

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
6 January 2021

Scrutiny of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To hear from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre on his main priorities and challenges for the 2020/21 municipal year, including Council Plan performance.

2 Action required

- 2.1 To use the information received at the meeting from Councillor Sam Webster, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre to inform questioning and identify potential areas for future scrutiny.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The key responsibilities for the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre are:

Finance and Resources

Finance

Health and Safety

Risk Management

Collection of Council Tax and NNDR

Housing and Council Tax Benefits

Income Generation and Commercialisation

Commissioning and Procurement

City Centre Management

City Centre Retail Management

Licensing and Environmental health

Trading Standards

Taxi Strategy

Business & Growth

Growth Plan Delivery

Business Support, Development and Liaison

Inward Investment

Social Enterprise and Enterprise Development

Creative Quarter

- 3.2 On 11 November 2019 the Council Plan was approved by full Council, and guides the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of its key priorities for the city until May 2023.

- 3.3 It includes five key objectives:
- Build or buy 1,000 Council or social homes for rent
 - Create 15,000 new jobs for Nottingham people
 - Build a new Central Library, making it the best children's library in the UK
 - Cut crime, and reduce anti-social behaviour by a quarter
 - Ensure Nottingham is the cleanest big city in England and keep neighbourhoods as clean as the city centre.
- 3.4 In addition, a total of 185 pledges are included under five key headings:
- Nottingham People – support for children, young people, students, families , older people, education and health
 - Living in Nottingham – making Nottingham clean and green, improving transport, housing and providing opportunities
 - Growing Nottingham – developing neighbourhoods and the city centre, creating jobs and training opportunities and supporting businesses and inward investment
 - Respect for Nottingham – tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and supporting strong local communities
 - Serving Nottingham better – improving council services and promoting equality.
- 3.5 Councillor Sam Webster will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss his main priorities and challenges for the 2020/21 municipal year, and performance against the elements of the Council Plan that he is responsible for.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 None.

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 Council Plan 2019-23.

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All.

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