

**Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject: Programme of Portfolio Holder Attendance**

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To consider the areas of responsibility of the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Peter Barnes, as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder attendance.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

At the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Members agreed to continue with a programme of attendance by Portfolio Holders, and relevant officers, at committee. Areas of performance, within each Portfolio for examination, would be identified, and questions for Portfolio Holder submitted in advance of each meeting. 'Ad hoc' questions could also be put forward at the meeting itself. Non-executive members are also invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

## **3. 2016/2017 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

Areas of responsibility within the Environment Portfolio include:

- Waste Management.
- Street cleaning.
- Maintenance and development of parks, open spaces, cemeteries and allotments.
- Energy management and sustainability.

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q1 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 1**.

### **3.1 Questions received in advance from Members**

The following question has been submitted in advance from Members:

#### **Quarter 1 Performance report 2016/17**

- **NI 191 Residual household waste per household in Kg**  
What is the average target of similar authorities, and what is meant by the target being described as "challenging" in the year end performance report?
  
- **NI 195a. Percentage of streets with unacceptable levels of litter.**  
Can you define "unacceptable"? What are the criteria? Is the amount of litter measured? If so how?
  
- **LI 133. Number of fly tipping incidents reported to Gedling Borough Council.**  
Have any work initiatives or strategy been planned to halt this increase. If the registration of vehicles at recycling centres increases incidents what measures will be put in place to mitigate the anticipated increase in fly tipping.
  
- **LI 346 Percentage of fly tipping incidents removed within 4 working days.**  
Why has the target been changed from 2 working days (last year's indicator target) to 4 this year? The Note in the year end performance report mentions "...the service has been re-engineered...." Can you elaborate?

#### **Annual Indicators included in the 2015/16 Year End Report**

- **LI 249 Reduce carbon emissions from Council estate.**  
As the target appears to be very low, what is the average target of similar authorities and is anything being done to increase Gedling's performance?

- **LI 316 Amount of electricity generated from renewable energy for use in the Council's own estate.**

The target is very low, is anything being done to increase Gedling's performance?

**Indicators included in the 2015/16 Year End Report measured as part of the two yearly resident's survey**

- **LI 020. Percentage of residents satisfied with parks and open spaces.**  
How is resident's satisfaction measured?
- **LI 042. Percentage of survey respondents satisfied with street cleansing**  
Please expand and elucidate on the following?
  - What programme of actions?
  - Can we have access and sight of the geographical analysis?
  - What form will" communication with residents" take?
  - How will the "partnership" with Notts. County Council work in practice?

**4. FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Henry Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within his Portfolio.

This includes:

- Leisure centres and sports development
- Health promotion and development
- Bonington Theatre
- Homelessness and Housing needs
- Housing and Council Tax benefits
- Liaison with Public Health and Clinical Commissioning Group

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q1 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 2** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

Members are asked to consider which service areas they would like to examine in this Portfolio. If they have any specific issues they would like Councillor Wheeler to address Members are requested to submit questions in advance of the meeting.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members:

- Consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided
- Thank Councillor Barnes and other guests for their attendance
- Identify areas in the Housing, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio for examination at the November meeting.

## **APPENDICIES**

**Appendix 1: Q1 Environment**

**Appendix 2: Q1 Housing, Health and Wellbeing**