

**Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject: Programme of Portfolio Holder Attendance**

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

- I. To consider the areas of responsibility of the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, Councillor David Ellis as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder attendance.
- II. To discuss areas for examination in the Growth and Regeneration Portfolio for the March meeting.
- III. To update members on information requested at the last committee regarding issues in the Health, Housing and Wellbeing Portfolio.

## **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 have also been invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

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

Areas of responsibility within the Public Protection Portfolio include:

- Crime Reduction and Community Safety

- Emergency Planning
- Safeguarding
- Environmental Health

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q2 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 1**.

### **3.1 Questions received in advance of the committee**

The following questions were submitted in advance from Members

#### **Quarter 2 Indicator Report - L1076**

- More analysis concerning the increase in "burglary other"?
- Are there specific areas targeted, specific modus operandi, and specific targets?
- What action has been taken to counter this rise?

#### **Quarter 2 Action Report**

- What is the taxi license improvement plan?
- What is Gedling's contribution to the activities and plans of South Notts. Community Safety Partnership?

#### **General - Concern over speeding**

- When out and about my ward, speeding in built up areas is often mentioned as a major concern. Residents assume it is low priority for police authorities. Is this the case? How can we alleviate this menace? Incidents of excessive and dangerous speeding witnessed by myself seem to be perpetrated by boy racers in smallish cars.

## **4. FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDENCE**

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within her Portfolio.

This includes:

- Planning policy, development management and building control
- Transportation
- Town Centre management and development

- Inward investment, business engagement, promotion and support
- Housing Development
- Employment and Skills

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 Hollingsworth address Members are requested to submit questions in advance of the meeting.

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q2 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 2** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

## 5. RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Following the Portfolio Holder for Health, Housing and Wellbeing's attendance at the Committee, additional information was requested regarding:

- **The cost of bed and breakfast accommodation in the borough**

<b>To Date 2016/2017</b>	<b>£28,821.08</b>
<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>£44,548.76</b>
<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>£34,140.37</b>
<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>£19,458.00</b>
<b>2012/2013</b>	<b>£41,429.24</b>

- **People referred to debt advice**

We refer both housing association, private landlord tenants and owner occupiers to debt counselling, we also refer people of No Fixed Abode or with no tenancy rights etc. e.g. older children living at home.

Response received from Alison Bennett  
Service Manager, Housing

## 6. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided
- Thank Councillor Ellis and other guests for their attendance
- Identify areas in the Growth and Regeneration Portfolio for examination at the March meeting
- Note the further information provided regarding arising from the previous committee and decide if any additional information is required.

## **APPENDICIES**

**Appendix 1: Q2 Public Protection**

**Appendix 2: Q2 Growth and Regeneration**