

## **Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject:** Programme of Portfolio Holder Attendance

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### **Purpose**

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.

### **Recommendation(s)**

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

- 1) Considers, asks questions and makes comment on the information provided;
- 2) Discusses any topics for potential inclusion in the future work programme; and
- 3) Identifies areas in the Health and Housing Portfolio for examination at the next meeting

### **1 Background**

At the 26 April 2021 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. 2021/2022 Programme of Portfolio Holder Attendance**

2.1 Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, is attending the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine his area of responsibility which includes:

- Crime Reduction and Community Safety.
- Public Protection.
- CCTV and RIPA.
- Safeguarding.
- Environmental Health.
- Empty Properties

Councillor Ellis's attendance is also the Committee's opportunity to conduct the Annual Review of the Crime and Disorder Partnership, which is a requirement of legislation.

A report detailing performance outcomes for quarter 2 is attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

2.2 At the last meeting, Committee Members agreed to focus on the following which has been communicated in advance to Councillor Ellis:

- To seek an overview of crime statistics in the Borough
- Examine CCTV provision, specifically issues around what the council is and isn't allowed to use it for, what more could be done if additional cameras were installed and how, if at all, the use of CCTV changed in the covid-19 pandemic
- What further training could be offered to members on safeguarding issues?
- What was the effect of the increase in drug related crime and so called county lines crime?

## **3 Future Portfolio Holder Attendance**

3.1 Councillor Henry Wheeler, Portfolio Holder for Health and Housing, will be attending the next meeting of the committee to give Members the opportunity to examine areas within his Portfolio.

Responsibilities in this 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.

A report detailing performance outcomes for quarter 2 is attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

#### **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: Public Protection Portfolio performance information

Appendix 2: Health and Housing Portfolio performance information