

## Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

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| <b>18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (10<sup>th</sup> Nov agenda dispatch)</b> | <b>Revenue &amp; Capital Monitoring Update 2</b>                                                                      | To scrutinise the budgetary position (revenue and capital) for services falling within the committee's remit. | Jonathan Davies<br>Peter Davies<br>Cllr Callard | Performance Reporting  |  |
|                                                                            | <b>Medium-term Financial Plan Update</b>                                                                              | To review the budgetary situation.                                                                            | Jonathan Davies<br>Peter Davies<br>Cllr Callard | Performance Reporting  |  |
|                                                                            | <b>Annual Health and Safety report</b>                                                                                | To scrutinise the report on how the Council's health and safety incidents and risks are managed.              | Kate Thompson<br>Cllr Callard                   | Pre-decision Scrutiny  |  |
|                                                                            | <b>Social Services Complaints Process</b>                                                                             | To scrutinise the performance of the Council's complaints process, and issues raised by it.                   | Annette Evans<br>Cllr Sandles                   | Performance Monitoring |  |
|                                                                            | <b>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: To note and refer any questions arising: Socially Responsible Procurement Strategy update</b> | To scrutinise the steps the Council will take to implement the Socially Responsible Procurement.              | Cath Fallon<br>Peter Davies<br>Cllr Callard     | Pre-decision scrutiny  |  |
| <b>SPECIAL 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025</b>                                | <b>Economy, Employment and</b>                                                                                        | To update the committee on the Economy, Employment and Skills Strategy action plan.                           | Hannah Jones<br>Will McLean<br>Cllr Griffiths   | Performance Monitoring |  |

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|                                                   | <b>Skills Strategy action plan update</b>                                  |                                                                                                                                |                                                                   |                        |
|                                                   | <b>Potholes and Road Conditions</b>                                        | To scrutinise the assessment of requirements, how these are prioritised, MCC's approach, etc.                                  | Carl Touhig<br>Cllr Griffiths?                                    | Performance Monitoring |
|                                                   | <b>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Planning Annual Performance Report</b>             | Scrutiny of the annual performance report prior to submission to Welsh Government.                                             | Andrew Jones<br>Philip Thomas<br>Craig O'Connor<br>Cllr Griffiths | Performance Monitoring |
|                                                   | <b>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Community &amp; Corporate Plan progress update</b> | To inform members of the plan's progress.                                                                                      | Richard Jones<br>Hannah Carter<br>Cllr Brocklesby                 | Performance Reporting  |
| <b>SPECIAL 27<sup>th</sup> January <u>2pm</u></b> | <b>School Exclusions update</b>                                            | To scrutinise the latest figures and the Council's performance.                                                                | Morwenna Wagstaff<br>Keeva McDermott<br>Cllr Wright               | Performance Monitoring |
|                                                   | <b>Schools Health Research Network (after 2.30)</b>                        | To inform the committee about the data and insights from the SHRN work led by Cardiff University relating to pupil well-being. | Emma Taylor<br>Will McLean<br>Cllr Wright                         | Performance Monitoring |

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|                                      | <b>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Strategic Risk Assessment</b>                      | To inform members of the authority's risks, and for the committee to consider any areas for further scrutiny. | Richard Jones<br>Hannah Carter<br>Cllr Brocklesby        | Performance Reporting        |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> | <b>Draft Revenue &amp; Capital budget proposals (invite other members)</b> | To scrutinise the 2025/26 Draft Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals.                                         | Jonathan Davies<br>Peter Davies<br>Cllr Callard          | Performance Reporting        |
|                                      | <b>Revenue &amp; Capital Monitoring Update 3</b>                           | To scrutinise the budgetary position (revenue and capital) for services falling within the committee's remit. | Jonathan Davies<br>Peter Davies<br>Cllr Callard          | Performance Reporting        |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>    |                                                                            |                                                                                                               |                                                          |                              |
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| <b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2026</b>    | <b><i>Development of Children's Placements – 12mth update</i></b>          | <i>To update the committee following scrutiny in April 25.</i>                                                | <i>Morwenna Wagstaff<br/>Will McLean<br/>Cllr Wright</i> | <i>Performance Reporting</i> |
|                                      | <b>Investment and Commercial Interests Update – 12mth update</b>           | To update the committee following scrutiny in April 25.                                                       | Nick Keyse<br>Peter Davies<br>Cllr Callard               | Performance Reporting        |
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| <b>To be confirmed?</b>              | <b>Panel Performance Assessment?</b>                                       |                                                                                                               | Matt Gatehouse                                           |                              |

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| <b>To be confirmed</b>                                                 | <b>Grants item – with People members?*</b>              | To scrutinise the Council's use of grant money, to assure that it is fit for purpose.                                    | Jonathan Davies<br>Hannah Jones                                 | Performance Monitoring |
| <b>To be confirmed</b>                                                 | <b>Consultants and Agencies – with People members?*</b> | To scrutinise the Council's use of consultants and agency workers – the number, relative value, reasons, etc.            | Jonathan Davies<br>Peter Davies?                                | Performance Monitoring |
| <b>To be confirmed – best end of 2025?</b>                             | <b>Shared Prosperity Funding 2023-25</b>                | Shared Prosperity Funding measures 2023 -2025, update on the measures for transition year 25/26 and future funding risk. | Hannah Jones<br>Will McLean                                     | Performance Reporting  |
| <b>To be confirmed – April/May best [1 page summary – see minutes]</b> | <b>NEET Reduction Strategy</b>                          | To scrutinise the strategy's performance.                                                                                | Hannah Jones<br>Louise Wilce<br>Cllr Griffiths                  | Performance Monitoring |
| <b>To be confirmed – June 2026</b>                                     | <b>Update on the Pupil Referral Service (PRS)</b>       | Discussion on significant changes that have occurred in the service and the risks around increasing demand.              | Morwenna Wagstaff<br>Jackie Elias<br>Hayley Page<br>Cllr Wright | Performance Reporting  |
|                                                                        | <b>Specialist Resource Bases &amp; Additional</b>       | To review progress at 12-month stage and include reviewing                                                               | Morwenna Wagstaff<br>Jackie Elias                               | Performance Reporting  |

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|                                                  | <b>Learning Provision (including progress with ALN implementation)</b> | progress with ALN following the implementation of new legislation.                                   | Hayley Page<br>Cllr Wright                               |                       |
|                                                  | <b>Supporting Vulnerable Learners</b>                                  | To follow up from June 25 – annual.                                                                  | Morwenna Wagstaff<br>Lucie Doyle<br>Cllr Wright          | Performance Reporting |
| <b><i>To be confirmed</i></b>                    | <b><i>Recruitment and retention</i></b>                                | <i>Effect on the Council's performance and ability to deliver.</i>                                   |                                                          |                       |
| <b><i>To be confirmed</i></b>                    | <b><i>Use of Reserves</i></b>                                          | <i>Future proofing and resilience planning as well as supporting long-term strategic priorities.</i> | <i>Peter Davies<br/>Jonathan Davies<br/>Cllr Callard</i> |                       |
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| <b>Social Justice Strategy progress</b>          |                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                                                          |                       |
| <b>Business Monmouthshire Project monitoring</b> |                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                                                          |                       |
| <b>'Learning led' review of</b>                  |                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                                                          |                       |

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| 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