

## **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 Viv McCrossen, Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Natural Habitat and Councillor Marje Paling, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services (Operations) 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. 2025/26 programme of portfolio holder attendance**

Councillor Viv McCrossen, Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Natural Habitat and Councillor Marje Paling, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services (Operations) will be attending the committee to give members the

opportunity to examine their areas of responsibility which includes the below:

Councillor Viv McCrossen - Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Natural Habitat

- Carbon management and climate change.
- Carbon sequestration (offsetting) through blue/green infrastructure.
- Maintenance and development of parks and open spaces.
- Provision of play parks, pitches and other play facilities.
- Tree planting, woodland, and wildflower meadow areas.
- Air and water quality.
- Flood mitigation.

Councillor Marje Paling - Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services (Operations)

- Maintenance of cemeteries and allotments.
- Waste management and recycling.
- Street cleansing.

The report detailing performance indicators for quarter 1 of 2025-26 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.