

**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 Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Health, Housing and Wellbeing as part of the programme of holding the Executive to account.
  
- II. To consider areas for discussion when Councillor John Clarke, Leader, and Councillor Michael Payne, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Reputation attend the Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## **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 Wheeler, Portfolio Holder Health, Housing and Wellbeing 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

- 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 is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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

- What are the main priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board and how do they fit in with Gedling Borough Council priorities? What tangible outputs have there been from the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board?
- What is Gedling Borough Council doing to support or care leavers? How does Gedling Borough Council identify care leavers, what have we done to improve their life chances?
- What support is available for local residents with the transition to Universal Credit. How are vulnerable people in coercive and controlling relationships supported during this change?
- What are the preventative measures used to reduce the number of people presenting themselves as homeless?
- Can you please update on the proposed renovations and upgrade to the Calverton Leisure Centre?
- **L1086 – Average length of time spent in temporary accommodation**

A lack of available and affordable housing for the homeless is highlighted. There are a lot of new houses being built in the Borough does the Portfolio Holder think that:

- the rental market will also increase, and what an estimated rent would be for suitable accommodation?

- consideration has been given to finding accommodation to house homeless families outside Gedling Borough in areas of higher density bed & breakfasts?
- **ACTIONS**
  - **Develop and implement actions to address health inequalities across the borough.**  
What are the health inequalities referred to in the section.
  - **Making a contribution to the life chances of children in care.**  
Could the portfolio holder outline what is meant by "accommodation offer" in the notes

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

Councillor John Clarke, Leader, and Councillor Michael Payne, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Reputation are attending the Committee to give Members the opportunity to examine their areas of responsibility.

##### **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.

Customised reports detailing performance outcomes for Q2 are attached at **Appendix 2 and 3** 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 Wheeler and other guests for their attendance
- discuss and consider areas for examination at the February Committee.

## **APPENDICIES**

**Appendix 1: Q2 Health, Housing and Wellbeing.**

**Appendix 2: Q2 Performance Leader**

**Appendix 3: Q2 Deputy Leader Resources and Reputation**