

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 20 JANUARY 2022
7.00 PM

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Committee Members:

Councillors: G Casey (Chair), I Ali, A Dowson, C Fenner (Vice Chairman), T Haynes, I Hussain, S Lane, N Moyo, L Robinson, B Rush and H Skibsted

Substitutes: Councillors: J Allen, S Hemraj, and A Shaheed

Co-opted Members: Note: The following Education Co-opted members are Members of the Scrutiny Committee and can vote when education matters are discussed.

Peter Cantley, Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education

Flavio Vettese, (Deputy Director of Schools), Roman Catholic Church, Diocese of East Anglia

Julie O'Connor, Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia (sub for Flavio Vettese)

Peter French, Peterborough Diocesan Board of Education (sub for Peter Cantley)

Non Statutory Co-opted Members:

Alistair Kingsley, Independent Co-opted Member (Non-voting)

Mohammed Younis, Independent Co-opted Member (Non-voting)

Sameena Aziz, Independent Co-opted Member (Non-voting)

Parish Councillor June Bull, Independent Co-opted Member (Non-voting)

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**MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 7.00PM ON
THURSDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2021
VENUE: SAND MARTIN HOUSE, PETERBOROUGH**

Committee Members Present: Councillors G Casey (Chair), I Ali, A Dowson, T Haynes, S Hemraj, D Jones, N Moyo, L Robinson, B Rush

Co-opted Members: Sameena Aziz, Parish Councillor June Bull, Peter Cantley, Flavio Vettese, Al Kingsley

Officers Present: Lou Williams, Director, Children's Services
Jonathan Lewis – Service Director, Education
Kathryn Goose, Head of children and young people's mental health commissioning and transformation (C&PCCG)
Carol Anderson, Chief Nurse, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Also Present: Councillor Lynn Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education, Skills and University
Councillor Ray Bisby, Cabinet Advisor to Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education, Skills and University

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fenner, Councillor Imtaiz Ali, Cllr Lane and Councillor Hussain. Cllr Hemraj attended as substituted for Cllr Imtaiz Ali.

Apologies for absence were also received from Co-opted Member Mohammed Younis.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of interest or whipping declarations received.

21. MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 6th September 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

22. CALL IN OF ANY CABINET, CABINET MEMBER OR KEY OFFICER DECISIONS

There were no call-ins received at this meeting.

23.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Chief Nurse accompanied by the Head of Children and Young People's mental health commissioning and transformation introduced the report. The report provided the committee with information regarding mental health services provided to children and young people.

The committee were informed that since the pandemic there had been an unprecedented increase in the number of referrals for mental health services. The children being presented were also acutely unwell and much sicker than they had previously been, children's mental health was complex.

The Children's Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHST) had provided continuing and valuable support during the pandemic. By the end of 2024 there would be ten teams in place across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

YOUnited a new early intervention service had started on 1st July 2021. It was a jointly commissioned service between Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council. YOUnited was a partnership between Cambridge and Peterborough Foundation NHS Trust, Cambridgeshire Community Services, Centre 33, and Ormiston Families. The service had a central referral hub by which professionals could refer children and young people for a range of mental health concerns.

There had been a significant increase in young people presenting with eating disorders which had been a reflection of the national picture.

A revised delivery model for the children's crisis service commenced in April 2021. It has provided mental health crisis support for those aged up to 17 years who were at immediate risk to self or others, those at risk of a mental health hospital admission, those experiencing an acute psychological or emotional distress that was impacting significantly on their daily activities. The service provided assessment for those children and young people in a mental health crisis in either the emergency department or in the community.

In addition, a home treatment team was being development to provide more intensive home support for a defined period of time. The aim of the team was to provide support for up to 4 – 6 weeks following assessment. The team was currently being recruited to and once there was sufficient staff in post the service would commence delivery.

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- Members noted that there were lots of different organisations involved and wanted to know who was co-ordinating the service provision and where the budget for recruitment came out of. The Head of Children and Young People's Mental Health Commissioning and Transformation advised that part of her role was to work with the various organisations and providers. The website 'Keep Your Head' was used to keep all of the information together in one place and one of the small charity organisations was commissioned to keep the website working and up to date. However, information on the links to other individual organisations websites was reliant on them keeping their own websites up to date.
- Funding was complicated and sat in different places and the priority was to ensure that the voice of children and young people was heard. There were elements of

recurrent and non-recurrent funding, some of which was pump primed and had to be bid for. Some small schemes were non-recurrent funding and were put in place due to a current pressure and therefore would not be needed going forward.

