

## **Report to Overview and Scrutiny**

**Subject: Programme of Portfolio Holder Attendance**

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### **Purpose**

- 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 David Ellis's Public Protection Portfolio for the November committee.

### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

- consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided
- thank Councillors Clarke, Payne and guests for their attendance
- identify areas in the Public Protection Portfolio for examination at the November meeting

### **1 Background**

At the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 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 would also be invited to submit questions for the

Portfolio Holder.

## **2. 2020/2021 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

2.1 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 Local Enterprise Partnership, Metro Board, East Midlands Council, and other key strategic local, regional and national bodies
- Oversight of the Council's Partnership and Collaboration Agreement with key partners.
- Building and maintaining positive relationships with and between elected Members and employees
- Promoting and encouraging effective corporate governance and the highest standards of probity.
- Emergency Planning
- Strategic lead for Economic Development and inward investment.

### **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
- Commercialisation
- Communications, marketing and promotion
- Media relations
- Customer Services, information and communications technology

- Transformation of Council services, processes and governance
- Social mobility

Customised reports detailing performance outcomes for Q1 are attached at **Appendix 1 and 2** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

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

How has the financial position of the Council has been affected by the pandemic and what will be what will be the effect going forward?

How are services recovering and what have been the effects on service provision, for example leisure centre use?

In view of the fact that 90% of office based council staff at the Civic Centre were working from home during the pandemic do you envisage a change/reduction of office space required by council staff at the Civic Centre?

As more office staff work from home in the future is there a risk that the organisations that currently rent office space at the Civic Centre will withdraw or at least reduce the floor space they rent from the Borough?

How will the changes in shopping and working habits in general shown during the pandemic (i.e. less demand for traditional retail units and office space) impact upon the Council's future Commercial Investment Strategy?

### **3 FUTURE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

- 3.1 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 3** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

#### **4 Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **5 Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### **6 Equalities Implications**

6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report

#### **7 Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications**

7.1 There are no carbon reduction/sustainability implications arising from this report.

#### **8 Appendices**

**Appendix 1: Q1 Performance Leader**

**Appendix 2: Q1 Deputy Leader Resources and Reputation**

**Appendix 3: Q1 Environment**