                      | (Crime and Disorder Committee) Substance Misuse | SP/JP & Partner Agencies | <b>Community Safety</b>        | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Bringing in representatives of the partnership and questioning them about their roles, responsibilities, and activities                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>    | Trust                                           | RM                       | <b>Leisure</b>                 | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny :</b> A 6 monthly update on progress and performance in achieving the stated targets and outcomes for the Trust                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016</b>      | Effectiveness Of Scrutiny & Audit Annual Report | Scrutiny & Audit Chairs  | <b>Joint Scrutiny</b>          | <b>Monitoring, Evaluation &amp; Review:</b> A report outlining progress addressing the key recommendations made in 2015 and the impact on outcomes of the scrutiny committee process                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Yet to be agreed</b>              | Highways                                        | CLE                      | <b>Sustainable Environment</b> | <b>Monitoring, Evaluation &amp; Review:</b> Communication Plan before it goes out to businesses. Agreed at 14 <sup>th</sup> September meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Learning & LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16

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|                                                            | 15 June<br>2015                                                                   | 13 July<br>2015                                                                    | 7 September<br>2015                                          | 5 October<br>2015                                                       | 2 November<br>2015                                                                       |
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| <b>Corporate Items</b>                                     | Governing Bodies Annual report<br><br>Heolgerrig & PenyDre Lessons Learned Report | Categorisation of Schools                                                          | Commissioning the Consortium<br><br>Central South Consortium | Schools Attendance At Scrutiny<br><br>Key Stages 1 to 3 Pupil Outcomes  | LAESCYP Self-Evaluation in advance of the monitoring visit<br><br>Youth Support Services |
| <b>Policy Review &amp; Development</b>                     |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |                                                              |                                                                         |                                                                                          |
| <b>Monitoring Reports / Briefing Reports / Performance</b> | Schools & LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee: additional areas of responsibility          | Overview of Early Years for 0 to 7 year olds<br><br>Estyn monitoring update report | School Budgets and Formula                                   | LAESCYP PIAP Progress & Impact Report<br><br>Report from Recovery Board |                                                                                          |

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|                                              | 30 Nov.<br>2015               | 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2016<br>(SPECIAL)     | 25 January<br>2016                                                                     | 22 February<br>2016                              | 21 March<br>2016                  | 18 April<br>2016 | 16 May<br>2016  |
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| <b>Corporate items</b>                       | Additional Learning Provision | Consultation on draft budget proposals 2016/17 | Secondary School Key Stage 4 Outcomes 2013/14<br><br>Categorisation of Schools 2015/16 | NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) | Vulnerable Pupils Attainment      | To be confirmed  | To be confirmed |
| <b>Policy Review &amp; Development</b>       |                               | JOINT MEETING<br>All Scrutiny Committees       |                                                                                        |                                                  |                                   |                  |                 |
| <b>Monitoring Reports / Briefing Reports</b> | Merthyr Youth forum / cabinet |                                                | School Service Level Agreements                                                        | LAESCYP Services Self-Review                     | Annual Review of Audit & Scrutiny |                  |                 |



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Dates to be confirmed:-

## **Key Stages 4 Pupil Outcomes**

DH & Cllr HJ

A report providing details of summary and school specific attainment performance in 2014/15, trends over time, progress towards meeting targets and comparisons across Wales of pupils at the end of Key Stages 4 (16 years). The report will identify key issues that need to be addressed

## **Early Years**

Adult, MIA, Community Learning & Communities First LB, DH, Lead HOS & Cllr BC

Information & Overview : A brief outline of key LAESCYP and Education issues currently delivered by Social Regeneration and an opportunity to scope out how the new committee will address issues.

## **Corporate Plan Performance Updates**

Quarterly reports on Corporate Plan & Outcome Agreement performance monitoring

## **Additional Learning Needs/Education Other Than At Schools Review**

Following a review of current approaches to the delivery of services for pupils with additional learning needs/EOTAS, a report which identifies the current position and make proposals for future developments and identifies progress on addressing the key issues

## **Nursery Admissions**

A report updating committee on progress towards reconfiguring the funding and delivery of nursery provision to meet statutory requirements and defining sufficiency

## **Home To Schools Transport**

A report updating committee on progress towards reconfiguring the funding and delivery of HTST

## **Learning Support Assistant Review**

A report detailing the outcomes of a review of the appropriateness of the current service level agreements with schools in relation to LSAs

## **Corporate Strategic Direction Plan (GC/BT/PW)**

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**Strategic Direction** (LCJ, EC, GC, LB)

