



SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2010 - 2011



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Chairmen's Comments -



Councillor John Fraser, Chairman, Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Resources) and Chairman of the Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Group

"The diversity of the work of the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee is so wide - from considering the normal monitoring reports and other items in the work programme to the use of bottled water in Council properties and the comparative cost of free range eggs! The year 2010 / 2011 was no different to any other apart from the six months of work undertaken by the "Budget Task and Finish Group". It was a pleasure to be Chairman of that cross party group, who with little disagreement was able to report its findings to the Scrutiny Committee at the end of 2010; in turn the report was accepted by the Committee, Cabinet and Council and becoming the framework for the medium term financial plan. Again, I must express my thanks to my colleagues for all of their efforts during those six months.

The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Group, of which I am Chairman, is constantly looking at ways to improve the scrutiny process and while ideally we would have liked to have made more progress at the year end, the ground work has been done and changes have already been seen during 2011 / 2012."

Councillor Chris Williams, Chairman, Scrutiny Committee (Economy and Environment) and Scrutiny Champion for the Vale of Glamorgan

"I am proud to be a Member of the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee which continues to be a solid example of good Scrutiny practise. We have Members on all sides who challenge and debate the issues in front of us and we are keen to send our recommendations, views and concerns to Cabinet.



We have visited Dyffryn House and Gardens and Cosmeston Country Park again to not only admire these wonderful attractions but to witness first hand the product of our continued investment. They continue to attract many visitors from far and wide and the prospects of greater future popularity are strong.

The Prosiect Gwyrdd Project Board also has a new Chairman, Rob Quick, and a new Project Director, Mr Mike Williams. I have been happy to accept the wishes of the five Member Authorities and continue as Chairman of the Prosiect Gwyrdd Scrutiny Panel for a second term. The Prosiect aims to secure a solution for the treatment of waste after composting and recycling

have been maximised. We are now down to three bidders with a final two to be chosen around the end of this year.

I have also continued as the Vale's Scrutiny Champion and have attended the all Wales Network events.

Lastly I must take this opportunity to offer my grateful thanks to officers in the Democratic Services section and all the team under the Director of Environmental and Economic Regeneration for their excellent work this year and I look forward to working with them for what I am sure will be another very busy and exciting year ahead."



Councillor Margaret Wilkinson, Chairman, Scrutiny Committee (Housing and Public Protection)

"Once again the Scrutiny Committee has continued to have an important and demanding role in this year's proceedings.

One of this year's major achievements was the refurbishment and updating of the Ty Iolo Hostel for the Homeless. It is a credit to the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Decision on Council housing stock transfer has now been reached, and we must look to the future, and to the bringing of all our properties up to the standards required by the Welsh Government.

Crime figures continue to fall within the Vale, thanks, in most part, to the close co-operation between the Police force and the Community Safety Partnership. It is most encouraging to see this very worthwhile enterprise succeeding in such a positive manner.

As in previous years, the Committee has had to consider and debate a wide range of issues, and their contributions and support are very much appreciated. The involvement of the Tenants Associations is vital to us continuing to serve the local community, and I look forward to the ongoing input and support we have come to value from them over the years.

Lastly, but by no means least, my heartfelt thanks goes out to the officers. The unsung heroes, without whose dedication, organisation and hard work, none of the decisions made at Committee would be put into practice."

Councillor John Clifford, Chairman, Scrutiny Committee (Lifelong Learning)



“The Scrutiny Committee (Lifelong Learning) continues to fulfil an important statutory role in ensuring that School Budget Forum views on spending priorities are presented and considered as part of the budget cycle.

I am pleased to note that work is progressing as a result of the recommendations of the young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs) review and the Committee will continue to monitor progress on the work to deliver the issues identified.

The Scrutiny Committee has also played an important role in refining a vision for Education Services and will continue to monitor progress against agreed priorities. I am grateful to Committee Members, the Vice-Chairman and the Cabinet Members for their support during the year. I am also keen to see further progress on purposeful engagement with young people and improved arrangements to assist the voice of the learner.

I would like to thank the Director and staff of Learning and Development for their support and contributions to the work of the Committee.”



