

Scrutiny Committee

28 June 2016

Cabinet Member Update: Leader of the Council



Lead Member: Councillor Margaret Smith
Leader of the Council

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Cabinet Portfolio Responsibilities

- ▶ Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance.
- ▶ Strategic Partnerships.
- ▶ Strategic Personnel and Organisational Development including Member Induction and Development
- ▶ Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion Monitoring and Performance
- ▶ National, Regional and sub-regional Borough Promotion.
- ▶ Effective Communications and Public Relations
- ▶ Corporate Governance, Mayoralty and Democratic arrangements

Cabinet portfolio links to Corporate Plan 2016/2017

Priorities:	Strong South Ribble in the heart of a prosperous Central Lancashire	Strong and Healthy Communities	Efficient, effective and exceptional council
Objectives:	5. Work with partners to drive forward City Deal, Enterprise, Growth, Regeneration and improvement programmes 7. Explore the possibility of a combined authority.	-	12. Continue to develop a high quality, motivated and flexible workforce.
Key Actions:	13. Work with partners to deliver and maximise the jobs, skills and procurement benefits derived from the agreed Preston, South Ribble, Lancashire City Deal, including promoting and marketing the Borough.	15. Support Members to fulfil their role as community leaders. 17. Implement our equality and diversity action plan.	21. Seek to continually improve, ensuring that council services are fit for purpose and customer focused. 22. Effectively develop the organisation through a committed, skilled and motivated workforce. 23. Establish

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			<p>opportunities to develop effective collaborative working with partners.</p> <p>26. Deliver the 'we're going digital' business transformation strategy, explore delivery methods and maximise the use of e-communications.</p>
Measures of Success:	<p>6. Deliver the range of City Deal initiatives as outlined in the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p>	<p>11. 80% of members satisfied with development opportunities.</p> <p>13. 90% of residents satisfied overall with the local area as a place to live</p>	<p>17. 88% of residents satisfied with the Council</p> <p>18. External assessment: - Customer Service Excellence - Investors in People</p> <p>22. 96% staff satisfied with the Council as an employer</p>

Vision and Priorities of the Cabinet Member

- Continual improvement across all services
- Shaping the discussion regarding Combined Authorities
- Further development of the modernisation agenda
- Enhancing our communication approach in ways that embraces social media

Portfolio Achievements

- See Year End Performance Report elsewhere on the Scrutiny agenda demonstrating:
 - High levels of customer satisfaction

- Good track-record of delivering the Council's corporate plan and meeting performance indicators / success measures
- Positive financial performance and management of risk in a challenging climate
- City Deal
- South Ribble Partnership
- Promoting South Ribble as a place across the Borough, County and region
- Investors in People (Gold)
- Customer Service Excellence
- Delivering the Member Development Plan and retaining the North West Employers' Organisation Member Development Charter

Future Portfolio Challenges / Emerging Key Issues

- Devolution – opportunities to influence the changing face of local government
- Public Sector Efficiency Agenda
- Changes to service provision from Lancashire County Council following rationalisation
- Borough promotion and engaging with local economies – developing ever-closer links with partners to ensure the local economy continues to thrive, creating jobs and maintaining high levels of employment
- Developing our corporate communications strategy and maximising the use of social media/new technology

Overall Cabinet Member Summary / Comments

- Good progress continues to be made across the Council and in the Leader's portfolio.
- Proactive work to engage with partner organisations to progress the interests of South Ribble and the Council continues.
- Clear commitment to continuing to improve and learn to achieve the Council's vision of making South Ribble a great place to live, work, visit and play!

Background Information

The Leader of the Council regularly attends the Scrutiny Committee to answer the Committee's questions on elements of her portfolio, including:

- ▶ Draft and Final Corporate Plan
- ▶ Six-monthly and Year-end Performance Report
- ▶ Our People Plan
- ▶ Member Development Plan
- ▶ South Ribble Partnership (as Vice-chair)
- ▶ Plus other issues such as on Combined Authorities and other corporate issues as necessary