**Effectiveness of Governors / Outcome of Governors Survey** (as suggested at 15<sup>th</sup> June meeting)

# Learning & LAESCYP Services Scrutiny Committee

## Work Programme 2015/16 (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015)

| Meeting Date               | Subject                                                                  | Invitees                       | Theme                                      | Scrutiny Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 | Governing Bodies Annual report                                           | DH, GW & Cllr HJ               | <b>Schools</b>                             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> The LAESCYP self-evaluation review has identified the need to improve the effectiveness of Governing Bodies. The Governing Body annual report will be considered early in 2015/16 and then issues identified will be followed up to include (i) recruitment and retention (ii) training (iii) federation of governing bodies (iv) identifying and sharing effective practice |
|                            | Schools & LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee: additional areas of responsibility | LB, DH, Lead HOS & Cllr HJ     | <b>Wider LAESCYP Services</b>              | <b>Information &amp; Overview :</b> A brief outline of key LAESCYP and Education issues currently delivered by Social Regeneration and an opportunity to scope out how the new committee will address issues.<br><br>(Defining The Scope Of The Learning & LAESCYP Scrutiny Committee)                                                                                                                         |
|                            | Heolgerrig & Pen Y Dre Lessons Learned Report                            | Cllr HJ, GC, CK, LB, LJ        | <b>Pre Scrutiny &amp; Follow Up Issues</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> Follow up to the Schools Scrutiny Committee meetings in 2014 to include an outline of progress on addressing concerns and delivering the action plan. The report will outline whether both the Human Resource processes are fit for purpose as well the effectiveness of Council-wide responses to potential and actual school-related HR issues.                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 | Categorisation of Schools                                                | Cllr HJ, DH                    | <b>Schools</b>                             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> An evaluation of the impact of the new national categorisation process introduced for 2014/15 and the likely profile and trajectory of MTCBC schools for 2015/16                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                            | Overview of Early Years for 0 to 7 year olds                             | Cllr HJ, DH, and lead officers | <b>Wider LAESCYP Services</b>              | <b>Information &amp; Overview :</b> An overview of Early Years provision for 0 to 7 year olds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                            | Estyn monitoring                                                         | Cllr HJ, LB, DH                | <b>LAESCYP Self Evaluation Framework</b>   | <b>Information &amp; Overview :</b> Brief update of verbal feedback and consideration of the letter (if available) following Estyn's monitoring visit on PIAP R6 and R7 during summer term 2015 and actions to be addressed                                                                                                                                                                                    |

