

**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 Housing, Health and Wellbeing and the Young Peoples and Equalities 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 Wheeler's and V McCrossen's and portfolios.

## **2. 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 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. 2020/2021 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** Councillor Ellis is also 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 Partnership (CRDP).

**3.3** Councillor Ellis will be discussing crime figures and the effect of Covid-19, selective licensing phase 2 and domestic violence. A presentation is attached at **Appendix 1**.

**3.4** Questions were also invited from committee members and those below were received in advance of the meeting.

- COVID Marshals - what impact they are having and what reception are they getting?
- Are there any measure of the impact of CCTV cameras?
- How are the crime figures generally in the Borough - perhaps compared to other Boroughs in the county?

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q1 is attached at **Appendix 2** to assist Members' identify areas for consideration.

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

**4.1** Councillors Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Wellbeing and V McCrossen, Portfolio Holder for Young People will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within their Portfolios.

**4.2** Areas of responsibility in the Housing, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio include:

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.

**4.3** 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.

**4.4** Members' are invited to suggest areas for consideration. To be able to effectively examine issues in these two portfolios members may want to consider themes that are crosscutting for example the impact of coronavirus on the mental health of young people. The Portfolio Holders will not be giving an overview of all areas of work and have requested that members identify areas for questioning in advance of the meeting. This does not mean that ad hoc questions cannot be asked at the committee. A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q2 for the above portfolios will be circulated, in advance of the next committee.

## **APPENDICIES**

**Appendix 1: Public Protection Portfolio presentation.**

**Appendix 2: Q1 Public Protection**