

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 Young Peoples and Equalities and the Community Developments Portfolios in preparation for the January meeting.

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 V McCrossen's and Gregory's portfolio.

2. BACKGROUND

At the 15th 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 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
- Public Protection
- CCTV and RIPA
- Safeguarding
- Environmental Health
- Empty Properties.

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

1. We know that knife crime is a big issue and resources are being put into tackling it (quite rightly), but is the focus on knife crime detracting from increases in other areas of crime?

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 Viv McCrossen, Portfolio Holder for Young People and Equalities and Gary Gregory, Portfolio Holder for Community Development, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within their Portfolios.

Areas of responsibility in the Young People and Equalities Portfolio include:

- Play and events for young people
- Equalities
- Youth Council and Youth Mayor

- Engagement and Consultation with young people
- Liaison with various bodies and agencies in relation to mental health
- Support the Deputy Leader in the development of a Social Mobility Commission and delivery of agreed key actions
- Work with the Portfolio holder for Growth and Regeneration in reducing levels of youth employment
- Work with the Portfolio holder for Public Protection to reduce risk and fear of crime for young people.

Areas of responsibility in the Community Development Portfolio include:

- Community centres
- Neighbourhood working
- Community events
- Arts and culture
- Community engagement and consultation including liaison with the voluntary sector and Parish Councils
- Member services, including member training and development.

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q2 for the above portfolios will be circulated, in advance of the next committee; to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Q1 Public Protection