

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 Gregory, Portfolio Holder for Community Development and Councillor V McCrossen, Portfolio Holder for Young People and Equalities as part of the programme of holding the Executive to account.
- II. To consider areas for discussion when Councillor Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration and Councillor P Barnes, Portfolio Holder for Environment attend the committee on the 9 March.

RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided
- thank Councillors Gregory and McCrossen and other guests for their attendance
- discuss and consider areas for examination at the March Committee.

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 would also be invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

3. 2018/2019 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

- 3.1 Councillors Gregory and McCrossen are attending the committee to give members the opportunity to examine areas of responsibility in their portfolio which includes:

Community Development Portfolio – Councillor Gregory

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

Young People and Equalities Portfolio - Councillor V McCrossen

- 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 key actions
- Work with the Portfolio Holder for growth and regeneration in reducing levels of youth unemployment
- Work with the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection to reduce risk and fear of crime for young people

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q2 for the above portfolios is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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

- How is the Youth Council made up and are all parts of the Borough represented?

4. FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

Councillor Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration and Councillor P Barnes, Portfolio Holder for Environment, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within their Portfolios’.

This includes:

Councillor Hollingsworth – Growth and Regeneration

- Planning policy, development management and building control
- Transportation
- Town centre management and development
- Business improvement, local business engagement, promotion and support
- Housing development
- Employment and skills

Councillor P Barnes – Environment

- Waste management and recycling
- Street cleansing
- Maintenance and development of parks, open spaces, cemeteries and allotments
- Pet cremation
- Energy management and sustainability.

Customised reports detailing performance outcomes for Q2 for the above portfolios is attached at **Appendix 2** to assist Members’ identify areas for consideration

APPENDICIES

Appendix 1: Q2 Young People and Equalities and Community Development

Appendix 2: Q2 Growth and Regeneration and Environment.