| Meeting Date                   | Subject                               | Invitees                               | Theme                                        | Scrutiny Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 | Commissioning the consortium          | Cllr HJ, LB, DH                        | <b>Education Department &amp; Consortium</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing the current effectiveness and shortcomings of the consortium in relation to (i) Reports by Estyn and WAO (ii) the commissioned services for MTCBC and future challenges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                | Central South Consortium              | Cllr HJ, LB, DH & Consortium Leads     | <b>Education Department &amp; Consortium</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : Scrutiny and challenge based upon the LA report and report by the CSC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                | School Budgets and Formula            | Cllr HJ, AL & Chair of School Forum    | <b>Schools</b>                               | <b>Information, Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> An outline of school budgets in relation to (i) reserves (ii) licensed budget (iii) overspends (iv) risks (v) effectiveness of local authority monitoring and challenge processes. The report will also detail progress on the school funding formula                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2015   | Schools Attendance At Scrutiny        | Cllr HJ, DH, Head & Chair of Governors | <b>Schools</b>                               | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : Attendance by the headteacher and chair of governors of Gellifaelog Primary School. The meeting will involve a 15 minute presentation by the school focusing on the good features and the challenges that the school is facing. The Committee will also be asking the local authority officers how they identified what, if anything, was needed at the school and how the school responded. The Committee is also keen to understand how both the school and the local authority have made good progress together. |
|                                | Key Stages 1 to 3 Pupil Outcomes      | Cllr HJ, DH                            | <b>Pupil Outcomes</b>                        | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report providing details of summary and school specific attainment performance in 2014/15, trends over time, progress towards meeting targets and comparisons across Wales of pupils at the end of Key Stages 1 (age 7 years), Key Stage 2 (age 11 years) and Key Stage 3 (14 years) to include national literacy and numeracy tests. The report will identify key issues that need to be addressed                                                                                                               |
|                                | LAESCYP PIAP Progress & Impact Report | Cllr HJ, LB, DH, MT, SJ,               | <b>LAESCYP Framework Self Evaluation</b>     | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> A report detailing progress addressing all 8 recommendations of the Estyn LAESCYP inspection in November 2012 and the impact in terms of outputs and outcomes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                | Report from Recovery Board            | Chair of recovery Board                | <b>Recovery Board</b>                        | <b>Information:</b> The powers for Education have been removed from the Authority and placed with the Recovery Board. A report on the Recovery Boards input and actions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| Meeting Date                                | Subject                                        | Invitees                                             | Theme                                      | Scrutiny Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015</b>         | LAESCYP Self Evaluation                        | Cllr HJ, GC, EC, LB, DH, Leader, Deputy Leader       | <b>LAESCYP Framework Self Evaluation</b>   | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Scrutiny of the LAESCYP self-evaluation in advance of the monitoring visit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                             | Youth Support Services                         | Cllr HJ, DH, and lead officers                       | <b>Wider LAESCYP Services</b>              | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> A report detailing progress addressing recommendation 7 of the Estyn LAESCYP inspection in November 2012 and the impact in terms of outputs and outcomes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>        | Additional Learning Needs Provision            | Cllr HJ, DH, TW                                      | <b>Education department</b>                | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> An review of provision for pupils with Additional Learning Needs by LA and schools and the impact in terms of outputs and outcomes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                             | Merthyr Youth forum / cabinet                  | LPL and members of the Merthyr youth forum / cabinet | <b>Meeting with outside Organisation</b>   | <b>Overview:-</b> A presentation providing insight on how the Forum sees their role, achievements, how they perceive opportunities for the youth of Merthyr Tydfil etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (Joint)</b> | Consultation on draft budget proposals 2016/17 | LB, DH, HOS (PEI), LCJ, Cllr LT & Cllr HJ            | <b>Corporate Performance</b>               | <b>Challenge &amp; Overview :</b> Referral from Cabinet for scrutiny to understand and then challenge proposed budget proposals for 2015/16 and beyond where appropriate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>         | Secondary School Key Stage 4 Outcomes 2013/14  | Cllr HJ, DH                                          | <b>Pupil Outcomes</b>                      | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> Most comparative information for Key Stage 4 outcomes are published nationally by December each year and so this report will provide a summary of overall outcomes by performance indicator for 2014/15 as well as schools, trends over time, comparisons with other local authorities and progress against targets. The report will identify key issues that need to be addressed |
|                                             | Categorisation of Schools 2015/16              | Cllr HJ, DH & CSC                                    | <b>Schools</b>                             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> A report detailing the categorisation of schools for 2015/16 and improvement progress over the last 2 years to include school inspection outcomes during 2014/15 and a summary of the current position for all schools                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                             | School Service Level Agreements                | Cllr HJ, AL                                          | <b>Pre Scrutiny &amp; Follow Up Issues</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Continuing the review of School SLAs and focusing on the effectiveness and impact of current SLAs, what needs to be addressed and how this is occurring.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016</b>        | NEETs                                          | Lead HOS (PEI)                                       | <b>Pupil Outcomes</b>                      | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Comparative information for NEETs is normally published nationally by February as it is based upon Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> outcomes. This report will provide a                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                                                   |                                                    |                                      |                                              | summary of overall outcomes 2015 as well as trends over the last 4 years and comparisons with other local authorities and progress against targets. The report will identify key issues that need to be addressed and also detail the progress on addressing issues raised in the last report including key workers and engagement by other partners including Careers Wales.                                                                |
|                                                   | LAESCYP Services Self-Review                       | Cllr HJ, LB, DH, Lead HOS (PEI), LCJ | <b>Corporate Strategic Direction</b>         | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A focus on the entirety of LAESCYP services in terms of what services are delivered by the local authority, how effective this is, what challenges there are and how these will be addressed                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Meeting Date</b>                               | <b>Subject</b>                                     | <b>Invitees</b>                      | <b>Theme</b>                                 | <b>Scrutiny Focus</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2016</b>                 | Vulnerable Pupils Attainment                       | DH, TW,SB & Cllr HJ                  | <b>Pupil Outcomes</b>                        | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> This report will provide a summary of overall outcomes by performance indicator, trends over time, comparisons with other local authorities where possible and progress against targets for pupils who are potentially vulnerable for 2014/15. This includes pupils with Special Educational Needs, Looked After, ethnic minorities etc. The report will also identify key issues that need to be addressed |
|                                                   | Annual Review Of Audit & Scrutiny                  | CK and Chairs Group                  | <b>Effectiveness Of Scrutiny &amp; Audit</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Overview</b> : Annual report detailing the work, of the scrutiny committees, their behaviours and the responses to 2014/15 recommendations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>                 | To be confirmed                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>                   | To be confirmed                                    |                                      |                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>To be confirmed (in addition to June 2015)</b> | Adult, MIA, Community Learning & Communities First | LB, DH, Lead HOS & Cllr BC           | <b>Wider LAESCYP Services</b>                | <b>Information &amp; Overview</b> : A brief outline of key LAESCYP and Education issues currently delivered by Social Regeneration and an opportunity to scope out how the new committee will address issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>To be confirmed</b>                            | Merthyr Youth Forum / Cabinet                      | DH/LPL                               | <b>Wider LAESCYP</b>                         | <b>To meet with the</b> Merthyr youth forum / cabinet, inviting them to give us an insight on how they see their role, achievements, how they perceive opportunities for the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                        |                                           |       | <b>Services</b>                            | youth of Merthyr Tydfil etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | Corporate Plan Performance Updates        | MT    | <b>Corporate Performance</b>               | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : Quarterly reports on Corporate Plan & Outcome Agreement performance monitoring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | Nursery Admissions                        | AL    | <b>Pre Scrutiny &amp; Follow Up Issues</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report updating committee on progress towards reconfiguring the funding and delivery of nursery provision to meet statutory requirements and defining sufficiency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | Home To Schools Transport                 | AL    | <b>Pre Scrutiny &amp; Follow Up Issues</b> | <b>Information &amp; Overview</b> : A report updating committee on progress towards reconfiguring the funding and delivery of HTST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | Learning Support Assistant Review         |       | <b>Pre Scrutiny &amp; Follow Up Issues</b> | <b>Information &amp; Overview</b> : A report detailing the outcomes of a review of the appropriateness of the current service level agreements with schools in relation to LSAs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | Effectiveness of Governors                | GW/DH | <b>Wider LAESCYP Services</b>              | <b>Information &amp; Overview</b> : To have sight of the Governors survey. How effective are Governors in the overall school improvement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | Human Resources Department Restructuring. |       | <b>Wider LAESCYP Services</b>              | <b>Information &amp; Overview</b> : Impact of restructure on schools i.e. better service; school improvement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | School Budgets (Afon Taf High School)     |       | <b>School Budgets</b>                      | <b>Information &amp; Overview:</b> Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2015. Afon Taf High School overspent against its plan in year 1 by £60k and closed the financial year-end £342k in deficit. Internal audit are currently reviewing the current financial position of Afon Taf High School and the reasons for their large financial deficit. The committee has asked for sight of the report when it is available.                                                  |
| <b>To be confirmed</b> | Free School Meals (attainment)            |       | <b>Pupil Outcomes</b>                      | <b>Information &amp; Overview</b> : Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2015. Meeting with CSC. One of the areas for improvement “A sharper pace and urgency to focus on the achievement of children claiming free school meals in particular across the region, so that they achieve accelerated improvement against their peers”. Need to follow up on this at a future meeting with the CSC and the Chief Education Officer. What is the CSC doing to support this LEA? |