- Members sought further clarification on data for eating disorders. Was there a metric around timeliness of referrals and what was the average response time? Members were informed that all routine referrals that came through YOUnited were screened within 48 hours to assess the risk and if the case needed to be escalated. The ambition with YOUnited was that all young people would be assessed within 4 weeks. NICE guidance stated that urgent cases for eating disorders should be seen within a week and routine cases within four weeks. Currently urgent cases were being seen within ten days, but the challenge was that the routine cases were having to wait longer than four weeks and nearer to eight weeks and those that were initially routine were becoming more poorly, and therefore becoming urgent. The service was therefore looking at different models that might include the use of various technology to support families during that time and also group support.
- Members wanted to know what percentage of referrals were deemed urgent compared to non-urgent referrals. The Officer advised that the information was not at hand and would respond after the meeting.
- Members sought clarification on the status of the current Local Transformation Plan (LTP) with regard to the challenges of population growth, diversity, deprivation and mental health ratios now that mental health cases had risen considerably. Members were informed that the Local Transformation Plan would come to an end this year. A link within the report provided a summary of where the work had got to on the LTP. Work had commenced on what work needed to be done next and data was being collected on all areas that the councillor had identified. There was also a need to think about inequalities and how standards could be raised for those groups affected. There would be a period of consultation with all groups and the voice of young people and what they wanted would be key.
- Members referred to neurodevelopmental pathways and wanted to know how well the system was performing under the current pressures and if it had been impacted by Covid. Members were informed that Covid had impacted waiting times. Peterborough had worked with a range of online providers to see if they could assist with delivering services online, some of the parenting programmes were being delivered online. Some of the neurodevelopment assessments had to be done face to face which had proved to be a challenge during the pandemic. The waiting time had not reached two years as yet.
- Members referred to Schools Based Support and wanted to know if there had been any schools which had been identified as exemplars for best practice in promoting the health and wellbeing of their staff and pupils and sharing what they did. Members were informed that there had been exemplars of good practice and in particular a school in Cambridgeshire who had a very good protocol and thought about the whole school approach. This was where the Mental Health Competency Framework came from.
- Were there any updates on the work that the Peterborough YMCA were doing in collaboration with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and the personal, social, and health education service (PSHE) to develop a training programme for staff, and teaching resources for staff to use with pupils with eating disorders? Members were informed that the YMCA work was being led by Public Health and an update could be provided after the meeting.
- It was up to individual schools to come forward and ask for support from the Mental Health Support Teams (MHST). There were some national elements required to be

in place like space and being a supervisory school but also the willingness to engage in the process.

- Tier 4 Mental health inpatient beds were commissioned on a national basis and managed by a regional network of providers called a Provider Collaborative, this included children inpatient eating disorder beds and child and adolescent mental health inpatient beds, as well as some adult mental health provision. If a bed was not available locally then one would be sought as close to home as possible depending on the needs of the individual and bed availability at the time.
- Short term funding support had been given to some voluntary organisations who had been struggling through the pandemic.
- Transition workers were available to assist young people transitioning from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) to adult services.
- Members wanted to know what was being done to capture accurate data and measure the impact of the pandemic to ensure this was fed into the Mental Health Strategy to ensure the best possible support for children and young people in the future. Members were informed that a lot of research was being conducted and that it was still too early to understand the true impact of the pandemic. The longer term impact was still being assessed as was the rise in eating disorder cases and whether this would decline after the pandemic or was this the new normal.
- Members commented that the BAME community had been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and wanted to understand what was being done regarding a culturally sensitive approach to support young people whose family had been affected by Covid. Was the team working with these communities reflective of the ethnic backgrounds? The Officer advised that she would have to check with the service providers as to what the cultural diversity was in their teams. It was hoped that the workforce of local charities would be more reflective of their communities. NHS workforces must report annually on age, demographics and diversity of their workforce and the results of this would be published in March. Officers advised that services had historically been delivered in a standard way and needed to be adapted more to suit the needs of the communities to which they were being delivered. Covid had assisted in moving this forward and allowed some services to be delivered in a more flexible way.

The Chair thanked the officers for attending the meeting to present their report and for answering questions from members of the Committee.

ACTIONS AGREED

1. The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report along with the transformation and challenges that were facing children and young people's mental health provision.
2. The Committee requested that the Head of Children and Young People's Mental Health Commissioning and Transformation provide the following information:
 - What percentage of referrals were deemed urgent compared to non-urgent referrals, and;
 - Updates on the work that the Peterborough YMCA were doing in collaboration with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and the personal, social, and health education service (PSHE) to develop a training programme for staff and teaching resources for staff to use with pupils with eating disorders.

24. ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS REPORT 2020/21

As the Customer Service Manager was unable to attend the meeting the Director of Children's Services introduced the report which had been brought to the committee to allow Members to scrutinise complaints received under the Children's (Social Care) Services statutory complaints process.

