

Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Families and Communities	
Report No:	OAS/FH/16/008	
Report to and date:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	21 April 2016
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Purpose of report:	As part of the "Challenge" role, Overview and Scrutiny are asked to consider the roles and responsibilities of Cabinet Members. It is part of the Scrutiny role to challenge in the form of questions. Therefore, to carry out this constitutional requirement, at every ordinary Overview and Scrutiny meeting at least one Cabinet Member shall attend to give an account of his or her portfolio and answer questions from the Committee.	
Recommendation:	Members of the Committee are asked to question the Cabinet Member for Families and Communities on his portfolio responsibilities.	
Key Decision: (Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Consultation:	• N/A		
Alternative option(s):	• N/A		
Implications:			
Are there any financial implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	•
Are there any staffing implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	•
Are there any ICT implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	•
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Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
	Low/Medium/ High*		Low/Medium/ High*
None			
Ward(s) affected:	All		
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>	None		
Documents attached:	None		

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation

1.1 Background

1.1.1 As part of its "Challenge" role, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the roles and responsibilities of Cabinet Members.

1.1.2 To carry out this constitutional requirement, at every ordinary Overview and Scrutiny meeting at least one Cabinet Member shall be invited to give an account of his or her portfolio and to answer questions from the Committee.

1.1.3 At this meeting, members of the Committee are asked to consider the responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Families and Communities, Councillor Robin Millar.

1.1.4 The Cabinet Member for Families and Communities has overall responsibility for the following:

- Corporate communications
- Corporate strategy/planning and co-ordination
- Crime and community safety
- Customer services, access and engagement
- Equalities and diversity
- Families and communities
- Future of public services and service integration
- Health

1.2 Proposals

1.2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee ask questions of the Cabinet Member for Families and Communities , following his verbal presentation, based on the functions as outlined in paragraph 1.1.4 of the report.