

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Portfolio Holder holding to account and Quarter 2 Performance

Overview.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

 To consider the Portfolio of Councillor Michael Payne, Portfolio Holder, Public Protection and Communications, as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder holding to account. Also attending will be Paddy Tipping, Police and Crime Commissioner, and Tim Wendels, Head of Estates, Nottinghamshire Police.

 To receive updates on Quarter 2 2014/15 Council performance and on progress of the 2014/15 Scrutiny Work Programme.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in August 2013 Members agreed an annual rolling programme of attendance by Portfolio Holders and relevant Corporate Directors at committee, and to identify in advance which areas of performance within each Portfolio they would like to examine. It was further agreed that questions for Portfolio Holders should be submitted in advance of each meeting, although 'ad hoc' questions may be put forward at the meeting itself.

This committee has elected to consider the following elements of the Public Protection and Communications Portfolio:

- Crime reduction and community safety with specific reference to the PCC Policing Plan and the proposed closure of Carlton Police Station.
- Customer services, information and communications technology with specific reference to Customer Satisfaction.

A customised 'Covalent' report detailing the performance outcomes of the above Portfolio is **attached at Appendix 1**.

2.1 Questions in advance from Members

The following questions have been submitted in advance by Members:

i. Councillor Parr

During the past two years or so we have had installed CCTV around the borough. I wonder how effective this has been in

- deterring traffic offences along Front street, Arnold?
- helping minimise incidents alongside B&Q in Daybrook?

A regular report relating to these assets would, I feel, be most welcome - in particular to the business community.

ii. Councillor Feeney

Re: Proposals to close Carlton Police Station

- Would it not be better to keep Oxclose Lane and Carlton police station open and close Arnold in order to save money with regard to running costs as this would surely provide a more efficient balance of resources and give easier access to police services for both sides of the borough?
- What is the business case for moving the computer servers, custody and ID suite from Carlton to other locations?
- If this building is closed for police use, who will occupy it and what other users for this building have been identified?

iii. Councillor Gregory

• I understand that a feasibility study was undertaken to establish the viability of putting co-locating partner organisations into Carlton Police Station to keep it open. What was the cost implication of that proposal?

3. COUNCIL PLAN 2014/15: OVERVIEW OF QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE

Stephen Bray, Corporate Director will provide an overview of Quarter 2 2014/15 performance and take questions from Members.

The following item of further information on Quarter 1 performance was requested at the last meeting:

Overview Committee Members requested information about how the target for residual waste is devised.

The targets were set based on reducing amount of residual waste being produced per household. In 2009/10 the amount produced per household was 546 kg this then reduced to 535kg in 2010/11, 527kg in 2011/12 and 522kg in 2012/13 so a 5kg reduction per year was thought achievable as residents recycling and re-use habits improve with awareness and education. Also the introduction of new schemes such as kerbside wood, small waste electrical items and batteries will have diverted some waste away from the black bin. However, household waste also includes street litter and leaf clearance so any increases in these will have an impact on the outcome. It also depends on weather conditions so if lots of garden waste is produced and goes in the black bin this will have an impact on the weights.

It is possible to split the weights so it only includes black bin residual waste and report that only but it would take some time and another local indicator would need to be set up.

Caroline McKenzie: Service Manager, Waste Services

4. 2014/15 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

The current programme of Portfolio Holder attendance is now completed. As there are two more committees scheduled in the 2014/15 financial year, it is proposed that a further Portfolio Holder is invited to the meeting on 11th February, and the meeting on 13th April is used to wind up the 2014/15 Scrutiny work programme.

5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members:

- Thank the Portfolio Holder, Public Protection and Communications, the Police and Crime Commissioner and other guests for their attendance.
- Note the Quarter 2 performance information and further information provided on the Quarter 1 information.
- Consider and agree the attendance of a Portfolio Holder at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on Wednesday 11th February.