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|                                                          | <b>16 June<br/>2015</b>                                                                                            | <b>8<sup>th</sup> July 2015<br/>SPECIAL</b>                                                                            | <b>28 July<br/>2015</b>                                                                                                                                                                | <b>8 Sept<br/>2015</b>                                                          | <b>20 October<br/>2015</b>                                          | <b>1 December<br/>2015</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Corporate<br/>Items</b>                               |                                                                                                                    | <b>Budget Outturn<br/>2014/15</b> (LCJ, EC,<br>GC, LB)<br><br><b>JOINT MEETING</b><br><br>(All Scrutiny<br>Committees) | <b>MTCBC<br/>Safeguarding<br/>Review<br/>(Rotherham)</b> (NK) -<br>This item will take<br>1 hour plus<br><br><b>ACRF Annual<br/>Report on Social<br/>Services</b> (LCJ, AL,<br>MA, BC) | <b>Budget &amp; Transformation<br/>Projects 2014/15</b><br>(LCJ, MA, AL)        | <b>Communities First</b><br>(SH)<br><br><b>Safeguarding</b><br>(AL) | <b>Looked After<br/>Children<br/>Strategy<br/>Implementation</b><br>(AL & Port.<br>Member)<br><br><b>CSSIW Annual<br/>Performance<br/>Evaluation for<br/>2014-2015</b><br>(CSSIW) |
| <b>Policy<br/>Review &amp;<br/>Developmen<br/>t</b>      | <b>Looked After<br/>Children Strategy<br/>Implementation</b><br>(AL)                                               |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                 | <b>Older People<br/>Strategy</b><br>(MA)                            |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Monitoring<br/>Reports /<br/>Briefing<br/>Reports</b> | <b>Social Services &amp;<br/>Wellbeing Act</b><br>(LCJ, AL, MA)<br><br><b>CSSIW site visit -<br/>February 2015</b> |                                                                                                                        | <b>De-registration of<br/>Park View and<br/>Glynderw</b> (MA)                                                                                                                          | <b>Looked After Children<br/>Strategy Implementation</b><br>(AL & Port. Member) |                                                                     | <b>De-registration<br/>of Park View<br/>and Glynderw</b><br>(MA)<br><br><b>Regional<br/>Adoption<br/>Collaborative</b><br>(AL)                                                    |