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- Members noted that there had been a significant reduction in Stage 1 complaints during 2020/21. It was also noted that to relieve pressure on services during the first lockdown most complaint processes had been put on hold during this period. Members sought clarification as to how the figures were being compared with previous years. Members were informed that it had been difficult to compare to previous years due to the impact of pandemic and the figures should be treated as standalone for this year.
- Members sought clarification as to what training had been offered to staff on such things as showing empathy, using stereotypical language or being abrupt. The Director of Children's Services explained the different complaint category types and advised that they were set categories. The figures for staff attitude and conduct had been lower than in previous years. The nature of a social workers role required empathy however if a member of staff had consistently been the cause of complaint, then further training would be provided, and monitoring put in place. The role of a social worker included continuous learning.
- Members noted that there was a budget for complaint handling and a budget holder that managed it and wanted to know if the system was robust. Members were informed that the Customer Service Manager was the budget holder. Very few complaints went through to the Local Government Ombudsmen. The level of investigation costs and compensation payments could fluctuate dependent on the number of complaints and their outcomes and at times the budget may need to be adjusted accordingly.
- Members were pleased to note that the number of compliments had exceeded the number of complaints and the number of complaints had decreased. Members noted the following statement within the report *"in Peterborough we see a higher proportion of complaints coming from children and young people than many other councils. This illustrates that there is clear signposting of young people in care to the complaints process and to advocacy services by our social workers"*. Clarification was sought as to whether this meant that sign posting was less in other councils or that it was indicating an underlying systemic issue. Members were informed that the process was intended to make it easier for children and young people to come forward with complaints. There was no evidence of any systemic issues. There were many ways of knowing if the children and young people were okay, one of which was through the visits of the Independent Review Officers who were usually long serving employees. An Independent Review Officer was allocated to a child in care and stayed with that child throughout their time in care, they also managed their case reviews. If there was any indication that the child was unhappy the Independent Review Officer would escalate the issue immediately. The Children in Care Council was also very active and would have the opportunity to highlight any issues on behalf of other children. There was also an Independent Advocacy Service for children in care.
- Members were informed that there were a number of ways that learning was taken from the complaints process. Quarterly performance meetings were held and themes

from complaints were looked at and discussed to see what lessons could be learnt and training that might be needed.

ACTIONS AGREED

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to note the report and made no further recommendations for further scrutiny.

25. SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT, EDUCATION INCORPORATING THE PORTFOLIO PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, EDUCATION, SKILLS AND THE UNIVERSITY

The Cabinet Member introduced the report accompanied by the Director for Education and Cabinet Advisor.

The purpose of the report was to outline the latest position on Education in Peterborough and provide a progress report on the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and University portfolio. The challenge of Covid-19 remained but the report also outlined other key areas of progress in the continual focus on improving educational outcomes.

The Cabinet Member advised that she had not been allowed to visit schools due to Covid but had attended many meetings online and had been constantly kept up to date. The Cabinet Member had been very impressed with staff in both children's services and the education service and wished to note her thanks for their dedication and hard work during these challenging times. Many social workers had continued with face to face work even during Covid which had been challenging. Education staff had been sending out daily emails to assist and support schools during Covid.

The Director for Education gave a brief overview of the report.

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- Members referred to the Survey of Schools which was conducted every three years and the feedback received which had shown significant improvement in the creditability of the LA, but also highlighted a number of areas for further development. Members referred to paragraph 4.17 which had listed the 10 questions with the lowest scoring responses which seemed to refer to SEND and the most vulnerable people. Clarification was sought with regard to the numbers within the tables giving an example of 2.4 listed against *"The effectiveness of your LA's co-ordination of the admissions process"* for 2021. Members were informed that the survey was based upon the former Audit Commission survey of LA education services which had graded questions on a 4-point measure e.g. 1 for Poor, 2 for Adequate, 3 for Good and 4 for Excellent. Each statement in the survey was graded on one of the 4 points, the scores were then averaged to provide an overall score. Whilst the areas highlighted had low scores, they had shown some improvement since the last survey but there was still more work to be done.
- Members referred to the School Improvement Strategy and the work being done on school to school support and sought clarification as to whether this support also applied to academies. The Director for Education advised that it did apply to academies and that working together was key and the way forward.
- Members referred to the Written Statement of Action for SEND and noted that one of the areas for improvement was noted as *"Early support is well embedded for children in early years but does not follow through in all areas of the lives of children and young people as they get older. It takes too long for children, young people and families to get the support they need"*. Members praised the wonderful team of staff supporting

children with special educational needs but noted that it was a small team. Members were concerned that the current rise in demand for the service may continue and that the current team may not be able to cope and wanted to know how they would respond. Members were advised that the increase in demand was related to Covid and there had been an increase in complexity of need that had not been seen before. It was a trend that needed to be planned for and some work had already been done on growing trajectories one of which was severe learning difficulties. The plan was to increase capacity in teams where demand was high.

