

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 John Clarke, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Protection, Communications and Engagement, 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 John Clarke, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Protection, Communications and Engagement will be attending the committee to give members the opportunity to examine his areas of responsibility which includes the below:

Councillor John Clarke MBE – 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 Economic Prosperity Committee, East Midlands Councils, and other key strategic local, regional and national bodies.
- Oversight of the Council's Partnership and Collaboration Agreements 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.
- Lead for Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution matters.
- Emergency planning.

Councillor John Clarke MBE – Portfolio Holder for Community Protection, Communications and Engagement

- Communications and Social Media relations.
- Commercialisation, marketing and promotion.
- Community protection, crime reduction and safeguarding.
- Anti-social behaviour.
- Modern slavery and hate crime.
- General licensing.

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

None.