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|                                                          | <b>12 January<br/>2016</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016<br/>SPECIAL</b>                                                                                     | <b>23 Feb<br/>2016</b>                           | <b>5 April<br/>2016</b>                                                         | <b>17 May<br/>2016</b> |
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| <b>Corporate<br/>Items</b>                               | <b>Cwmtaf<br/>Safeguarding Adult<br/>Board Annual<br/>Report</b><br><br><b>Cwmtaf<br/>Safeguarding<br/>Childrens Board<br/>Annual Report</b> | <b>Transformation;<br/>Budget Proposals<br/>2016/17</b><br>(LCJ, EC, GC, LB)<br><br>JOINT MEETING<br>All Scrutiny<br>Committees) |                                                  | <b>Looked After Children<br/>Strategy Implementation</b><br>(AL & Port. Member) |                        |
| <b>Policy<br/>Review &amp;<br/>Developmen<br/>t</b>      |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                                 |                        |
| <b>Monitoring<br/>Reports /<br/>Briefing<br/>Reports</b> |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                                 |                        |
| <b>Performance<br/>Monitoring</b>                        |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  | <b>Corporate Plan<br/>2015/16 (Q3)</b><br>(EMcW) |                                                                                 |                        |

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Dates to be confirmed for following items

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| Reviews For Looked After Children & Children On The Child Protection Register | AL                | <b>Children Services</b>                   | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : An annual report providing details of numbers of LAC and CPR and the impact of the review processes                                                                                                                               |
| Merthyr Tydfil Family Centre                                                  | AL                | <b>Family Service</b>                      | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report on Children in Need and the Merthyr Tydfil Family Centre (was Thomas Town House).                                                                                                                                         |
| Social Services & Wellbeing Act – Key Themes                                  | LCJ, AL, MA       |                                            | <b>Information &amp; Scrutiny</b> : An outline of the significant key themes with the associated risks, issues, challenges and desired outcomes                                                                                                                      |
| Multiple Intervention Assistance (MIA)                                        | SH                | <b>Prevention &amp; Early Intervention</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : An annual report which details                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Corporate Strategic Direction Plan                                            | GC/BT/P W         | <b>Corporate item</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Strategic Direction                                                           | (LCJ, EC, GC, LB) | <b>Corporate item</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| Meeting Date                      | Subject                                       | Invitees          | Theme                    | Scrutiny Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2015        | Looked After Children Strategy Implementation | AL &              | <b>Children Services</b> | <b>Monitoring, Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A quarterly update on progress implementing the LAC strategy and the associated risks, issues and challenges. The strategy is seeking a reduction in the number of LAC and CPR over the next few years |
|                                   | Social Services & Wellbeing Act               | LCJ, AL, MA, BC   | <b>Strategic Issues</b>  | <b>Awareness Raising</b> : A presentation detailing the key elements of the Social Services & Wellbeing Act to include an outline of the regional implementation plan with its 17 themes and MTCBC's lead on 3 of these                              |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 (Joint) | Budget Outturn 2014/15                        | LCJ, EC, GC, LB   | <b>Joint Scrutiny</b>    | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing the outturn for the 2014/15 budget and the implications for the 4 year medium term financial plan                                                                                               |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2015        | Annual Report                                 | LCJ, AL, MA, BC   | <b>Social Services</b>   | <b>Information &amp; Scrutiny</b> : The Director of Social Services annual statutory report to Welsh Government                                                                                                                                      |
|                                   | De-registration of Park View and Glynderw     | MA                | <b>Adult Services</b>    | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : 6 monthly updates on progress and impact from de-registering Park View and Glynderw and associated risks, issues, challenges and outcomes.                                                                        |
|                                   | MTCBC Safeguarding Review (Rotherham)         | Nicola Kingham    | <b>Social Services</b>   | <b>Information &amp; Scrutiny</b> : Self-Assessment with Scrutiny                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2015    | Looked After Children Strategy Implementation | AL & Port. Member | <b>Children Services</b> | <b>Monitoring, Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A quarterly update on progress implementing the LAC strategy and the associated risks, issues and challenges. The strategy is seeking a reduction in the number of LAC and CPR over the next few years |
|                                   | Budget & Transformation Projects 2014/15      | LCJ, MA, AL       | <b>Budgets</b>           | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : An update on progress towards meeting budget transformation requirements set for 2014/15                                                                                                                           |