- Covid-19 Response. The Director advised Members that the LA had been working closely with the vaccination provider looking at areas where either consent was low or where there would be challenges. Data was available on who had received the vaccines but there was no data available yet on those that had had Covid to match those who had had the vaccine. The main focus was to improve the vaccination rates and information was being sent out to parents to advise them on this and where vaccinations could be provided.
- Members referred to the section on “*Demand for Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)*” and noted that some wards had got zero places available and sought clarification as to why. Members were informed that research had taken place on demand and what types of activities parents were looking for and looked at existing providers and what they could offer. Unfortunately, some areas of the city did not have existing providers, youth clubs or school provision which had meant limited availability in some areas. The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) would be supporting this for two years which will enable the programme of activities to grow. The most deprived areas were being looked at to see how activities can be provided going forward.
- Members referred to the School Improvement Strategy and wanted to know what was new in the strategy that would make a difference to drive schools to make the necessary improvements to bring the outcomes to above national average. Members were informed that the strategy made it very clear as to what the LA responsibilities were. The previous version lacked clarity on how the LA would intervene, but this was now much clearer. There was also a section on the LA’s focus and priorities.
- Members were concerned to note that as a result of retirement and recruitment challenges in a highly competitive market, the LA had been unable to recruit to a number of key roles, including the Assistant Director School Improvement and Educational Psychologists. Members wanted to know what impact this was having on current provision and reaching this year's targets as stated in the report. Had temporary appointments or secondments been considered? Members were informed that recruitment had been incredibly challenging and the vacancy for the Assistant Director role had been vacant for approximately two half to three years. An Ofsted Inspector had been seconded into the role for a year which had made a difference but since then the service has had to manage without anyone in post. Another advert had gone out recently and there had been a strong response so hopefully the position would be filled in the near future. A lot of work was being done with the HR teams and resources were being shared with Cambridgeshire CC and a more targeted marketing approach was being looked at for the more challenging roles that needed to be filled.
- Members sought clarification as to what approach was being taken to ensure that educational buildings were carbon neutral by 2030 and how this would be pursued at strategic and operational level. The Director advised that Peterborough was an environmental city and the educational buildings that had been built had always had a strong element of carbon management and environmental features but acknowledged that it would be a challenge going forward under the current financial situation. The councils Climate Team were working with and sharing resources with

schools to ensure that the curriculum included information on climate change and carbon management.

- Members noted that SEND needs and mental health challenges were emerging and that the LA would need to respond to support this and broker additional services to support children but that no additional funding was available. Was data being captured to understand this and would this be reflected in the School Improvement Strategy going forward. Members were informed that it had been difficult to capture accurate data during Covid as schools had not been consistent in their approach. The LA had a good track record of collecting data on progress, performance and expected outcomes and this will be collected in January and brought back to the committee at a future meeting. A lot of the schools had engaged with a DfE funded programme to monitor the progress of children during Covid and that had shown that there was a gap in reading and a bigger gap in maths.
- Members noted that the School Improvement Strategy provided support to schools if needed at a cost and sought assurance that the system was fair for schools that may not be able to afford the support. Members were informed that maintained schools were offered a basic school improvement service to them all. Where a school was of concern their financial situation would be taken into account and more support would be offered accordingly. There was a contingency in the budget to allow for this.
- Members noted that the current year 11 intake would be the first year to sit exams since the start of the pandemic and wanted to know if their grades would be adjusted to take account of their disrupted education. How would this be reflected in the tables of achievement for Peterborough. The Director informed Members that it would be very difficult to predict as Covid had affected different parts of the country in different ways. Data had been received throughout Covid based on teacher assessments. Ofqual had advised that examinations would take place in the summer of 2022 but that schools would be required to continue to collect information on students' performance and progress and create a portfolio to allow for the situation where children may not be able to access the exams.
- Members wanted to know if discussions had taken place with Higher Education establishments about the acceptance of students who had had their education disrupted due to Covid. The Director advised that discussions had taken place and schools were focussing on skills, the gap would most likely be knowledge. The Government had therefore announced that they would be putting more money in to 16 to 18 catch up. There would also be a catch programme at universities in the first year.
- Members wished to note the dedication and good work of the School Governors especially during Covid. The Director acknowledged this and felt that their role had been critical during Covid and had been understated.
- Members noted that the multipliers used to calculate demand for school places from children living within new developments underpinned the forecasts for pupil numbers. The forecasts then formed the basis for either negotiation with developers as part of a S106 agreement, to support the Council's case for its infrastructure requirements to be funded via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), or for bids into DfE capital funds. Members sought clarification as to why the average number of children that might reasonably be expected in individual properties was then taken rather than the maximum to allow for growth. The Director responded that he would need to get a formal response from the officers who dealt with this.
- Members referred to paragraph 4.5 of the Peterborough Education Organisation Plan which referred to "*What are the pressures? How are we responding?*" Members noted that The Cambridgeshire Post 16 Review which was published in September 2020 investigated where school leavers in Peterborough continued their Post 16

education and approximately 2% were classed as not in education, employment or training (NEET). Members wanted to know what the impact Covid had had on those not in education, employment or training (NEET). The Director for Children's Services advised that this fell within his remit and would provide a briefing paper.

