

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 Jenny Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder, Growth and Regeneration, as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder holding to account.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July 20th 2015 Members agreed to continue with a programme of attendance by Portfolio Holders and relevant 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. Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration, will attend this meeting to discuss areas which fall within this Portfolio which includes:

- Planning policy, development management and building control
- Transportation
- Town centre management and development

- Inward investment, business engagement, promotion and support
- Housing development
- Employment and skills.

Issues relating to housing development will have been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Members identified at the last Overview and Scrutiny Committee the following areas for examination:

- Quarter 3 performance for minor and other planning applications which is well below expected levels and is expected to miss target at year end. This includes targets for the
- Percentage of minor planning applications processed within 8 weeks
- Percentage of other planning applications processed within 8 weeks Town centre management and development, specifically the regeneration of Arnold market, as an area for examination.

4. ONGOING PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

- I. Councillor John Clarke, Leader of the Council and Councillor Michael Payne, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Resources and Reputation will be attending the 16 May 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.

To assist Members identify areas for examination a customised report detailing performance outcomes for Q3 for the above Portfolio is attached at **Appendix 1 & 2**.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Ask relevant questions to the Portfolio Holder for Growth and Regeneration
- Thank the Portfolio Holder and other guests for their attendance
- Identify areas in the examination at the April Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

APPENDICIES

Appendix 1: Q 3 Performance Reports Leader

Appendix 2: Q 3 Performance Reports Deputy Leader