

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee				
Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
23rd September 2025	Revenue Monitoring Update 1	To scrutinise the revenue position for services falling within the committee's remit.	Jonathan Davies Peter Davies Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
	Chief Officer for Social Care AMR	To scrutinise the progress and strategic direction for the service area.	Jane Rodgers Jenny Jenkins Cllr Chandler	Performance Reporting
	Safeguarding Annual Report	To scrutinise the performance of safeguarding arrangements.	Jane Rodgers Diane Corrister Cllr Chandler	Performance Reporting
18th November 2025	Revenue & Capital Monitoring Update 2	To scrutinise the budgetary position (revenue and capital) for services falling within the committee's remit.	Jonathan Davies Peter Davies Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
	Complaints Process	To scrutinise the performance of the Council's complaints process, and issues raised by it.	Annette Evans Cllr Sandles	Performance Monitoring
	Economy, Employment and Skills Strategy action plan update	To update the committee on the Economy, Employment and Skills Strategy action plan.	Hannah Jones Will McLean Cllr Griffiths	Performance Monitoring
SPECIAL 3rd December 2025	Planning Annual Performance Report	Scrutiny of the annual performance report prior to submission to Welsh Government.	Philip Thomas Andrew Jones Craig O'Connor Cllr Griffiths	Performance Monitoring

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	Potholes and road conditions	To scrutinise the assessment of requirements, how these are prioritised, MCC's approach, etc.	Carl Touhig Cllr Griffiths?	Performance Monitoring
	Community & Corporate Plan progress update	To inform members of the plan's progress.	Richard Jones Hannah Carter Cllr Brocklesby	Performance Reporting
SPECIAL 27th January 2pm	School Exclusions update	To scrutinise the latest figures and the Council's performance.	Morwenna Wagstaff Keeva McDermott Cllr Wright	Performance Monitoring
	Schools Health Research Network (after 2.30)	To inform the committee about the data and insights from the SHRN work led by Cardiff University relating to pupil well-being.	Emma Taylor Will McLean Cllr Wright	Performance Monitoring
10th February 2026	Draft Revenue & Capital budget proposals	To scrutinise the 2025/26 Draft Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals.	Jonathan Davies Peter Davies Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
	Revenue & Capital Monitoring Update 3	To scrutinise the budgetary position (revenue and capital) for services falling within the committee's remit.	Jonathan Davies Peter Davies Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
10th March 2026				

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21 st April 2026	Development of Children's Placements – 12mth update	To update the committee following scrutiny in April 25.	Morwenna Wagstaff Will McLean Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting
	Investment and Commercial Interests Update – 12mth update	To update the committee following scrutiny in April 25.	Nick Keyse Peter Davies Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
To be confirmed	Grants item – with People members?*	To scrutinise the Council's use of grant money, to assure that it is fit for purpose.	Jonathan Davies Hannah Jones	Performance Monitoring
To be confirmed	Consultants and Agencies – with People members?*	To scrutinise the Council's use of consultants and agency workers – the number, relative value, reasons, etc.	Jonathan Davies Peter Davies?	Performance Monitoring
To be confirmed	Risk Register Update – by email? (Add to Dec onwards if something else drops?)	To follow up from June 25.	Richard Jones Hannah Carter Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
To be confirmed	Shared Prosperity Funding 2023-25	Shared Prosperity Funding measures 2023 - 2025, update on the measures for transition year 25/26 and future funding risk.	Hannah Jones Will McLean	Performance Reporting
To be confirmed – April/May best	NEET Reduction Strategy	To scrutinise the strategy's performance.	Hannah Jones Louise Wilce Cllr Griffiths	Performance Monitoring

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To be confirmed (15/10/24 – covered by Audit Wales item in July?)	Socially Responsible Procurement strategy	To review progress of the strategy.	Gemma Ellis John Paxton Cath Fallon Cllr Brocklesby	Performance Monitoring
To be confirmed – June 2026	Update on the Pupil Referral Service (PRS)	Discussion on significant changes that have occurred in the service and the risks around increasing demand.	Morwenna Wagstaff Jackie Elias Hayley Page Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting
	Specialist Resource Bases & Additional Learning Provision (including progress with ALN implementation)	To review progress at 12-month stage and include reviewing progress with ALN following the implementation of new legislation.	Morwenna Wagstaff Jackie Elias Hayley Page Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting
	Supporting Vulnerable Learners	To follow up from June 25 – annual.	Morwenna Wagstaff Lucie Doyle Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting

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<i>To be confirmed</i>	Recruitment and retention	<i>Effect on the Council's performance and ability to deliver.</i>		
<i>To be confirmed</i>	Use of Reserves	<i>Future proofing and resilience planning as well as supporting long-term strategic priorities.</i>	<i>Peter Davies Jonathan Davies Cllr Callard</i>	
Social Justice Strategy progress				
Business Monmouthshire Project monitoring				
'Learning led' review of educational provision in Chepstow				
Review of Property Assets				

- **Exclusions** ~ Annual Reporting ~ January/February
- **Additional Learning Provision & Specialist Resource Base development** ~ Annual Reporting ~ June
- **Support for Vulnerable Learners** ~ Annual Reporting ~ June