

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 John Clarke, Leader, and Councillor Michael Payne, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Reputation, as part of the programme of holding the Executive to account.
- II. To discuss areas for examination in Councillor Hollingsworth's Growth and Regeneration Portfolio for the March 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 have also been invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

3. 2018/2019 PROGRAMME OF 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 1 and 2** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

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

Questions received in advance of the committee

Leader

What will happen to the European funded ERASMUS project after BREXIT? Will it continue, what will the impact be?

What has been done to grow business in Gedling? Is there any information available on what is happening to the empty Argos store?

What steps have been taken to embed compassion into the culture and operating practices of the Council? What is this hoping to achieve and how will this be measured?

Can you explain what is meant by 'develop and embed new employee standards that are aligned to the Dynamic Council agenda'? What is the reasoning behind this, what are the long term goals and what are the cost implications?

Deputy Leader

With the rapid rise in our new housing stock, is there a strategy or project within GBC to analyse, research and develop new plans for the consequences of a massive influx of housing which inevitably bring people, cars, more rubbish, more anti-social behaviour, more dogs, more of everything ! Are we prepared to offer the same service as now? Would you agree there needs to be an individual (s) who take this on so we are prepared?

Arnold Market seems to be on the "back burner ". It was muted that a cross party committee would oversee this regeneration, any development as to its constituents, aims, time lines etc.? What do the public say when asked on line in the "consultation" section?

The City Council have been preparing plans should there be a no deal BREXIT. Have we, or do we need any plans regarding the outcome of BREXIT?

20% progress (Quarter 1) has been made towards the delivery of the Demand Management Strategy. Can you explain what this is and the benefits for the authority?

Update on the activity to implement the Commercialisation Strategy.

It is positive that progress has been made in achieving efficiency/budget reductions, what has been the impact on service delivery?

4. FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

Councillor 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 business control

- Transportation
- 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 there are any specific issues they would like Councillor Hollingsworth to 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 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 Councillors Clarke, Payne and guests for their attendance
- identify areas in the Growth and Regeneration Portfolio for examination at the March meeting

APPENDICIES

Appendix 1: Q2 Performance Leader

Appendix 2: Q2 Deputy Leader Resources and Reputation

Appendix 3: Q2 Growth and Regeneration.