

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Programme of portfolio holder attendance

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Purpose

To consider the area of responsibility of Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Growth and Economy, 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 and
- 2) Discusses any topics for potential inclusion in the future work programme;

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. 2024/2025 programme of portfolio holder attendance

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Growth and Economy, is attending the committee to give members the opportunity to examine her areas of responsibility which includes the below:

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth – Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio for Sustainable Growth:

- Planning policy, development management, building control and land charges
- Strategic development framework, including transport and community infrastructure, walkways and cycle-paths
- Strategic housing and addressing empty homes
- Business growth, economic development, and inward investment
- Workforce development, employment and skill opportunities
- Town and local centre economy

The report detailing performance indicators for quarter 2 of 2024-25 is attached at appendix 1 to the report.

3 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5 Equalities implications

There are no equalities implications arising from this report

6 Carbon reduction/sustainability implications

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

7 Appendices

Appendix 1: All portfolio performance information