



CONCISE VERSION

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT  
2019-20



# A REVIEW OF SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

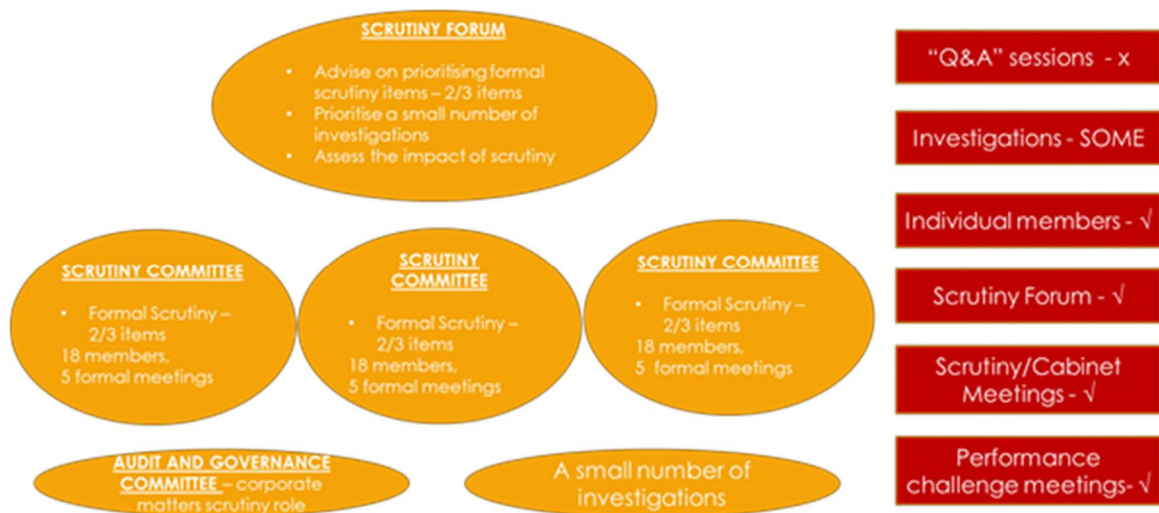
Our scrutiny arrangements were reviewed in 2019-20. When undertaking the work, the following was identified as the purpose of scrutiny:

## TO FACILITATE DRIVING IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GWYNEDD

This will be done constructively by:

- Investigating concerns regarding the quality of our services
- Acting as a Critical Friend, and ensuring that appropriate attention is given to the citizen's voice
- Identifying good practice and weaknesses
- Holding the Cabinet and its members to account
- Review or scrutinise, decisions or actions, that are not the responsibility of the Cabinet

The full report provides all the information in terms of the review; the outcome of the work was that the Council would implement this model in future -



## SAVINGS SCRUTINY



One of the most important things to be scrutinised in 2019-20 was the Council departments' possible savings schemes; with scrutiny members looking carefully at the schemes and questioning the Cabinet Members and Heads. The scrutiny work managed to draw attention to concerns about the impact of implementing some of the savings schemes on the people of Gwynedd.

## SCRUTINY MATTERS

In 2019-20, 41 items were scrutinised in formal scrutiny committees, including the following:

**Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board**

**Parking Management Task Group**

**Secondary Sector Language Strategy**

**Gwynedd Primary Schools Welsh Language Charter**

**Language Centres' Pilot Scheme Benefiting from Tourism Scheme**

**Domiciliary Care Project National Fostering Framework**

**North Wales Adoption Service Housing Action Plan 2020-2025**

Scrutiny members choose items by identifying a topic that is important and needs to be scrutinised in order to make a difference to the people of Gwynedd.

Scrutiny members will continue to do so in 2020-21

## SCRUTINY INVESTIGATIONS

In scrutiny investigations, a smaller group of members investigates a specific matter in a series of informal meetings, before submitting a report to the Scrutiny Committee with recommendations for the attention of Cabinet Members.

In 2019-20, work was undertaken in the following fields:

**Waste Enforcement** – A member drew attention to problems caused by people who dispose of their waste on the wrong day or in the wrong way. Six recommendations were made, which were accepted by the Cabinet Member.

**Planning and the Welsh Language** - The Council's planning policy situation was looked at, in terms of planning and the Welsh Language. The work underlined the importance of the Welsh language and the importance of assessing the impact of a development on the language.

**Supporting the Disabled People of Gwynedd** – Wheelchair or prosthetic provision service users' experience of the North Wales Posture and Mobility Service (PAMS).

**The Impact of New Building Developments for Schools on the Quality of Education** - What effect has new building development had on schools and the quality of pupil education, and are there lessons to be learnt for the future?

All information about scrutiny work in 2019-20 is available in the full version on the Council website - <https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/scrutiny>

## Facts about Scrutiny in Gwynedd in 2019/20

**49 members** have been a part of undertaking important scrutiny work during the year.

**41 items** have been scrutinised in formal meetings.

**3 meetings** of the Scrutiny Forum have been held during the year.

Scrutiny members have **attended meetings** of the Area Education Scrutiny Boards.

**Information sessions** have been held on the following fields:

- ❖ Supporting People Well-being Programme
- ❖ Children and Young People's Mental Health and Well-being

**Meetings have been held** between the Chairs and Vice-chairs and relevant Cabinet Members and Heads.

**Support for the scrutiny work** by the Democracy and Language Manager, Senior Language and Scrutiny Advisor and Scrutiny Advisor. There are three Business Support Officers available to lead on scrutiny investigations.