- Members wanted to know if the measures in place to protect the most vulnerable learners and young people during school holidays were constantly under review. Members were informed that the measures in place were reviewed constantly, and that the Peterborough area was now classed as an enhanced response area which gave the LA additional ability to do more to support the most vulnerable, which included additional support for families during the holidays.
- The Director advised that during the pandemic there had not been much migration into the city but the October School Census would provide accurate information. It was however anticipated that the current baby boom would need to be factored into school place planning in four years' time.

The Chair thanked the Director for Education for all of his emails to schools and the support that had been provided over the last eighteen months which had been greatly appreciated by all schools and school governors.

AGREED ACTIONS

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the position of Education around Covid-19 and wider activities and comment on areas the committee may wish to review moving forward as we move into the next stage of recovery.
2. Provide feedback on the School Improvement Strategy, the updated School Organisation Plan and the Sufficiency Strategy for early years.
3. The Committee requested that:
 - a) The Director for Education provide information on the calculation used to calculate demand for school places and why the average number of children that might reasonably be expected in individual properties was then taken rather than the maximum to allow for growth.
 - b) The Director for Children's Services provide a briefing note on the impact Covid had had on those not in education, employment or training (NEET) Post 16.
 - c) The Director for Education to arrange a training session for the committee on the school funding formula, followed by a report to the committee on school finances at a future meeting.

26. FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Committee received the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan of Executive Decisions, containing decisions which the Leader of the Council anticipated Cabinet or Cabinet Members would take over the following four months. Members were invited to comment on the Forward Plan and where appropriate identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's work programme.

AGREED ACTIONS

1. The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions which identified any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme.

27. WORK PROGRAMME 2021/2022

The Chair introduced the report which considered the work programme for the municipal year 2021/22 and asked the committee if they had any further items that they would wish to be considered for the work programme. No items were suggested at the meeting. The Chair therefore suggested that if items were forthcoming in between meetings that they could be directed to the Senior Democratic Services Officer who would add them to a list for discussion at the next Group Representatives / Agenda Setting meeting.

AGREED ACTIONS

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to note the work programme for 2021/2022.

The date of next meeting was noted as being:

- 20 January 2022 – Children and Education Scrutiny Committee

Chair

7.00pm to 8.50pm

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
20 JANUARY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Chief Officer, Business Board Director of Business & Skills, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Cllr Lynne Ayres - Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University	
Contact Officer(s):	John T Hill, Chief Officer, Business Board Director of Business & Skills, CPCA	Tel. 07542 226979

NEW UNIVERSITY OF PETERBOROUGH

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Chief Officer, Business Board Director of Business & Skills, CPCA	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note and comment on the progress on the establishment of a Phase 1 Teaching Building 2. Note and comment on the progress on the establishment of a Phase 2 Research Building 3. Note and comment on the progress on the establishment of a Phase 3 Teaching Building 4. Note and comment on the outline plans for Phases 4 & 5 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Children & Education Scrutiny Committee following a request from Cllr Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University, that the responsible officer of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, update Committee Members on the process and progress in establishing Phases 1, 2 & 3 of the new University for Peterborough, and on plans to expand the campus further in Phases 4 & 5.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the progress on phases 1 to 3 and plans for phases 4 & 5.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

Education, including

- a) University and higher education;
- b) Youth service;
- c) Careers; and
- d) Special needs and inclusion.

2.3 This report links to the Corporate priorities:

- Improve educational attainment and skills
- To drive growth, regeneration and economic development

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Progress On The Establishment Of A Phase 1 Teaching Building

The budget for the construction of the initial teaching building is for up to £31.3m, which consists of a confirmed investment of £12.3m from the Mayor's Gainshare Fund, £12.4m from the CPCA Business Board's Local Growth Fund and up to £6.5m from ARU. Currently, ARU has committed £3.8m and the remainder provides for a contingency for the build. PCC has also contributed to the project, through the provision of £1.87m worth of land. All partners receive shares in the Peterborough HE Property Company Ltd that will own the building, in proportion to their contribution to it. The university phase 1 building will enable delivery of a curriculum matched to the growth needs of local businesses, providing new opportunities for communities to gain access to higher level skills, better paid employment, and enhanced life-chances. This will be delivered from four core faculties.

1. Faculty of Business, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
2. Faculty of Creative and Digital Arts and Sciences
3. Faculty of Agriculture, Environment and Sustainability
4. Faculty of Health, Education and Social Care

From September 2022 the following thematic areas will deliver a range of courses.

1. Art and Design
2. Creative and Digital
3. Environmental Management
4. Engineering
5. Health
6. Social Care
7. Education
8. Management and Finance

The 72 week programme is 36 weeks in and forecasting completion to schedule in July 2022.