Councillor Sophie Williams, Chairman, Scrutiny Committee (Social Care and Health)

“The Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee continues to play a key role in monitoring and challenging policy and progress within Social Services. All Members have contributed significantly in discussion and in ensuring that where changes needed these are progressed openly and honestly with service users. Scrutiny continues to develop and move forward in ensuring that we protect those most in need.

As ever, the Social Services budget is volatile with unpredictable care placements both in Children's and Adults Services and many tough decisions have had to be made. However, Members have ensured that at the heart of all discussion, we have kept those who are most vulnerable in our society at the forefront of our minds to ensure they are provided with choice and opportunity for their needs to be met.

I extend my thanks not only to the members of the Committee but to the Cabinet Member, the Director and their officers for the time and efforts in ensuring that comprehensive information is provided to the committee in a timely manner. I would also like to thank the Scrutiny and Committee Services Officer for her continued support of the Committee.

In moving forward the Committee will ensure that we take a robust approach, and that our actions are transparent, honest and open.”

1. Introduction

This Annual Report presents an overview of the work and achievements of the Council's Scrutiny Committees in 2010/11.

The scrutiny process continues to form an important element of the Council's overall governance arrangements. Given the ongoing financial pressures facing the Council, it is vital that Scrutiny Committees challenge robustly, but fairly, decisions of the Council's Cabinet (the "Executive"). Scrutiny also affords the opportunity of in depth consideration of issues by means of specific reviews.

Individual Members, whether by means of the "call-in" process or by requesting the consideration of specific items by Scrutiny Committees, can also seek to challenge / influence decisions at policy-making.

2. Scrutiny Committee Achievements 2010/11

The five Scrutiny Committees within the Vale have, over the past year, considered and developed work programmes and have:

- made suggested areas for service improvements
- had many of their recommendations taken on board by the Cabinet
- monitored activity and performance in service areas within their remit
- involved the public where possible e.g. Citizen's Panel Survey, encouraged attendance at meetings by advising the public of items to be considered and
- considered, and made recommendations regarding, the Council's budget and the ongoing budgetary pressures facing the Council.

The following sections highlight some of the specific issues considered by each of the Scrutiny Committees

- ❖ Corporate Resources
- ❖ Economy and Environment
- ❖ Housing and Public Protection
- ❖ Lifelong Learning and
- ❖ Social Care and Health

over the year:

Corporate Resources

- **Budget**

One of the main focuses for the Committee was in the undertaking of a review in relation to the Council's budget entitled "Impact of the Economic Downturn on the Council and its Services", which included suggested service improvements and proposed savings to be achieved over the forthcoming years.

The review incorporated:

- ❖ consultation exercises and interviews with stakeholders;
- ❖ analysis, prioritisation and challenge of all budget Cost Centres;
- ❖ the preparation of a strategy for the way forward; and
- ❖ the formation of initial views of possible areas for savings.

A number of recommendations were made, some of which are detailed below:

- Directors to ensure that all specific measures required to achieve the savings are identified by June 2011 to be included in the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- A reduction in the senior management structure to achieve a minimum saving of £200,000 by 2012/13.
- Where inflation exceeds 2%, Directorates' savings targets be increased accordingly.
- Any savings which exceeds the overall required target for 2011/12 (estimated at £900k) be invested in highways to improve the infrastructure and assist in repairs.
- Consider the merger of the Schools' IT service into the Council's ICT Division to achieve 10% savings, review insurances within the Council to consider ways the Council can reduce the cost.
- Consider an amalgamation of services for Cabinet Support, Scrutiny and Committee Services, Improvement and Development Team, Mayor's Office and Members' Services to achieve savings in the region of 10%.
- Review the Equalities Team in order to ascertain future savings and whether the responsibilities for the staffing aspects of equalities should transfer to the Human Resources Division.
- The Director of Social Services was also requested to incorporate within his Change Plan a review of the service areas under Business



Management and Innovation, and a review of the possibility of shared training on a regional basis.

