

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 Community Development, Councillor Gary Gregory, as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder attendance.
- II. To discuss issues for examination when the Leader and Deputy Leader attend the July committee.

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 Portfolio Holder submitted in advance of each meeting. 'Ad hoc' questions could also be put forward at the meeting itself. Non-executive members would also be invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

3. 2016/2017 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

Councillor Gary Gregory, Portfolio Holder for Community Development is attending the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas of responsibility in this Portfolio which 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.

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

1. How is progress measured if there are no quarterly performance indicators?
2. What actions are being taken to support the most deprived communities within the Borough?
3. Please update on the asset transfer of community centres?
4. What progress has been made to ensure that young people are integral to the Council's decision making process?
How will the Seniors Council fit into the decision making process?
5. What is being done to build positive relationships with the Parish Councils and rural communities?
6. The final three indicators relating to:
 - the Gedling Councillor Standard
 - the Community Governance Review: and
 - the bid for Heritage lottery funding

have been completed, or nearly completed, will these be replaced?

4. FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDENCE

Councillor John Clarke, Leader, and Councillor Michael Payne, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Reputation will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine their areas of responsibility.

Which includes:

I. Councillor John Clarke, Leader of the Council

- Overall strategy and delivery of agreed Council priorities and objectives
- Oversight of all Cabinet responsibilities
- Building and developing relationships with partners at a local, regional, national and international level to pursue matters of interest to the Council and the community
- Representing the interests of the Council and the wider community on the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Combined Authority, East Midlands Council, and other key strategic local, regional and national bodies
- Oversight of the Council's Collaboration Agreement with Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe Councils
- Building and maintaining positive relationships with and between elected Members and employees
- Promoting and encouraging effective corporate governance and the highest standards of probity.

II. Councillor Michael Payne, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources & Reputation

- Budget strategy, financial management and local taxation
- Asset Management, including the Council's investment property, sales and purchase of land
- Communications, marketing and promotion
- Media relations
- Customer Services, information and communications technology.

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

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q3 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
- thank Councillor Gregory and other guests for their attendance
- identify areas for examination at the July meeting.

APPENDICIES

Appendix 1: Q3 Community Development Performance Report

Appendix 2: Q3 Leader and Deputy Leader Performance Reports