

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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For the period July 2020 to September 2020

### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

#### **Democratic Services:**

The Democratic Services team continues to be very busy arranging and supporting remote committee meetings. The majority of meetings are now on schedule and working parties and panels are also now convening following a 'pause' during the pandemic. Attendance by elected members at these meetings remains very high and subscribers to the Council's e-democracy YouTube channel continues to rise steadily, along with the number of views for each meeting, which in some cases is over 150.

### **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

#### **Democratic Services:**

We are looking at options for providing training and support remotely to Members. Initially, provision will focus on mental health and wellbeing and Unconscious Bias / equality and diversity – following the support at Council in June for the Black Lives Matter motion.