- The Director of Environmental and Economic Regeneration was requested to investigate the rationalisation of the service areas of Planning Policy and Transportation, Policy and Conservation, Road Safety and Public Transport to achieve savings and to investigate the rationalisation of the service areas for Urban Regeneration, Business Development and Town Management to achieve savings.
- The Council's Corporate Management Team was also requested to:
 - ❖ Eliminate non-essential expenditure (e.g. printing, publications, furniture, conferences, use of non-Council buildings for training purposes etc.),
 - ❖ Develop a protocol for engagement of consultants and agency staff.
 - ❖ Seek further ways to reduce the pay bill (e.g. voluntary reduction in working hours, use of the voluntary / third sector),
 - ❖ Build upon the current work to develop a robust programme for workforce planning.

Cabinet, on 2nd February, referred all the recommendations to the Budget Working Group which subsequently noted the recommendations and took responses into account in drafting the final budget proposals. At Full Council on 28th February during consideration of the final proposals for the revenue budget, the Leader of the Council expressed his appreciation to the Task and Finish Group. He stated that the " Group had spent a considerable time on its review of the Impact of the Economic Downturn on Council Services, producing an extremely detailed report and generally operating within an environment of consensus amongst Members of the Group."

The Committee will also monitor progress on the review with regular reports being presented to both Committee and Cabinet (in scheduled timescales).

Full details of the review can be found on the Council's website
[@http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/our_council/council/minutes,_agendas,_reports/reports/scrutiny_cr/2011/11-01-24/budget_tfg_final_report.aspx](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/our_council/council/minutes,_agendas,_reports/reports/scrutiny_cr/2011/11-01-24/budget_tfg_final_report.aspx)

Economy and Environment

A number of requests for consideration from Scrutiny Members were debated in the year, in particular:

- **Safety issues on the Barry Docks Link Road** - Due to the number of accidents that had taken place on this particular road, Members took the opportunity to explore safety measures that could be undertaken. As a result, initial measures were introduced with consultants then being appointed in order to design a suitable scheme.

- Recycling** - As all Local Authorities have to raise their recycling rates in order to meet Welsh Government targets, the Committee considered ways of encouraging recycling, one of which was battery recycling and the other the purchase of net covers to fix on recycling boxes. The latter was seen as a useful advantage for various recycling receptacles in order that waste could be securely contained rather than strewn around streets. To this end the department purchased a number of net covers for resale to the public throughout the Vale.


- Loyalty cards** - Consideration was given to the possible economic and environmental benefits, which could be gained by the introduction of a Vale of Glamorgan Loyalty Card Scheme to be open to independent businesses situated within the Vale of Glamorgan. It was suggested that the introduction of loyalty cards should be promoted throughout the Vale as they could provide support to the local economy (loyalty cards being similar to those promoted in the large supermarkets etc). Members felt that the Council should be seen to be doing its utmost to ensure that support was being provided where possible in the current economic climate and recommended that officers investigate whether schemes could be supported by Creative Rural Communities and other funding streams that may be available.
- Investigating the economic and social benefits of setting up a Certified Caravan Site on ground adjacent to Dyffryn Gardens** - As public funds were under severe strain it was thought that any monies raised from the establishment of such a site could be re-invested in service areas e.g. Dyffryn House itself. Officers were requested to approach caravan clubs to explore the matter further.
- Winter service provision and highway repair** - As requested, the Committee received a comprehensive report following the severe weather conditions experienced over the winter months, which detailed the work that had been undertaken, the implications on the budget and future winter maintenance programmes. It was agreed that any lessons that could be learned should be a focus for future work planning as well as providing the Committee with an opportunity to thank all the staff who had worked tirelessly in the winter months to provide the best possible services to residents of the Vale.


- Road schemes - Trinity Street and Romily Road, Barry** - Concerns had been raised by local residents regarding the difficulties they were experiencing. Members requested that a feasibility study be

undertaken which has resulted in a proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order being applied for.

Further details on all the above can be found on the Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Housing and Public Protection

- **Safer Vale Partnership**

As part of its monitoring brief the Committee received the Safer Vale Partnership Annual Report which highlighted its achievements and its work within the Vale of Glamorgan. The Partnership was established in 1999 with the Council, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, the Local Health Board, South Wales Probation Service and the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services as key partners.

