

Report to **Policy and Performance Improvement Committee Meeting** -14 April 2025

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Future Attendance at Committee by Portfolio Holders
Purpose of Report	Members to agree the proposed changes to the approach taken by Portfolio Holders and agree the schedule of their attendance at the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee..
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: a) agree the changes to the approach that Portfolio Holders take when attending the Committee; and b) note the proposed schedule of attendance by Portfolio Holders, subject to their availability

1.0 Background

1.1 At the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee meeting held on 29 January 2024, Members agreed a process for Portfolio Holders to be invited to meetings of the Committee. This enabled the Portfolio Holder to brief the Committee on their remit and current and future plans and projects. It would also offer the Committee opportunity to ask focussed questions of the Portfolio Holder.

1.2 Portfolio Holders attended in the following order and dates.

- 4 March 2024 - Councillor Paul Peacock (Strategy, Performance & Finance)
- 24 June 2024 - Councillor Lee Brazier (Housing)
- 2 September - Councillor Paul Taylor (Public Protection & Community Relations)
- 28 October 2024 - Councillor Rowan Cozens (Heritage, Culture & the Arts)
- 25 November 2024 - Councillor Emma Oldham (Climate & the Environment)
- 10 February 2025 - Councillor Susan Crosby (Health, Wellbeing & Leisure)
- 10 March 2025 – Councillor Claire Penny (Sustainable Economic Development)

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

2.1 It is proposed to continue regular updates from Portfolio Holders now with the inclusion of the Leader of the opposition and some changes to the approach taken by them at the Committee meeting.

- The committee will be asked for any specific area of the portfolio that they would like to be updated on.
- The Portfolio Holder will be asked to produce a short report/memo in answer to that question, which they will present back to the Committee during their attendance at the Committee, this should last no longer than 5 mins and should not be a PowerPoint presentation.
- It will then be open for any questions from the Committee.

It is proposed that the order of the Portfolio Holders and Cabinet Members will be:

- Councillor Paul Peacock (Strategy, Performance & Finance)
- Councillor Jack Kellas (Leader of the Conservative Group)
- Councillor Paul Taylor (Public Protection & Community Relations)
- Councillor Rowan Cozens (Heritage, Culture & the Arts)
- Councillor Simon Forde (Climate & the Environment)
- Councillor Susan Crosby (Health, Wellbeing & Leisure)
- Councillor Claire Penny (Sustainable Economic Development)
- Councillor Lee Brazier (Housing)

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendation's, officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- **PPIC Report 29 January 2024** - Attendance by Portfolio Holders to Future Meetings of the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee