

# Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Forest Heath  
District Council

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Presentation by the Leader of the Council on his Portfolio as Leader</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>OAS/FH/16/015</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	9 June 2016
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	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.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Members of the Committee are asked to question the Leader of the Council on his portfolio responsibilities as Leader.</b>	
<b>Key Decision:</b> <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that <b>do not</b> apply.)</i>	<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"/>	
<b>Consultation:</b>	• N/A	

<b>Alternative option(s):</b>		• N/A	
<b>Implications:</b>			
<i>Are there any <b>financial</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b>		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
<b>Risk area</b>	<b>Inherent level of risk</b> (before controls)	<b>Controls</b>	<b>Residual risk</b> (after controls)
	Low/Medium/ High*		Low/Medium/ High*
None			
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>		All	
<b>Background papers:</b> <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		None	
<b>Documents attached:</b>		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 Councillor James Waters, in his role as Leader of the Council.
- 1.1.4 The Leader of the Council has overall responsibility as Leader for the following:
- Leadership and strategic direction of the Council
  - External relations and communications
  - East Anglia devolution deal

### **1.2 Proposals**

- 1.2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee ask questions of the Leader of the Council, following his verbal presentation, based on the functions as outlined in paragraph 1.1.4 of the report.