The Partnership is committed to creating a safe environment in which people can live, work and visit free from crime and disorder and the fear of crime, and is considered to be an excellent example of joint working. The Team had been relocated to Barry Fire Station on 14th April, 2010, Members of the Scrutiny Committee had visited the Team to ascertain how the Partnership was working and Members witnessed that co-location had improved both the tactical and strategic working relationships with partners and had increased knowledge and understanding of new projects and initiative opportunities.



One of the main objectives for the Partnership is to reduce the disproportionate fear of crime in the Vale of Glamorgan compared to actual crime figures and this is regularly reported and monitored by the Scrutiny Committee.

Partnership working and collaboration as part of the Government's agenda will be an ongoing issue for consideration by all Scrutiny Committees in various service areas in the future.

- **Crime and Disorder Matters**

Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 require all Local Authorities to have arrangements in place for the formal scrutiny of crime and disorder issues. The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committee (Housing and Public Protection) now incorporate crime and disorder matters. The Committee also approved in May 2010 the co-option, in a non-voting capacity, of a representative of the South Wales Police Authority onto the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee took place on 6th October 2010 when the following matters were discussed:

Youth Offending Service - Capacity and Capability Inspection.
Anti-Social Behaviour Tools and Powers: Information Pack for Councillors in Wales.

Draft Partnership Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) Protocols and draft Work Programme (see section 3 of this report for further information on CCfA).

Community Safety Performance Monitoring.

Lifelong Learning

- **Welsh Medium School Representation**

The Committee considered a request from a Member that a representative for the Welsh medium sector be appointed to sit on the Committee “in the interest of fairness” and that “it would be beneficial to the work of the Committee to have the input of a representative of this sector”. The Committee concurred with the request which was subsequently endorsed by Full Council. A representative for the sector has since been appointed and regularly attends the meetings of the Committee.

- **School Performance**

Various school performance reports were presented during the year which included performance data and the post-inspection Estyn (Her Majesty’s Inspectorate for Education and Training) action plan. The latter being recommended to be reported to Committee on a quarterly basis in order that the Committee can adequately monitor progress in achieving the performance targets.

- **Children and Young People Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET)**

The Committee continued to monitor the recommendations of its Task and Finish Group review on NEET. Regular progress update reports were scheduled and Members noted that a joint pre-16 and post-16 NEETs group had continued to meet regularly, to develop and implement joint working procedures to target and engage those people who were NEET or at risk of NEET.

- **Financial Inclusion**

Financial Inclusion is about ensuring that everyone has access to appropriate financial services and products, enabling them to manage money on a day to day basis, plan for the future and deal effectively with financial distress.

The matter had been referred to the Committee for consideration from the Scrutiny Committee (Housing and Public Protection) with the request that the Committee consider the feasibility of implementing the Cardiff and the Vale Credit Union’s “School Savers” initiative within primary and secondary schools

within the Vale of Glamorgan. In response, the Director of Learning and Development was requested to invite a representative of the Cardiff and Vale Credit Union to a future meeting of the Children and Young People's Partnership to discuss the feasibility of introducing a School Savers initiative and report back to the Scrutiny Committee on the subject.

Social Care and Health

- **Joint Working**

In order to provide the best possible service to the residents of the Vale, within increasingly scarce resources, joint working with the National Health Service is seen as crucial. To this end the appointment of the joint position of Head of Adult Services between the Council and the Health Service has been seen to be an important step in securing improvement and good working relationships between the Health Service and the Local Authority.

The Committee aware that joint working is essential to the delivery of effective services will continue to monitor and challenge progress in this area through its Scrutiny role.

- **Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA)**

In September 2000 "In Safe Hands" was issued as statutory guidance and provided guidance on the implementation of procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse and inappropriate care. The South Wales Adult Protection Forum was established to co-ordinate the development and the implementation of a multi agency adult protection framework in line with statutory guidance and work is also on going to develop an all Wales Adult Protection Policy and Procedure document.

Members have played a key role in considering the progress in this area and have recommended that regular reports be presented in order to ensure effective scrutiny and to increase awareness of the priorities, challenges and risks in this crucial area of work.

