

**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 committee.

## **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**

Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection is attending the Committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas of responsibility in his Portfolio which 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**.

Councillor Ellis is also attending to assist members to identify areas for examination as part of the mandatory requirement for the committee to undertake an annual review of the work of the Local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRP).

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

The following questions and areas for discussion were submitted in advance from Members:

- **L1081. Level of recorded anti-social behaviour (ASB) across Gedling Borough (per 1000 population).**
  - The downward trend of ASB activity is too commended and gives rise for optimism. So bearing in mind that in the recent Gedling Conversation. Survey residents gave ASB as a number one concern, could the Portfolio Holder elucidate on individual ward ASB activity and if the downward trend is common to all wards.
  - Also relating to this subject. Could the PH give a breakdown of what the "298 less offences" comprised?
- **L1076. Level of all crime across Gedling Borough rate per 1000 population**
  - Please elaborate on the type of vehicle crime mentioned? How can GBC support the public in this matter, what information is given to, and what communication is undertaken, with residents?
  - Regarding the recent increase in knife crime nationally, could the PH comment on this vis-à-vis Gedling Borough?
- **Build a positive relationship with PCs and rural communities.**
  - There has been a substantial rise in the number of illegal traveller encampments in the Borough and surrounding area over the past few months. What liaison is undertaken with Parish Councils and the rural communities with regard to this matter?
- **Front line policing**

Have you any information regarding the use of the police public front line counter service based at Carlton Fire Station and are you able to update on the Arnold desk at Jubilee House.

#### **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. RECOMMENDATION.**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided
- identify any areas of work by the Crime and Disorder Partnership for future examination
- thank Councillor Ellis and other guests for their attendance
- identify areas in the Growth and Regeneration Portfolio for examination at the March meeting

**APPENDICIES**

**Appendix 1: Q2 Public Protection**

**Appendix 2: Q2 Growth and Regeneration**