

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 November 2019

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

Yes

Portfolio Holder Update: Finance and Governance

Final Decision-Maker	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Tom Dawlings – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance
Lead Director	Lee Colyer – Director of Finance, Policy and Development Stephen McGinnes – Director of Mid Kent Services
Head(s) of Service	Jane Fineman – Head of Finance and Procurement Finbar Gibbons – Head of Policy and Governance Nicky Carter – Head of HR, Customer Services and Culture Sheila Coburn – Head of Revenues and Benefits (MKS) Chris Woodward – Head of ICT (MKS) Rich Clarke – Head of Internal Audit (MKS) Patricia Narebor – Head of Legal (MKS)
Lead Officer/Author	Mark O’Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer
Classification	Non-exempt
Wards affected	All

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

That the Portfolio Holder’s update be noted.

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

This report links to all areas of the Five Year Plan

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

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny	18 November 2019

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee meets with the Cabinet Portfolio Holders throughout the municipal year to discuss the progress made towards the Council's priority projects.
 - 1.2 Statements are attached at Appendix A to the report detailing the Portfolio Holders responsibilities, partnership involvement, plans and strategies and projects over the year ahead.
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2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is keen to understand from the Portfolio Holders their ambitions for the year ahead and how that ambition will be realised. In particular, Portfolio Holders should focus on how our residents, businesses and visitors to the borough will see a difference as a result of the actions the Council has taken. The meetings are an opportunity for the Portfolio Holders, in their own words, to explain to the Committee and the public how the Council has made a difference to the lives of residents in the borough.
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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 Holders and if necessary, ask that additional information be provided to the Committee at a later date.
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4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee and the Portfolio Holders 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.
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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.
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6. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	The report is for information. As there are no decisions from this report there are no implications.	Mark O'Callaghan, Scrutiny and Engagement Officer 06 November 2019
Finance and other resources		
Staffing establishment		
Risk management		
Data protection		
Environment and sustainability		
Community Safety		
Health and Safety		
Health and wellbeing		
Equalities		

7. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- Appendix A – Portfolio Holder Statement

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None