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|                                     | Outcome Agreement report                      | EMcW                   |                                            | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : Summary of Performance3 against the Outcome Agreement with the Welsh Government (Information Report) (Annual Performance Report moved to 20 <sup>th</sup> October (EMcW) and Outcome report to be submitted instead (Advised 24/8)                                            |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2015</b> | Older People Strategy                         | MA                     | <b>Adult Services</b>                      | <b>Monitoring, Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> An update on progress implementing the Older People strategy and the associated risks, issues and challenges. The strategy is seeking to improve joint commissioning and use of the Intermediate Care Fund.                                                        |
|                                     | Communities First                             | Ian Benbow / R. Stokes | <b>Prevention &amp; Early Intervention</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> A report(s) on progress towards achieving improvements in outcomes in the 3 programmes across MTCBC. Each cluster to update.                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                     | Safeguarding                                  | Annabelle Lloyd        | <b>Social Services</b>                     | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Safeguarding Children Board report. "...both Council officers and elected members acknowledged that the quality of safeguarding performance challenge at Scrutiny needs to be improved " ( <i>Source – WAO- Annual Improvement report and Corporate Assessment June 2015</i> ) |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2015</b> | Looked After Children Strategy Implementation | AL & Port. Member      | <b>Children Services</b>                   | <b>Monitoring, Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A quarterly update on progress implementing the LAC strategy and the associated risks, issues and challenges. The strategy is seeking a reduction in the number of LAC and CPR over the next few years                                                            |
|                                     | De-registration of Park View and Glynderw     | MA                     | <b>Adult Services</b>                      | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : 6 monthly updates on progress and impact from de-registering Park View and Glynderw and associated risks, issues, challenges and outcomes.                                                                                                                                   |
|                                     | Budget & Transformation Projects 2014/15      | LCJ, MA, AL            | <b>Budgets</b>                             | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : At the September meeting there was an update on progress towards meeting budget transformation requirements set for 2014/15. A further report is required, with more detail on those projects that are amber or red.                                                          |
|                                     | Annual Performance Evaluation for 2014-2015   | CSSIW                  | <b>Social Services</b>                     | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny:</b> The CSSIW will be publishing the evaluation report on 30 October 2015 and wish to present it to this scrutiny committee before 31 December 2015 (email LCJ 10 <sup>th</sup> July )                                                                                            |
|                                     | Regional Adoption                             | Annabelle              | <b>Children</b>                            | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny:</b> An update and some early performance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                                             | Collaborative                                                                 | Lloyd             | <b>Services</b>          | information in relation to our regional adoption collaborative                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>         | Cwmtaf Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report                                 | Nicola Kingham    | Cllr LM                  | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : This is the Annual report 2014/15, which will have been to Cabinet in December 2015.                                                                                                                               |
|                                             | Cwmtaf Safeguarding Childrens Board Annual Report                             | Nicola Kingham    | Cllr LM                  | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : This is the Annual report 2014/15, which will have been to Cabinet in December 2015.                                                                                                                               |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (Joint)</b> | Budget Proposals 2015/16                                                      | LCJ, EC, GC, LB   | <b>Joint Scrutiny</b>    | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing the budget proposals for 2015/16 and the implications for the 4 year medium term financial plan                                                                                                 |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016</b>        | Corporate Plan 2015/16 (Q3)                                                   | EMcW              | <b>Performance</b>       | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2016</b>           |                                                                               |                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>            | Looked After Children Strategy Implementation                                 | AL & Port. Member | <b>Children Services</b> | <b>Monitoring, Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A quarterly update on progress implementing the LAC strategy and the associated risks, issues and challenges. The strategy is seeking a reduction in the number of LAC and CPR over the next few years |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>             |                                                                               |                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>To be confirmed</b>                      | Reviews For Looked After Children & Children On The Child Protection Register | AL                | <b>Children Services</b> | <b>Monitoring &amp; Scrutiny</b> : An annual report providing details of numbers of LAC and CPR and the impact of the review processes                                                                                                               |
| <b>To be confirmed</b>                      | Merthyr Tydfil Family Centre                                                  | AL                | <b>Family Service</b>    | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report on Children in Need and the Merthyr Tydfil Family Centre (was Thomas Town House).                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>To be confirmed (several meetings)</b> | Social Services & Wellbeing Act – Key Themes                                | LCJ, AL, MA     |                                            | <b>Information &amp; Scrutiny</b> : An outline of the significant key themes with the associated risks, issues, challenges and desired outcomes                                                                                                                      |
| <b>To be confirmed</b>                    | Multiple Intervention Assistance (MIA)                                      | SH              | <b>Prevention &amp; Early Intervention</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : An annual report which details                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>To be confirmed</b>                    | Corporate Strategic Direction Plan                                          | GC/BT/P W       | <b>Joint Scrutiny</b>                      | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> A report on developing and delivering the corporate strategic direction plan identifying progress towards achieving targets and desired outcomes, risks and issues.                                                                 |
| <b>To be confirmed</b>                    | Strategic Direction                                                         | LCJ, EC, GC, LB | <b>Joint Scrutiny</b>                      | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> :                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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|                                                  | <b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016<br/>SPECIAL</b>   | <b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>                | <b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>                  | <b>31<sup>st</sup> May 2016</b>                       |
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| <b>Corporate Items</b>                           | Transformation;<br>Budget Proposals<br>2016/17 | Vibrant & Viable<br>Places (AL, CL) | Destination<br>Management Plan<br>(AO, CL & CB) | Social Enterprise<br>Developments<br>(AO, CL & CB) |                                                       |
| <b>Policy Review &amp;<br/>Development</b>       | JOINT MEETING<br>All Scrutiny<br>Committees    |                                     |                                                 |                                                    |                                                       |
| <b>Monitoring Reports /<br/>Briefing Reports</b> |                                                |                                     | Housing Wales Act<br>2014 – 1 year on.          |                                                    | Effectiveness Of<br>Scrutiny & Audit<br>Annual Report |

