

**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 David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection attends the committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

At the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 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 would also invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

## **3. 2018/2019 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

- 3.1** Councillor Wheeler is attending the committee to give members the opportunity to examine areas of responsibility in his portfolio which includes:
  - Leisure Centres and Sports Development, including lead for sport and physical activity

- Health promotion and development
- Bonington Theatre
- Homelessness and housing needs
- Council housing development
- Housing and council tax benefits
- Liaison with Public Health and Clinical Commissioning Group.

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q1 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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

- Temporary accommodation, how are things going in Quarter 2, is there any improvement in availability?
- An update on the Council owned housing company, as presumably this would improve our ability to provide permanent housing?
- Q2 is there any feel for how the leisure centre and Bonington Theatre visits are going? These had both fallen in Q1, so is there a genuine need for concern?
- DNA membership is falling: is this an area for concern?
- Housing benefit claims; is the fall in Q1 just a blip?

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

Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within his Portfolio.

This includes:

- Crime Reduction and Community Safety
- Public Protection
- CCTV and RIPA

- Safeguarding
- Environmental Health
- Empty properties.

Councillor Ellis will also be 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).

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q1 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
- thank Councillor Wheeler and other guests for their attendance
- discuss and consider areas for examination at the January Committee.

## **APPENDICIES**

**Appendix 1: Q1 Health, Housing and Wellbeing.**

**Appendix 2: Q1 Public Protection**