

**Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of meeting: 26 September 2019**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will invite members of Cabinet to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings over the course of the 2019/20 Municipal Year. Cabinet members will be asked to provide an 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 Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Mrs. Mary Marshall, has been asked to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in September 2019.

As a follow up to the previous meeting, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Councillor Mrs. Karen Randolph has been re-invited to attend the meeting to answer any additional questions relating to the Local Plan that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may have.

### **REPORT:**

1. Cabinet members will be invited to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings over the course of the 2019/20 Municipal Year. Each member of Cabinet will be asked to provide an 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 update provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment is attached as Appendix A.
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 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

5. As a follow up to the previous meeting, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Councillor Mrs. Karen Randolph has been re-invited to attend the meeting to answer any additional questions relating to the Local Plan that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may have.

**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 with the Leader of the Council.

**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 & Social Affairs Portfolio.

**Principal Consultees:**

Council Management Board  
Relevant Heads of Service

**Background papers:**

None.

**Enclosures/Appendices:**

Appendix A – Portfolio Holder for Environment

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