- **Change Plan**

Following the joint review in 2007 a three year Change Plan was put in place for Social Services which had 101 actions to be addressed and was consistently monitored by the Committee throughout the period. The Plan was successfully completed in 2010 and a new Change Plan for the period 2011 - 14 has subsequently been developed. It provides a



framework for sustained improvement and a coherent direction for Social Services in the Vale. The Plan contains seven priorities areas, namely Integrating Health and Social Care Services, Commissioning, Integrating

Social Care for Children and Young People Services, Human Resources, Information, Resource Management and co-production and equality impact. One of the important aspects will also be to ensure that all staff understand the changes required and acknowledge that they have a key role in delivering the actions in the Plan.

This new Plan will continue to be monitored by the Committee on a regular basis to ensure the Department is progressing with its implementation.

- **Monitoring the Budget**

The Social Services budget is closely monitored by the Committee as this is a volatile budget that can be adversely affected by, for example, an increase in child protection issues, adults requiring care packages or directions being made by the courts at any time.

- **Performance Monitoring**



The Committee took the opportunity in 2010 to write to the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and Welsh Government (WG) of their concerns in relation to performance indicators (PIs) for the Social Services Department. Members considered that in order for the comparison of tables to be meaningful all Local Authorities should be collecting and reporting data in the same way. The Committee requested that consideration be also given to the value of some of the data, particularly a number of indicators within Children's Services and urged that a rationalisation of PIs be undertaken. The Committee has subsequently been advised that a review is to be undertaken across Wales to ensure consistency of approach and more meaningful PIs.

3. New Legislation and the Scrutiny Process

- **Crime and Disorder Scrutiny / Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)**

The provisions of the Police and Justice Act 2006 (as amended) required Local Authority scrutiny of crime and disorder issues as of 1st October 2009. Within the Vale the responsibility for such matters has been embraced within the terms of reference of the Scrutiny Committee (Housing and Public Protection). The provisions also required the introduction of a mechanism to enable Councillors to refer Local Crime and Disorder referrals or "Councillor Calls for Action" (CCfA) to the Committee.

A development programme for Members of the Vale of Glamorgan and Rhondda Cynon Taf Councils, together with partner organisations, was delivered in June / September 2010. The programme was funded by the

Welsh Government (WG) and the two Councils under the WG's Scrutiny Development Fund.

The CCfA mechanism provides an additional avenue for Members to follow should established means of resolving issues not be successful. The Committee agreed a draft protocol for such referrals with it being noted that the CCfA process should be seen as a "long stop" after all other avenues had been appropriately explored and exhausted. The final version was agreed by the Council's Cabinet in March 2011 and can be found on http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/our_council/council/minutes,_agendas_and_reports/reports/cabinet/2011/11-03-16/references/draft_partnership_guidance.aspx

• **Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011**

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 ("the Measure") was approved by the National Assembly for Wales on 15th March 2011. The intention of the Measure is to:

- (i) broaden and increase participation in local government by removing barriers and disincentives to standing for election to Local Authorities;
- (ii) enable the review and improvement of the governance structures introduced through the Local Government Act 2000 so that they better suited the circumstances of local government in Wales;
- (iii) develop and strengthen the role of Community Councils in Wales, including enabling them to deliver a wider range of services and actions locally as well as to increase the effectiveness of their representational role and their ability to work in partnership with other bodies;
- (v) reform the system for setting allowances for Councillors;
- (vi) allow the Welsh Ministers to issue statutory guidance on collaboration between Local Authorities, and between them and other bodies and to amalgamate up to three Local Authorities by order.

The Chief Executive is a member of the Measure Implementation Group (MIG) which is currently considering draft guidance on the measure.

4. Other Areas of Scrutiny

• **Scrutiny Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Group**

The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Group continues to be a platform where good practice can be shared amongst Members and where ideas for the further development of Scrutiny are discussed.

During the latter part of the year, the Group considered existing methods of performance monitoring / reporting and have recommended changes designed to streamline the process and the impact on both officer, and Member, time. These refinements to the reporting process will be rolled out in the Summer of 2011.