Good progress has been made, with the concrete frame now complete and B+K (the construction contractor) stripping out all of the scaffold supports and props. Works have commenced on the rubbing up of the stair cores and exposed soffit to achieve the specified finish. Waterproofing works around the internal roof upstand have been prioritised with this an important element of works to allow internal works to progress. Façade works have started with the steel framing system (SFS) complete and the curtain walling commenced. All stairs including the central steel staircase have now been installed. B&K have now installed all of the stud work and boarded one side throughout the ground floor, which has allowed early commencement of the mechanical & electrical first fix.

Community communications and engagement has been undertaken with neighbouring home owners with no new issues being raised. Two local newsletters have been distributed to local homes. One work experience placement has taken place with more planned. A meeting has been held recently with the principal of Bishop Creighton Academy and a school project on Peterborough in 25 years has been initiated which will culminate with the burial of a time capsule on site. The contractor launched Time Capsule project at school assembly Fri 22nd October. School visits to be held every Friday afternoon to culminate in the burial of the time capsule towards the end of Nov.

The physical progress can be seen below.

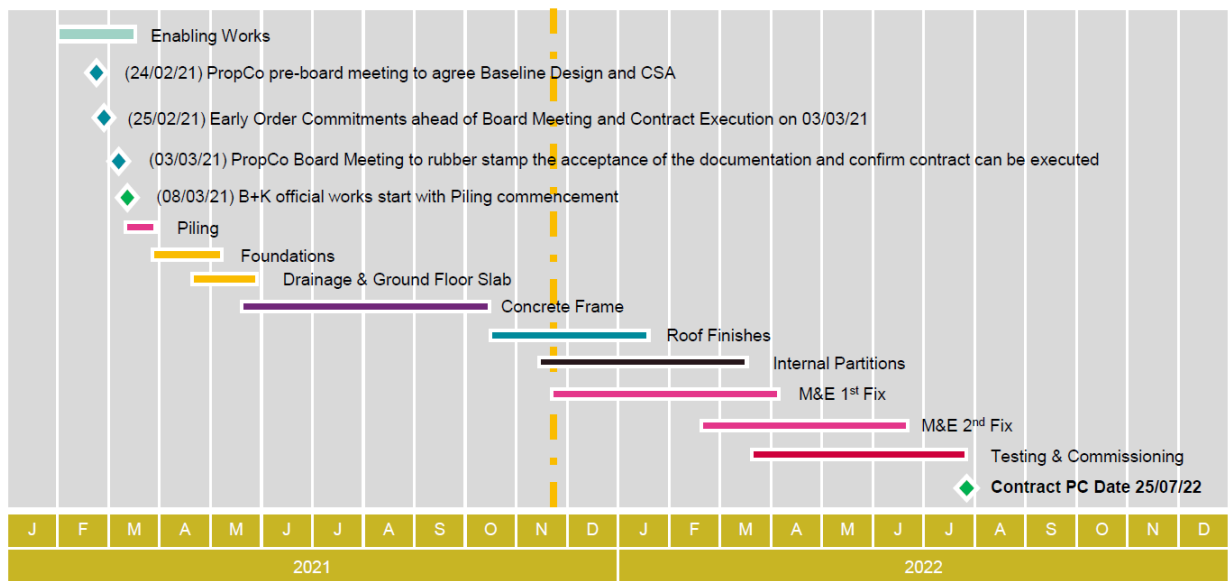


Progress this period

Structure completed including slab, lift walls, stair cores and columns and lecture theatre walls complete, internal partitions and first fix electrical now commenced. Floor screeds commenced w/c 22th Nov

The image shows a detailed architectural floor plan of a building. Four yellow arrows point from specific areas on the plan to four inset photographs. The top-left inset shows a long, narrow hallway with glass-walled elevators. The top-right inset shows a room with concrete walls and a ceiling, with some construction materials on the floor. The bottom-left inset shows a large, open-plan area with a concrete floor and some construction equipment. The bottom-right inset shows a room with a large window and a desk, with some construction materials on the floor.

The schedule to completion is as follows.



