Agenda Item No. 6

16 June 2016

Areas of focus for 2016/17

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Councillor S. Coughlan - Leader Councillor Jeavons – Deputy Leader and Regeneration Councillor Jones – Clean and green Councillor J. Fitzpatrick – Community, leisure and culture Councillor Nawaz – Personnel and business support Councillor Shires – Agenda for Change

Report:

The purpose of this item is to provide relevant background information for Members so that the Panels areas of focus can be agreed for 2016/17.

It is important for Members to consider the wide range of potential issues within their remit which they could consider during the year.

When agreeing items, it is important that consideration is given to the level of value the Panel could add taking into account the tools and performance measures available to support them in their work.

The Chair has considered a wide range of issues that cover the committees remit and he has made some suggestions for the committee to consider during the year ahead. These can be found at Appendix 1.

At the meeting the Chair has requested a presentation from senior officers to brief the committee regarding their overall areas of responsibilities.

Recommendations:

That Member's consider the range of issues within the remit of the Committee and agree to the Chair's suggested priority areas of focus for 2016/17 as outlined in the suggestions table that he has set out in appendix 1. Contact Officer: Craig Goodall Committee Business and Governance Manager [™] 01922 654765 [™] craig.goodall@walsall.gov.uk

Chairs Suggestions for 2016/17 Areas of Focus

Potential Items to be added to work programme list

- Unauthorised encampments (to be considered at second meeting)
- Libraries

Standing Items

- Network Rail Electrification (representatives from Network Rail to be invited to attend)
- Willenhall Economic Regeneration Strategy
- Enterprise Zone
- Implementation of new refuse collection

Potential Working Groups

- Remembrance Day Parades focusing on communication between event organisers and other agencies
- Unauthorised encampments
- Derelict Buildings review the process of dealing with owners and taking action and the implementation of new government legislation

Style of meeting

- Portfolio Holders to present reports
- Room layout to be board room style with portfolio holders sat at the table