

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

19th OCTOBER 2010

ATTENDANCE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide information in respect of the scheduled attendance of Members of the Executive at the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

BACKGROUND

2. Overview and Scrutiny has a responsibility of “holding the Executive to account” in a number of different ways and at different stages in the decision-making process. This can be:
 - before decisions are made - such as by examining policy options or considering issues included in the Council’s forward work programme.
 - immediately after they are made, and prior to their implementation, through the call-in process; and
 - after they are implemented, through monitoring and evaluation of their effects.
3. Various arrangements are in place within the Council to ensure that potential issues for consideration via the overview and scrutiny processes (i.e. the OSB or relevant scrutiny panel) are highlighted and brought forward to Members as necessary.
4. Overview and Scrutiny can be involved in holding the Executive to account as a whole (for example by using the methods outlined in paragraph 2), or on an individual basis. The OSB’s role in this area has been strengthened in recent

years, when arrangements were made for individual Members of the Executive to attend OSB.

5. This gave Board Members the opportunity to hear first hand from each Executive Member on matters such as their aims and aspirations, objectives and priorities and also any emerging issues or pressures directly relating to their portfolio. It also presented an opportunity for the Board to identify or highlight any issues of concern or difficulty - for example in respect of service areas where performance had fallen short of targets, or where objectives had not been achieved - and to question what actions were planned to address such issues.
6. Over recent years Executive Members have attended the Board meeting and presented their intentions to OSB.
A schedule detailing the attendance is attached at **Appendix 1**. OSB Members will see that the Executive Member for Community Protection, Councillor Cllr J Rostron, is to attend the current meeting of the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. It is **RECOMMENDED** as follows:
 - I. That Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board are updated on the work of the Executive Member for Community Protection.
 - II. That Board Members take the opportunity to question the Executive Member, Councillor J Rostron, in respect of the issues which arise at the meeting.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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APPENDIX 1

| Date of OSB | Executive Member/Portfolio |
|--------------------|--|
| 29 June 2010 | Cllr N Walker, Resources |
| 27 July 2010 | Cllr C Rooney, Regeneration and Economic Development |
| 24 August 2010 | Cllr M Carr, Children, Families & Learning |
| 2 September 2010 | Quarterly Outturn Meeting |
| 21 September 2010 | Cllr B Coppinger, Social Care |
| 19 October 2010 | Cllr J Rostron, Community Protection |
| 16 November 2010 | Cllr B Thompson, Public Health and Sport |
| 18 November | Quarterly Outturn Meeting |
| 7 December 2010 | Cllr P Thompson, Streetscene and Transport |
| 11 January 2011 | Cllr D Budd, Deputy Mayor |
| 8 February 2011 | The Mayor, Ray Mallon |
| 8 March 2011 | |
| 15 March 2011 | Quarterly Outturn Meeting |
| 5 April 2011 | |

