

**Title: Scrutiny of Portfolio Holders - Corporate**

Portfolio	Corporate
Ward(s) Affected:	All

### **Purpose**

**To provide a background for the scrutiny of the Corporate Portfolio Holder as part of the scrutiny of Portfolio Holders.**

### **Background**

1. The Executive considered, at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009, a referral report from the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee in respect of a change of the Committee work programme to incorporate the scrutiny of portfolio holders.
2. Whilst accepting the Committee recommendations, the Executive also agreed that it would be useful for the Executive to review the progress made by the Scrutiny Committee in relation to achieving the objectives identified in their annual work programmes.
3. The Executive agreed (minute 073/E of 2009/10 refers) that:
  - (i) the change to the (then) Policy and Audit Scrutiny Committee work programme to incorporate the scrutiny of portfolio holders' performance in relation to capital spend elements and specific financial strategies be agreed; and
  - (ii) progress against the targets set in the work programmes of the scrutiny committees be reviewed by the Executive at a future meeting and the Chairmen of those Committees be invited to attend.
4. Councillor Josephine Hawkins, the Corporate Portfolio Holder has been invited to attend this meeting for the portfolio holder scrutiny. A breakdown of the areas within the portfolio holder's purview are attached at Annex A.

### **Proposal**

5. It is proposed that a period of 30 minutes is allocated to a question and answer session involving the Corporate Portfolio Holder, with further time allocated for Committee deliberations.

### **Resource Implications**

6. The Committee emphasised at previous meetings that it was not intended that officers would be called to address the issues covered, though key officers may attend to assist the Portfolio Holder. As such, the only resource implications would be the commitments of the individual portfolio holders, in this case, Transformation, and any Committee Member preparation time.

### **Options**

7. There are no options attached to this report.

### Recommendation

8. The Committee is advised to allocate thirty minutes to a question and answer session with the Corporate Portfolio Holder and to allow further time thereafter for deliberations.

Background Papers: None

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