

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
10th March 2026	Estyn Report	To scrutinise the findings of the latest Estyn report.	Will McLean Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting
	School Examination Results	To receive a report on the latest school examination results (Key Stage 4).	Ed Pryce Sharon Randall-Smith Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting
	School Attendance Report	To scrutinise the latest figures on school attendances.	Sharon Randall-Smith Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting
21st April 2026	Development of Children's Placements – 12mth update	To update the committee following scrutiny in April 25.	Jane Rodgers Scott Hereford Diane Corrister Cllr Chandler	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
<i>May Special?</i>	<i>Project Management</i>			
9th June 2026 (provisional)	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	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	Performance Reporting

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	(including progress with ALN implementation)		Cllr Wright	
	Supporting Vulnerable Learners	To follow up from June 25 – annual.	Morwenna Wagstaff Lucie Doyle Cllr Wright	Performance Reporting
21st July 2026 (provisional)	NEET Reduction Strategy?***			
	Self-Assessment 25/26 (Additional Business?)	To scrutinise the self-assessment and identify any areas for further scrutiny.	Hannah Carter Richard Jones Matt Gatehouse Cllr Brocklesby	Performance Reporting
24th November 2026 (provisional)	Strategic Risk Assessment (Additional Business?)	To scrutinise the overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority and suggest any further topics for scrutiny.	Hannah Carter Richard Jones 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	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

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To be confirmed – best end of 2025?	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 [1 page summary – see minutes]	NEET Reduction Strategy**	To scrutinise the strategy's performance.	Hannah Jones Louise Wilce Cllr Griffiths	Performance Monitoring
To be confirmed – May Special?	Project Management	<i>To scrutinise the council's approach managing major projects.</i>		<i>Performance Reporting</i>
To be confirmed	Curriculum Impact	<i>To scrutinise the impact of the new curriculum on learners and results.</i>	Will McLean Cllr Wright	<i>Performance Reporting</i>
To be confirmed (Dec-Jan)	Economy, Employment and Skills Strategy action plan update	<i>To update the committee on the Economy, Employment and Skills Strategy action plan.</i>	Hannah Jones James Woodcock Will McLean	<i>Performance Reporting</i>
To be confirmed	Recruitment and retention	<i>Effect on the Council's performance and ability to deliver.</i>		
To be confirmed	Use of Reserves	<i>Future proofing and resilience planning as well as supporting long-term strategic priorities.</i>	Peter Davies Jonathan Davies Cllr Callard	

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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