County Hall
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Wednesday, 2 February 2022

Notice of meeting

Strong Communities Select Committee

Thursday, 10th February, 2022 at 10.00 am
County Hall, Usk - Remote Attendance

Please note that a pre meeting will be held 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting for members of the committee.

AGENDA

Item No	Item	Pages
PART A: SCRUTINY AND CRIME DISORDER MATTERS No matters to discuss.		
PART B STRONG COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE		
1.	**Apologies for absence**	
2.	**Declarations of Interest**	
3.	**Public Open Forum.** **Select Committee Public Open Forum ~ Guidance** Our Select Committee meetings are live streamed and a link to the live stream will be available on the meeting page of the Monmouthshire County Council website If you would like to share your thoughts on any proposals being discussed by Select Committees, you can submit your representation via this form Please share your views by uploading a video or audio file (maximum of 4 minutes) or; Please submit a written representation (via Microsoft Word, maximum of 500 words)	

You will need to register for a [My Monmouthshire account](#) in order to submit the representation or use your log in, if you have registered previously.

The deadline for submitting representations to the Council is 5pm three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

If representations received exceed 30 minutes, a selection of these based on theme will be shared at the Select Committee meeting. All representations received will be made available to councillors prior to the meeting.

If you would like to suggest future topics for scrutiny by one of our Select Committees, please do so by emailing Scrutiny@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillor Tony Easson	Dewstow;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Christopher Edwards	St. Kingsmark;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Linda Guppy	Rogiet;	Liberal Democrats
County Councillor Roger Harris	Croesonen;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Val Smith	Llanbadoc;	Independent Group
County Councillor Jamie Treharne	Overmonnow;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Ann Webb	St Arvans;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Sheila Woodhouse	Grofield;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Maureen Powell	Castle;	Welsh Conservative Party

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Welsh Language
The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public through the medium of Welsh or English. We respectfully ask that you provide us with adequate notice to accommodate your needs.

Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

Monmouthshire Scrutiny Committee Guide

Role of the Pre-meeting

1. Why is the Committee scrutinising this? (background, key issues)

2. What is the Committee's role?

3. What outcome do Members want to achieve?

4. Is there sufficient information to achieve this? If not, who could provide this?

5. Discuss the committee's approach:

- Agree the order of questioning and which Members will lead

- Agree questions for officers and questions for the Cabinet Member

Questions for the Meeting

Scrutinising Performance

1. How does performance compare with previous years? Is it better/worse? Why?

2. How does performance compare with other councils/other service providers? Is it better/worse? Why?

3. How does performance compare with set targets? Is it better/worse? Why?

4. How were performance targets set? Are they challenging enough/realistic?

5. How do service users/the public/partners view the performance of the service?

6. Have there been any recent audit and inspections? What were the findings?

7. How does the service contribute to the achievement of corporate objectives?

8. Is improvement/decline in performance linked to an increase/reduction in resource? What capacity is there to improve?

Scrutinising Policy

1. Who does the policy affect ~ directly and indirectly? Who will benefit most/least?

2. What is the view of service users/stakeholders? Do they believe it will achieve the desired outcome?

3. What is the view of the community as a whole - the 'taxpayer' perspective?

4. What methods were used to consult with stakeholders? Did the process enable all those with a stake to have their say?

5. What practice and options have been considered in developing/reviewing this policy? What evidence is there to inform what works?

6. Have all relevant sustainable development, equalities and safeguarding implications been taken into consideration? For example, what are the procedures that need to be in place to protect children?

7. How much will this cost to implement and what funding source has been identified?

8. How will performance of the policy be measured and the impact evaluated.

Questions for the Committee to conclude…

Do we have the necessary information to form conclusions/make recommendations to the executive, council, other partners? If not, do we need to:

(i) Investigate the issue in more detail?

(ii) Obtain further information from other witnesses – Executive Member, independent expert,

members of the local community, service users, regulatory bodies…

(iii) Agree further actions to be undertaken within a timescale/future monitoring report…