ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee in identifying scrutiny work for 2024/25 and which can be agreed by the Committee before the start of the next financial year. This process will give the opportunity for all outstanding work to be completed in relation to scrutiny and an advanced plan of areas the Committee may wish to look at as part of the 2024/25 scrutiny year.

Approach to Scrutiny previously agreed by the Committee– Context and Background

3.4 In order to provide newer Members of the Committee more context to the a Development Session was held in April 2021 to establish the process to be adopted by the Committee to identify and prioritise potential scrutiny topics and of the overall approach adopted to

Development Sessions on topics of interest to the Committee.

3.5 In particular the CIA asked the Committee to consider some key questions. These, and the Committee responses, are summarised in the table below.

3.6	Question	Committee Response
	Should Scrutiny topics	There needs to be a degree of flexibility to
	originate from all members	change topics and to be able to react quickly
	and senior officers or from	to an ever changing environment.
	Committee members?	It is for the Committee to determine scrutiny topics.
	If topics originate from the committee should this be via discussions at Committee or development sessions?	We may need to meet as a Committee more often however these could be less formal meetings and held virtually. Further thought can be given to this as to some extent it will depend on the number of emerging topics to be considered for scrutiny.
	Do we still need an annual	We should allow items
	scrutiny plan or should	to emerge.
	as the year goes by?	
	Do we still need the detailed	The prioritisation process is there as a tool if
	prioritisation process?	to
		assess every scrutiny topic.
	Do we have the right	

panel approach vs Scrutiny Lite?