## Regeneration, Planning & Countryside Scrutiny Committee

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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015 | Housing Grants/DFG                        | (JP/SP)  | <b>Value for money</b> | <p>Does the current approach to delivering DFG's provide value for money?</p> <p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report providing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a more detailed analysis of performance over 4 years comparing the top and bottom performance with the performance of MTCBC and the Welsh average</li> <li>(ii) a view about whether the service provides value for money and</li> <li>(iii) whether the available funding can be used differently to address some of the challenges such as changing demography, the drive towards greater independence and the Independent Living Review 2014/15</li> </ul> |
|                                 | Local Development Plan (LDP) 2006 to 2021 | (JJ/JW)  | <b>Planning</b>        | <p>The LDP was adopted by Council in 2011 and covers the period from 2006 to 2021.</p> <p><b>Information</b> : A report providing an explanation of the LDP process:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) legislative requirements</li> <li>(ii) the purpose, its strategy and objectives</li> <li>(iii) the process required to develop it</li> <li>(iv) lessons learnt from the process leading up to the adoption of the current LDP</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2015  | Housing Grants/DFG                        | (JP/SP)  | <b>Value for money</b> | <p>Does the current approach to delivering DFG's provide value for money?</p> <p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report providing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a more detailed analysis of performance over 4 years comparing the top and bottom performance with the performance of MTCBC and the Welsh average</li> <li>(ii) a view about whether the service provides value for money (how do you measure vfm re the different ongoing projects) and</li> <li>(iii) whether the available funding can be used differently to address</li> </ul>                                                                           |