4.2 Progress On The Establishment Of A Phase 2 Research Building

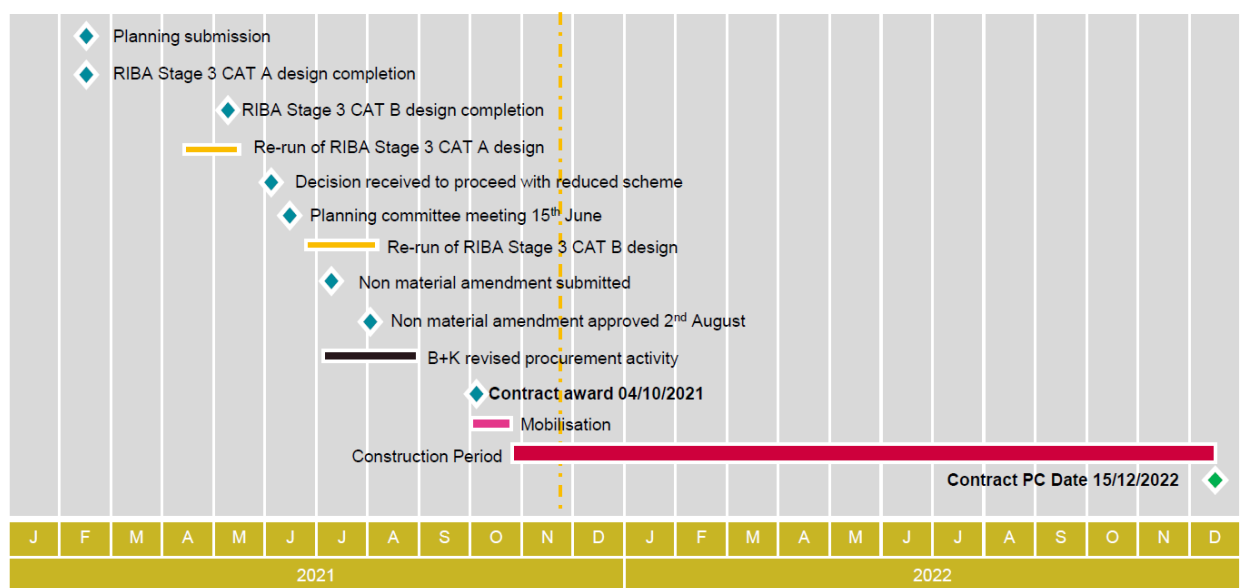
The building will house established and start-up companies developing cutting edge technologies linked to net zero carbon products and equipment development, as well as advanced manufacturing processes to produce them. The anchor tenant, will be Photocentric, developing new 3D printed battery technologies for vehicles. This phase of the University will link academia and industry to establish a net zero research cluster in the very heart of Peterborough, providing a platform for a high value manufacturing innovation eco-system with a Technical University at its core. Photocentric will provide an array of 3D printers making products for many applications with open access to Peterborough University students to learn under trained supervision. The budget for the construction of the initial research building is for up to £15.78m, which consists of a confirmed investment from the CPCA Business Board’s Get Building Fund of £13.78m and £2m from its private sector partner, Photocentric Ltd. Both partners receive shares in the Peterborough R&D Property Company Ltd, that will own the building, in proportion to their contribution to it. The research building will sit within the land sold by PCC to the Phase 1 development, now owned by the Peterborough HE Property Company Ltd. The land required for Phase 2 was purchased (at a pro rata price based on the original land sale). To complement the building, Peterborough City Council (PCC) will contribute up to £500k of borrowings to part fund increased car parking capacity. The CPCA will provide an £800k grant to create a budget to deliver a flat grass-crete car park adjacent to the site.

B+K commenced works on site on 25th October 2021, and practical completion planned for 15th December 2022. Piling works have completed on schedule to allow groundworkers to commence on site in November. Underslab drainage has been installed, ground beams have started to be constructed and waterproofing works have commenced.

The physical progress can be seen below.



The schedule to completion is as follows.



4.3 Progress on the establishment of a Phase 3; Second Teaching Building

On 27th October 2021 Government announced the Comprehensive Spending Review for next 4 years which included news on the allocation of Levelling Up Fund Round 1, including confirmation that the £20m application for University of Peterborough Phase 3 project led by Peterborough City Council was approved. In addition, ARU have committed £4m, CPCA £2m and PCC £2m through transfer of land for shares in the property company.

The joint funds will be invested in combining additional teaching facilities at the campus with the development of new cultural facilities. At the centre of the development is a new landmark cultural asset called The Living Lab, which will be located within a second ARU Peterborough teaching building. The new teaching building will provide STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education to thousands of students, helping to produce a higher-skilled workforce for the city to help generate high quality economic growth and attract cutting-edge industry.

This innovative university-managed space will combine learning with an interactive public science facility and will form the heart of a new University Quarter Cultural Hub, making the city centre a more attractive destination for residents, businesses, and visitors. The Living Lab will be a new open, interactive science lab and education space to creatively engage people (especially young people) in science and technology. Broadening Peterborough's cultural offer, it will provide a window into the city's net zero future through events, exhibitions and flexible learning. The building will provide facilities within the Living Lab building to support a further 1,700 local students. Work on the design of the building and on an Outline Planning application has already started, funded by the cashflow, of the Phase 1 Project.

Outline Plans For Phase 4 To Deliver An Innovation-Ecosystem

4.4

Place Based Innovation Is Key To Levelling-Up

Changing the spatial distribution of economic growth and supporting an increase in innovation-based business growth in the north of the county, was a key recommendation from the CPEIR, giving rise to a key priority within the CPCA's Local Industrial Strategy, to achieve this by:

“Replicating and extending the infrastructure and networks that have enabled Cambridge to become a global leader in innovative growth, creating an economy-wide business support and innovation eco-system to promote inclusive growth”.