The issue of officer support for the scrutiny function is also monitored by the Group. In reality, the overall budgetary pressures facing the Council have meant that Members have shown a welcome realism in accepting what can, and cannot, be done. Notwithstanding this, much good work has been undertaken.

• **Scrutiny Champions' Networks**

Councillor Chris Williams continued as the Member Champion for Scrutiny. Officer involvement in network meetings is through the Operational Manager (Democratic Services) and the Principal Scrutiny and Committee Services Officer. A total of four Network meetings a year will take place in future, two of which will involve both Members and officers.

Meetings are a valuable means of discussing, on both a regional and all-Wales basis, best practice and scrutiny-related issues.

• **Scrutiny Timebank**

Timebank is an initiative that has been developed by Bridgend County Borough Council in conjunction with the Welsh Government. The facility is for all Welsh Scrutiny practitioners and councillors and aims to:

- develop a new and innovative national scrutiny resource
- deliver a "one stop shop" for sharing scrutiny best practice across Wales
- improve collaboration amongst Local Authorities and partners
- achieve the vision of credible scrutiny.

Training for all Members on the system will be arranged in due course.

• **Public Engagement**

The Council has long recognised the value of developing public engagement in the scrutiny process. The recently introduced Local Government (Wales) Measure reinforces the commitment of the Welsh Government to developing this particular area.

During the year, the results of a survey of scrutiny awareness amongst members of the Council's Citizens' Panel were reported to the Scrutiny

Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Group. As had been anticipated, the level of public awareness and desire to be involved in the scrutiny process clearly has room for improvement.

The results of the survey will be used as part of the Council's development of practices and procedures for further public engagement in the scrutiny process.

5. Collaborative Working

• Prosiect Gwyrdd Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Chris Williams is the Chairman of the Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Scrutiny Panel. Prosiect Gwyrdd is a partnership of five Local Authorities (Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouth, Newport and the Vale of Glamorgan) which has been set up to work together to find a long term solution to “residual” waste. The Scrutiny Panel comprises two representatives from each of the five Local Authorities and was established to scrutinise the procurement process for the project. The practicalities of joint scrutiny on such a scale have proved challenging to both Members and officers and certainly proved to be a “learning curve” for all concerned.

Copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Panel can be found on the Council's website.

http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/prosiectgwyrdd/english/joint_committee.html

6. Looking Ahead

Due to capacity issues all Scrutiny Committees have accepted that only one Task and Finish review at any one time will be undertaken. For 2011/12 the review agreed is Youth Provision to be undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee (Lifelong Learning). It is anticipated the final report will be completed by no later than December 2011.

Other key issues for scrutiny in 2011-12 will include:

- ongoing financial constraints facing the Council
- monitoring of the Task and Finish Group recommendations in respect of the Council's budget
- planning for the impact of the Government's legislative programme such as the Local Government (Wales) Measure and the implications for Wales of the Localism Bill.

7. Getting Involved

There are a number of ways that members of the public and interested organisations can get involved in scrutiny:

- Attend a meeting - Scrutiny Committee meetings are held in public (unless confidential information is being considered) and anyone is welcome to attend to listen to the proceedings.
- Raise issues with your local Councillor.
- Complete a suggestion form for a topic to be discussed / reviewed by a Committee.
- Provide evidence / feedback to Task and Finish reviews.

How can I find out more about Scrutiny and Scrutiny meetings?

- A calendar of meetings together with Committee work programmes, agendas, reports and minutes of meetings is available on the Council's website:
http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/our_council/council/minutes,_agendas__reports/calendar_of_council_meetings.aspx
- You can also contact the Democratic Services section at the address below.

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Statistical Information

The following matters relate to the statistical information of the work of the five Scrutiny Committees during the current municipal year.

