

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

## **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. 2018/2019 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

- 3.1** 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 includes:
- Crime Reduction and Community Safety
  - Emergency Planning
  - Safeguarding

- Environmental Health

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

1. There has been much publicity and concern from police authorities about the rise in so called "county lines" illegal drug movement and selling to youths in the outlying villages and districts. Has this affected Gedling BC area if so how can his portfolio support any police initiative to curb this activity? More intelligence, reporting etc. and more awareness etc.?
2. Could the portfolio holder brief the committee on the cost effectiveness and return on investment with regard to CCTV monitoring? The Actions Performance report indicates more is required in King George V Park. Does it reduce ASB?  
When will the CCTV camera be operational near Smithy Crescent, Arnold?
3. From the Actions Performance Report "Develop employment scheme with Probation and Prison Service to reduce reoffending" What is this, how does it work and is it successful?
4. What does the Council's contribute to the activities and priorities of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership?
5. How has austerity impacted on the community safety agenda, are we seeing a difference, what is being done to mitigate the effect and what more needs to be done?
6. What work is undertaken to prevent anti-social behaviour and make open spaces safer for young people?
7. Is it possible to access crime statistics at ward level?
8. What work is done with Neighbourhood Watch Groups?
9. The Quarter 1 Performance indicators show an increase in recorded crime across the borough. Are there:  
Increases in any particular offences  
What plans has the South Nottinghamshire Community Partnership got in place to tackle issues

Has there been any increase in police response officers in Gedling?

10. What have we learnt about modern day slavery in the borough? Is there more that could be done to encourage reporting of it?

11. Has the raised profile of domestic violence encouraged more people to come forward?

12. Food hygiene ratings - the Local Government Association has concerns about this scheme and non-participation?

How many establishments in GBC have asked to be hygiene rated?

How many of those who have a low rating do not display the green sticker on entrance to the establishment?

If an establishment refuses to be inspected could we name and shame?

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q1 is attached at **Appendix 1** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

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

Councillor Henry Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Health, Housing and Wellbeing, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within his Portfolio.

This includes:

- Leisure Centres and Sports Development
- Health promotion and development
- 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 for the above Portfolio will be circulated, in advance of the next committee, 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 Ellis and other guests for their attendance
- discuss and consider areas for examination in Councillor Wheeler's Portfolio.

## **APPENDICIES**

### **Appendix 1: Q1 Public Protection**