

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 13 July 2017

Subject:	Scrutiny of Cabinet Members
Lead Officer:	Head of Organisational Development
Portfolio Holder:	All
Link to Council Priorities:	All
Exempt information:	None
Delegated status:	For information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has invited members of Cabinet to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings over the course of the 2017/18 Municipal Year. Cabinet members will be asked to provide a written update on the work currently being undertaken as part of their Portfolio providing members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to ask any relevant questions.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stuart Selleck, and the Cabinet Members for Housing, Councillor Roy Green, and Environment, Councillor Barry Fairbank, have been asked to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in July 2017.

REPORT:

1. Cabinet members have been invited to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings over the course of the 2017/18 Municipal Year. Each member of Cabinet will be asked to provide a written update on the work currently being undertaken as part of their Portfolio, including any issues and challenges, providing members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to ask any relevant questions.
2. The updates provided by the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Housing and Cabinet Member for Environment are attached at Appendices A, B and C.
3. A key role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to hold the Cabinet to account. The Council's Constitution states that one of the functions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is 'to review the discharge by Cabinet of any of its functions'. In undertaking the scrutiny of Cabinet Members, the Committee is fulfilling this function.
4. The responsibilities of the Leader of the Council as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, include:
 - Chairs the Cabinet and presents the Forward Plan of work
 - Revenue & Capital Budgets – Annual Budget Statement
 - Overall priorities and policy issues
 - Annual Governance Statement

The responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Housing as set out in Part 3 of

the Council's Constitution, include:

- Housing Strategy
- Allocation of Housing Enabling Funds
- Overview of Housing Services
- Housing Benefits and Universal Credit
- Affordable Housing
- Liaison with Registered Social Landlords
- Housing Policy
- Homelessness
- Grants – Private and Disability (eg Disabled Facilities Grants)
- Private sector housing
- Care and Repair (HIA)/Handyman service

The responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Environment as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, include:

- Waste Management
- Environmental Enforcement, including Joint Action Team
- Environmental Well-being
- Environmental Health and Licensing
- Street Cleaning Services
- Sustainability including Energy and Climate Change

Financial implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the ability to consider any matter that affects the Council, its area or the inhabitants of that area including financial matters. Cabinet responsibility for financial management sits within the Resources Portfolio.

Environmental/Sustainability Implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the ability to consider any matter that affects the Council, its area or the inhabitants of that area including environmental and sustainability issues. Cabinet responsibility for environmental and sustainability issues sits within the Environment Portfolio.

Legal implications:

The procedures governing the operation of overview and scrutiny are set out in the Council's Constitution and Overview and Scrutiny Protocols, which have been constituted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent amendments to that Act and related legislation.

Equality Implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the ability to consider any matter that affects the Council, its area or the inhabitants of that area including equalities issues. Cabinet responsibility for equality and diversity sits within the Corporate Development Portfolio.

Risk Implications:

There is a risk to the Council if overview and scrutiny is not carried out in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Protocols and relevant legislation.

Community Safety Implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the ability to consider any matter that affects the Council, its area or the inhabitants of that area including community safety issues. Cabinet responsibility for community safety sits within the Community Development Portfolio.

Principal Consultees:

Council Management Board
Relevant Heads of Service

Background papers:

None.

Enclosures/Appendices:

Appendix A – Cabinet Member for Environment
Appendix B – Leader of the Council
Appendix C – Cabinet Member for Housing

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