Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10 April 2017

Is the final decision on the recommendations in this report to be made at this meeting?

Portfolio Holder Plans and Progress – Communities and Wellbeing

Final Decision-Maker	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Lynne Weatherly, Communities and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder
Lead Director	Paul Taylor, Director of Change and Communities
Head of Service	Adam Chalmers, Head of Communities and Engagement Gary Stevenson, Head of Environment and Street Scene, Kevin Hetherington (Project Executive) Community Hubs
Lead Officer/Report Author	Nick Peeters, Scrutiny and Performance Officer
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	All

This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

1. That the update report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Engagement and the 2016/17 Portfolio Holder Statement be noted.

This report relates to the following Five Year Plan Key Objectives:

This report links to all areas of the Five Year Plan

- A Prosperous Borough
- A Green Borough
- A Confident Borough

Committee Members can consider whether the current ambitions of the Portfolio Holder are adequate and appropriate steps are in place to deliver the Five Year Plan.

Timetable		
Meeting	Date	
Overview and Scrutiny	10 April 2017	

Yes

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 In 2012-13, it was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would meet with each of the Portfolio Holders to talk about progress made towards the Council's corporate priorities.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are keen to understand from the Portfolio Holder his or her ambitions for the year, the aspiration as to how that ambition will be realised and then to ascertain whether it has been achieved. In particular, Portfolio Holders should focus on how our residents and businesses will see a difference as a result of the actions the Council has taken. The meetings are an opportunity for the Portfolio Holder, in their own words, to explain to the Committee and the public how the Council has made a difference

3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

3.1 The Portfolio Holder's plans and progress update is for information purposes and the committee will be asked to note the content of the report. However, members may wish to ask questions of the Portfolio Holder and if necessary, ask that additional information be provided to the Committee at a later date.

4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee and the Portfolio Holder will work together to identify the best ways of doing things in the future - based on learning from past successes, and how the Overview and Scrutiny Committee can help with achieving the Five Year Plan. The Committee would also like to provide effective scrutiny, including opportunities for public engagement and help ensure that the outcomes provide value for money and improvements to public services.

5. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

5.1 The views of the Committee and the responses provided by Portfolio Holder will be detailed in the minutes of the meeting and on the Council's website.

6. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off (name of officer and date)
Legal including Human Rights Act	There are no legal or Human Rights implications resulting directly from the recommendations in the report	Estelle Culligan, Interim Head of Mid-Kent Legal Partnership
Finance and other resources	There are no financial implications resulting directly from the recommendation in the report	Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement
Staffing establishment	There is no direct impact on staffing levels as a result of the recommendations in the report.	Nicki Carter, Human Resources Manager
Equalities	There is no apparent equality impact on end users resulting from the recommendation in the report.	Sarah Lavallie, Equalities Officer

7. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report: Appendix A: Communities and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Statement 2016-17

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Five Year Plan

<u>Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Revised Five Year Plan – Draft for Consultation</u> – considered by the Communities Cabinet Advisory Board (22 March 2017) ahead of public consultation in April/May