

**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 Growth and Regeneration, Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder attendance.
- II. To discuss areas for examination in the Community Development Portfolio for the March meeting.
- III. To update Members on information from the last committee regarding issues in the Public Protection 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 the 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**

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration, is attending the committee to discuss areas of responsibility in her Portfolio which include:

- 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

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q3 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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

The following areas for discussion have been submitted in advance of the committee:

- The regeneration of Carlton Square
- The former Carlton Brass Headquarters
- Arnold Market
- The empty homes policy, both publically and privately owned properties, and if there has been significant change now that empty properties are liable for Council Tax
- The impact the re-evaluation of business rates will have on shops and small and medium businesses
- Progress in encouraging owners of stalled sites to move forward
- NI 155: elaborate on ' local authority housing development company
- An update on the construction of the Gedling Access Road
- An update on the ' Integrated Transport Plan ' for Gedling.

## **4. FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Gary Gregory, Portfolio Holder Community Development, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within his Portfolio.

This includes:

- Community Centres

- Neighbourhood working
- Community Events
- Arts, culture and play
- Community engagement and consultation, including liaison with the voluntary sector and Parish Councils
- Equalities
- Members 'services including Member training and development

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

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q3 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 2** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

## **5. INFORMATION UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE**

Following attendance by the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection at the last committee, Members recommended that an article regarding fly tipping, and in particular a householders legal 'duty of care' to ensure that waste is disposed of correctly, is included in a future addition of the Contacts magazine. An article will be included in the July edition of the magazine.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided
- thank Councillor Hollingsworth and other guests for their attendance
- identify areas in the Community Development Portfolio for examination at the May Committee
- note the information regarding the Contacts magazine.

## **APPENDICIES**

**Appendix 1: Q3 Growth and Regeneration**

**Appendix 2: Q3 Community Development**