

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 Councillor Henry Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing as part of the programme of holding the Executive to account.
- II. To discuss areas for examination in the Public Protection Portfolio in preparation for the January meeting.

2. BACKGROUND

At the 20th 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. 2017/2018 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

3.1 Councillor Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Environment is attending the Committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas of responsibility in his Portfolio which 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 Q2 is attached at **Appendix 1** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

3.2 Questions and areas for discussion received in advance of the committee.

Leisure centres and sports development

- I. Playing Pitch Strategy – How have the Redhill and Carlton le Willows new 3G facilities been funded and has the new Redhill pitch been launched, is it being used?
- II. What activities have been implemented to increase participation in sport and physical activity?

Health promotion and development

- I. How confident is Councillor Wheeler of completing these actions and what work is being undertaken to deliver them:
 - a. Developing and implementing actions to address health inequalities across the borough?
 - b. Introducing and supporting a range of measures designed to tackle excessive weight and promote healthy lifestyles?
- II. What action has been taken to tackle the harmful effects of smoking?
- III. How is the development of the Gedling Older People's Advisory Group, with a view to introducing a Seniors Council, progressing?

Homelessness and Housing needs

- I. Has there been any progress in developing a range of preventative measures to reduce the number of people presenting themselves to the council as homeless?
- II. What plans are being developed to meet older peoples' housing needs in future years?
- III. What are we doing to support the national refugee resettlement programme?

Housing and Council Tax benefits

- I. When will Universal Credit be rolled out in this area and what arrangements are in place to support local residents with the transition.

Liaison with Public Health and Clinical Commissioning Group

- I. Developing a more integrated approach to family support, working with Notts. County Council and other partners. How are the plans for further joint working between the public protection/partnership hub and the troubled families' team progressing?

4. FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within his Portfolio.

This includes:

- 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 2** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

Councillor Ellis will also be attending to assist members with the mandatory requirement for the committee to undertake an annual review of the work of the Local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRP), as a whole, in terms

of how they are tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local communities. Members are asked to consider if there are any areas they would like to focus on when considering the work of the CDRP.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided
- thank Councillor Wheeler and other guests for their attendance
- discuss and consider areas for examination in Councillor Ellis's Portfolio.

APPENDICIES

Appendix 1: Q2 Housing, Health and Wellbeing

Appendix 2: Q2 Public Protection