

Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Forest Heath
District Council

Title of Report:	Annual Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth	
Report No:	OAS/FH/17/021	
Report to and date:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	14 September 2017
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Purpose of report:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Recommendation:	<p>Members of the Committee are asked to question the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth on his portfolio responsibilities, and having considered the information, the Committee may wish to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth for his consideration; 2) Request further information and / or receive a future update. 3) Take any other appropriate action as necessary. 	

Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not 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"/>	
Consultation:		• N/A	
Alternative option(s):		• N/A	
Implications:			
<i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
<i>Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •	
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			
Wards 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 On 15 September 2016, the Committee received a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Growth, Councillor Lance Stanbury, summarising the following responsibilities covered under his portfolio:

- Building Control;
- Conservation;
- Development Control;
- Economic Development;
- Enforcement;
- Environmental Health;
- Growth Areas and Regeneration;
- Licensing;
- Planning Policy;
- Rural Development;
- Tourism (Strategic); and
- Town Centres.

1.2 Progress Update

1.2.1 At this meeting, the Cabinet Member has been invited back to provide a follow-up update on his portfolio.

The presentation by the Cabinet Member will be focusing on the following by:

- Outlining the main challenges which were faced during the last year within the Portfolio:
- Outlining some key successes and any failures during the last year and any lessons learned?
- Setting out the vision of the Portfolio through to 2019 and whether on target to meet that vision?

1.2.2 The Cabinet Member was also provided in advance of the meeting with some key questions identified by Scrutiny Members on specific areas they would like included in the annual update.

1.3 Proposals

1.3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee ask questions of the Cabinet Member following his update.