

**Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject: Programme of holding the Portfolio Holder to account.**

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To consider the Portfolio of Councillor David Ellis, Portfolio Holder, Public Protection, as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder holding to account.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 Members agreed to continue with a programme of attendance by Portfolio Holders and relevant Corporate Directors at committee. Areas of performance within each Portfolio for examination are identified and questions for Portfolio Holders submitted in advance of each meeting, however 'ad hoc' questions may be put forward at the meeting itself. Non-executive members are also invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

## **3. 2015/2016 PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE**

I. David Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, will attend this meeting to discuss areas which fall within this Portfolio which include:

- i. Crime Reduction and Community Safety
- ii. Emergency Planning
- iii. Safeguarding
- iv. Environmental Health

A customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q2 of the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 1**.

The committee at its last meeting elected to consider the following elements of the Public Protection Portfolio:

- radicalisation
- safeguarding vulnerable adults
- the animal welfare policy.

Other areas identified for examination:

- hate crime – is this a growing problem, what is being done to combat it?
- ‘Develop and implement a programme of action to discourage environmental and anti-social behaviour’, 50% completed. Quarter 2 Actions Report. What programme has been developed and how has it been implemented?

- II. Councillor John Clarke, Leader of the Council and Councillor Michael Payne, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Reputation will be attending the 22<sup>nd</sup> February meeting as part of the programme of Portfolio Holding to account. The responsibilities that fall within these Portfolios are listed below and Members are reminded of the need to identify areas for examination and are asked to submit questions in advance of attendance.

**Councillor John Clarke**

- 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 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Combined Authority, East Midlands Council, and other key strategic local, regional and national bodies
- Oversight of the Council’s Collaboration Agreement with Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe Councils
- Building and maintaining positive relationships with and between elected Members and employees

- Promoting and encouraging effective corporate governance and the highest standards of probity.

**Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources & Reputation  
Councillor Michael Payne**

- Budget strategy, financial management and local taxation
- Asset Management, including the Council's investment property, sales and purchase of land
- Communications, marketing and promotion
- Media relations
- Customer Services, information and communications technology.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Members:

- ask relevant questions to the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection
- thank the Portfolio Holder and other guests for their attendance
- identify areas in the Leader and Deputy Leaders Portfolio for examination at the February Overview and Scrutiny Committee.