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|  |                                     |             |                                  | <p>some of the challenges such as changing demography, the drive towards greater independence and the Independent Living Review 2014/15</p> <p>(iv) Re. the grants obtained what is the breakdown of overall scheme-costs as per</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dept Admin costs</li> <li>2. Contractor costs</li> <li>3. On site spend per unit.</li> </ol> <p>(Please provide actual £ figure and as a % breakdown).</p> <p>(v) Mechanism / criteria for awarding contracts ie tendering process?</p> <p>(vi) Variations/virement once projects are underway?</p> <p>(vii) DFG items, how does the link with COTS operate in relation to identifying need, solutions and resolutions? What are the links made to risk assessments? Who does risk assessments for client and supply of equipment? How much input does any client have in the process?</p> |
|  | Economic Growth Plan                | AO, CL & CB | <b>Economic Growth</b>           | <p><b>Pre scrutiny.</b> The Growth Plan being developed with a view to: increase employment; encourage business growth and investment; tackle social disadvantage. The plan will link to local strategic aims in advancing an area's economic well-being, and underpins cross-cutting approaches to tackle deprivation as a result of industrial decline. This is an opportunity for scrutiny to comment on the plan before it is submitted to Cabinet/Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  | Community and Economic Regeneration | (AO)        | <b>Grants and sustainability</b> | <p>What is the overarching strategy for community and economic growth and regeneration given the reduction in grants over the next 2 years</p> <p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge :</b> A report detailing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the current strategy, key success factors and desired outcomes</li> <li>(ii) all current grant funded projects, how they support regeneration in MTCBC, their purpose, the amount and when the funding expires</li> <li>(iii) how remaining core funding and grants beyond 2017, can provide a sustainable strategy and programme for the next 5 to 10 years</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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|                                | Taxi licensing<br>(Deferred)              | (SP/PL)  | <b>Licensing</b> | <p>(i) Deregulation Act for taxi licensing<br/>(ii) Child sexual exploitation issues from Casey Report (Rotherham)</p> <p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> A report which provides details about the risks and issues for the Council and the wider public of the Deregulation Act, how these are being addressed and how the potential for child sexual exploitation can be reduced in relation to use of taxi's and taxi procurement.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 | Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).           | (J.J/JW) | <b>Planning</b>  | <p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> Presentation of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The Planning &amp; Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that an AMR is produced and submitted to WG at the end of October each year. The AMR reports on the success (or not) of the LDP in delivering/implementing policies.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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|                                             |                          |                 |                          | <p>and what are barriers to success and what are the successes to date?</p> <p>12. What are the perceived issues for the LDP during the revision period and beyond?</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                             | Housing Services Update  | (JP/SP)         | <b>Wellbeing</b>         | <p>Is the housing renewals programme helping to improve the wellbeing of affected residents</p> <p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report providing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a brief summary of the new allocations policy</li> <li>(ii) issues affecting homelessness services and strategic partnership working/development</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (Joint)</b> | Budget Proposals 2015/16 | LCJ, EC, GC, LB | <b>Joint Scrutiny</b>    | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : A report detailing the budget proposals for 2015/16 and the implications for the 4 year medium term financial plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>         | Vibrant & Viable Places  | AO, CL          | <b>Economic Growth</b>   | <p><b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge</b> : An update on the progress on delivery of the Vibrant and Viable Places Programme in Merthyr.</p> <p>The update will include detail on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- project development and delivery</li> <li>- risks affecting the project approaching the end of year 2</li> <li>- sustainability of completed projects</li> <li>- value for money of current and additional projects</li> <li>- delivery partner and stakeholder relationships</li> <li>- future plans for VVP 2 and evidence of need</li> <li>- Linkages with internal departments to aide / support delivery</li> </ul> <p>A further update will be provided on the LDP and how the revised LDP will enhance / affect current and future VVP Programme delivery.</p> |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>            | Destination Management   | (CL/RB)         | <b>Strategic Tourism</b> | How does the DMP need to be refocused especially to include heritage and outdoor activity development?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                             | Plan                                |        |                        | <b>Scrutiny&amp; Challenge :</b> A report detailing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) progress delivering the current DMP and the outputs and outcomes</li> <li>(ii) why and how the plan needs to be refocused to better focus on heritage and outdoor activity</li> <li>(iii) Trends in terms of visitors to MTCBC, the length of stay in the area and the focus of activity.</li> <li>(iv) Partnership collaboration &amp; engagement e.g. Trust (Castle/Cyfarthfa Park)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                             | Housing Wales Act 2014 – 1 year on. | JP/SP  | <b>Wellbeing</b>       | <b>Scrutiny&amp; Challenge:-</b> a summary of the impact of the 2014 Act nearly 12 months from its enactment on service needs, performance and resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 | Social Enterprise Developments      | AO, CL | <b>Economic Growth</b> | <b>Scrutiny &amp; Challenge:</b> A Presentation/report on the Social Enterprise Strategy detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The key aims/objectives of the strategy</li> <li>(ii) SEWCED Legacy – The continued impact of the Investment and how SEWCED funded organisations have developed since the programme ended. What their requirements are moving forward.</li> <li>(iii) An overview of the new EU programmes. Including funding, business support. How the LA can help access support.</li> <li>(iv) The current role of the Local Authority in growing the sector – local and regional networks. Signposting, business reviews and identifying opportunities.</li> <li>(i) Health and Wellbeing act – An outline. Opportunities for Social Enterprises.</li> </ul> |