

Monmouthshire's Scrutiny Forward Work Programme 2025-26

Meeting Date	Subject	Purpose of Scrutiny	Responsibility	Type of Scrutiny
INVITATION TO PEOPLE SCRUTINY – DATE TBC	WESP (Welsh in Education Strategic Plan)	To scrutinise performance against the plans.	Sharon Randall Smith Will McLean Cllr Wright	Performance Monitoring
4th June 2026 – INVITATION TO G&A COMMITTEE	Panel Performance Assessment	To receive the Panel Performance Assessment report and the authority's response to the recommendations.	Cllr Brocklesby Matt Gatehouse	Performance Reporting
9th June 2026	Building the Foundations for Data and AI Enabled Public Services	To scrutinise the business case for foundational investment in data and AI infrastructure necessary to secure programme funding and deliver sustainable service benefits and outcomes.	Peter Davies Cllr Brocklesby	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	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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30 th June 2026 [slightly later start]	2025/26 Financial Outturn Report	To scrutinise the budgetary position (revenue and capital) for services falling within the committee's remit.	Jonathan Davies Peter Davies Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
	Self-Assessment	To scrutinise and be updated on the 2025/26 performance of the Council's Community & Corporate Plan objectives as part of the Self-Assessment process.	Richard Jones	Performance Reporting
	Strategic Risk Assessment (Additional Business)	To scrutinise the overview of the current strategic risks facing the authority and suggest any further topics for scrutiny.	Richard Jones Cllr Callard	Performance Reporting
8 th September 2026 (Special)	Enablers update	To scrutinise the performance of the Council's Enabling Strategies 2025/26.	Peter Davies Matt Gatehouse Richard Jones	Performance Reporting
	For Purpose On Purpose (F-Pop) (invite G&A members?)	To update the committee about F-Pop and its implications for the reorganisation of Project Management.	Paul Matthews Carly Rogers	Performance Reporting
29 th September 2026	Safeguarding Annual Evaluation Report	To scrutinise the performance of safeguarding arrangements.	Jane Rodgers Cllr Chandler	Performance Reporting
	Annual Director's Report for Social Care	To scrutinise the progress and strategic direction for the service area.	Jane Rodgers Cllr Chandler	Performance Reporting

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24 th November 2026	Infrastructure Project Management	To scrutinise project management arrangements in Infrastructure.	Nick Tulp Deb Hill-Howells	Performance Reporting
	NEET Reduction Strategy	To scrutinise the strategy's performance. [1 page summary – see minutes]	Hannah Jones Louise Wilce Cllr Griffiths	Performance Monitoring
27 th January 2027	2027/28 draft Budget proposals (invite other members?)	Draft Revenue & Capital budget proposals - To scrutinise the 2025/26 Draft Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals.	Jonathan Davies Peter Davies Cllr Callard	Budget Monitoring
	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
	<i>Economy, Employment and Skills Strategy action plan update?*</i>			
23 rd February 2027	2026/27 Financial Update Report	To scrutinise the budgetary position (revenue and capital) for services falling within the committee's remit.	Jonathan Davies 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	Performance Monitoring

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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 – 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	Curriculum Impact	<i>To scrutinise the impact of the new curriculum on learners and results.</i>	<i>Will McLean Sharon Randall-Smith Ed Pryce Cllr Wright</i>	<i>Performance Reporting</i>
To be confirmed (Dec/Jan – 19th Jan 27?**) 	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	Performance Reporting
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	
To be confirmed Spring 2027 (23rd March?)	Development of Children's Placements – 12mth update	<i>To update the committee following scrutiny in April 26.</i>	Jane Rodgers Scott Hereford Diane Corrister Cllr Chandler	Performance Reporting

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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