Total Number of Scrutiny Committee Meetings held between May 2010 – April 2011

Scrutiny Committee	Scheduled	Site Visits
Corporate Resources	11	
Economy & Environment	12	2
Housing & Public Protection	12	1
Lifelong Learning	12	
Social Care & Health	10	

Call-In Statistics: May 2010 – April 2011

Scrutiny Committees	Corporate Resources	Economy & Environment	Lifelong Learning
No of call-ins received	4	3	2
Withdrawn	0	0	1
Refused	1	0	0
Approved for call-in purposes	2	3	1
Approved in part	1	0	0
Cabinet decisions endorsed by SC	1	3	1
Recommendations referred to Cabinet	2	0	0
Cabinet Final Rejected Decisions -	0	0	0
Noted -	2	0	0
Endorsed -	0	0	0

Total number of Call-Ins Received – 9

Scrutiny Committee Requests for Consideration May 2010 - April 2011

Scrutiny Committee	No. of requests received	Requests withdrawn	No of requests for further info	No of requests noted / accepted by Committee	No of recs referred to Cabinet	No of recs noted / accepted by Cabinet	No of requests referred to other Committees	No of recs referred to Council
Corporate Resources	5	1	0	2	2	2	0	0
Economy & Environment	17	0	13	4	3	3	2	0
Housing & Public Protection	3	0	1	2	1	1 - further report requested	1	0
Lifelong Learning	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	1 - Council endorsed request
Social Care & Health	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0

Total number of Requests for Consideration Received - 30

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES' MEMBERSHIP

Corporate Resources

Councillor J.F. Fraser (Chairman);
Councillor E.T. Williams (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors Mrs. P. Drake, K. Hatton, G. John, Mrs. K.A. Kemp, Mrs. A.J. Moore,
N. Moore, Mrs. A.J. Preston, A.C. Williams and Miss. S.J.C. Williams.

Economy and Environment

Councillor C.J. Williams (Chairman);
Councillor Mrs. M. Kelly Owen (Vice-Chairman - except from June to August 2010
and December 2010 to March 2011)
Mrs. A.J. Preston (Vice-Chairman from June to August 2010)
Councillors Ms. M.E. Alexander, J.C. Bird, J. Clifford (June to August 2010),
R.F. Curtis, G. John, Mrs. A.J. Preston, Mrs. S.I. Sharpe, R.P. Thomas,
Miss S.J.C. Williams (December 2010 to March 2011), M.R. Wilson and
Ms. M. Wright.

Housing and Public Protection

Councillor Mrs. M.R. Wilkinson (Chairman);
Councillor J.C. Bird (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors Mrs. S.M. Bagstaff (May - September 2010), R.J. Bertin (from September
2010), Ms. B.E. Brooks, S.C. Egan, N.P. Hodges, J.W. Thomas, R.P. Thomas,
A.C. Williams, E.T. Williams and Ms. M. Wright
and 1 representative, in a co-opted non-voting capacity, from each of the following
organisations:
Shelter Cymru
Vale Housing Federation
Vale Housing and Homelessness Forum
Plus 4 representatives from Tenant Working Groups
For Crime and Disorder Matters - South Wales Policy Authority Representative

Lifelong Learning

Councillor J. Clifford (Chairman);
Councillor Mrs. K.A. Kemp (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors Mrs. M.E.J. Birch, Ms. V.L. Ellis, C.P.J. Elmore, J.F. Fraser, E. Hacker,
Mrs. V.M. Hartrey (May 2010 only), F.T. Johnson, Mrs. S.I. Sharpe, J.W. Thomas and
S.T. William (from June 2010)
and Co-opted Members - 1 representative each from:
Roman Catholic Church
Church in Wales
Parent Governor - Secondary Sector
Parent Governor - Primary Sector.
Non-voting Observers - 1 representative each from:
Primary, Secondary, Special Schools,
Headteachers, Free Churches and Welsh Medium Education (December 2010).

Social Care and Health

Councillor Miss. S.J.C. Williams (Chairman);
Councillor Ms. V.L. Ellis (Vice-Chairman);
Councillors Mrs. S.M. Bagstaff, R.J. Bertin (May - September 2010),
Mrs. M.E.J. Birch, J. Clifford, S.C. Egan, C.P.J. Elmore (from October 2010),
J.F. Fraser (December 2010 to March 2011), Mrs. M. Kelly Owen (except from June
to August 2010 and December 2010 to March 2011), Mrs. K.A. Kemp,
Mrs. M. Randall, J.W. Thomas and E.T. Williams (June - August 2010).