# 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 Kathryn Fox, Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability, 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. 2026/27 programme of portfolio holder attendance

Councillor Kathryn Fox, Portfolio Holder for Life Chances and Vulnerability will be attending the committee to give members the opportunity to examine her areas of responsibility which includes the below:

Councillor Kathryn Fox – Life Chances and Vulnerability

- Equalities, diversity and inclusion
- Member Champion for Women and the Disabled
- Social mobility, including links to health, education, housing, income, race and gender
- Engagement and consultation with young people, including addressing child poverty
- Youth Council and Youth Mayor
- Youth unemployment and apprenticeships, including work with schools
- Domestic violence
- Violence Against Women and Girls
- Community events
- Engagement with the voluntary sector
- Seniors' Council and other engagement forums

## 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.