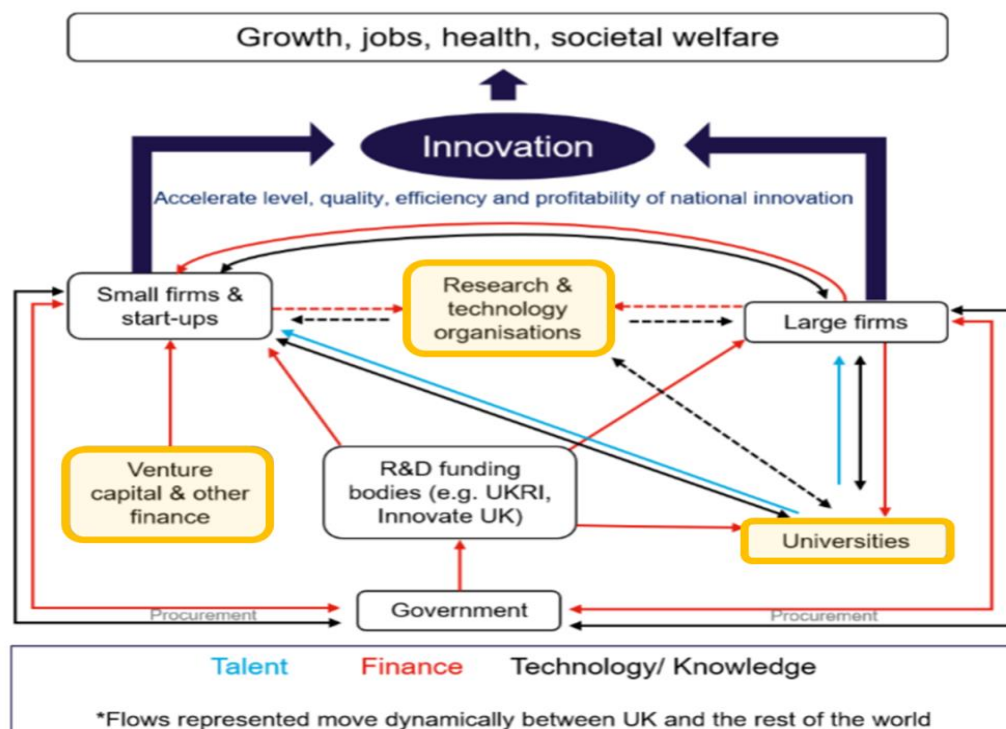
As for several cities in recent years, the establishment of a university and associated innovation eco-system has produced new, local knowledge engines to raise productivity, innovation, and with them, the knowledge intensity of products and businesses. However, replicating the “Cambridge Phenomenon”, that has taken decades to organically evolve and develop, requires a specifically designed and long-term programme of interventions that balance supply of improved human capital with the demand for it, created by indigenous and inward business growth, that is higher value, requiring higher level skills. Research is fundamental to achieving this - it produces the new ideas and technologies that enable entrepreneurs to start up, existing businesses to scale-up; and for new tech-firms to spin-out of academic and research institutions. Peterborough has been held back by a fragmented innovation ecosystem lacking a unifying focus, and a variety and breadth of international R&D taking place in the city, as seen in similar cities such as Rotherham, Coventry and Middlesbrough, possessing large scale research institutes. During the last two decades similar cities with economic and related social disparities across their places have made significant progress in levelling up by employing the dual levers of expanding HE provision and establishing innovation eco-systems in their left-behind places. These initiatives expanded resources from established university centres and research clusters into places with potential, to simultaneously increase the supply of higher-level skills as well as the demand for them. Examples include the simultaneous strengthening of HE delivery and the establishment of innovation eco-systems in:

- Rotherham through establishment of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centre (AMRC <https://www.amrc.co.uk/>) and University Centre Rotherham (UCR) supported by Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Hull.
- Coventry through the establishment of The Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC <https://www.the-mtc.org/>) and expansion of the University of Coventry.
- Middlesbrough through the establishment of the Advanced Manufacturing Park (AMP <https://teesamp.co.uk/>) and expansion of Teeside University.

- Sunderland through the establishment of Sunderland Software City as part of the national Digital Catapult Network (<https://www.sunderlandsoftwarecity.com/what-we-do/innovation-services/> and <https://www.proto.co.uk/article/9280/Immersive-Lab>), and expansion of The University of Sunderland.

All these combined university and innovation ecosystems provide a step change increase in HE provision, and provide highly impactful support to tech start-ups, SME scale-ups and large organisations integrating local firms into global supply chains for new technology enabled products. In Peterborough however, a disconnect between research and industry has hampered innovation in the digital and advanced manufacturing sector that holds the key to a renaissance for the city and its region. Further, the lack of a higher education institution to act as a knowledge engine for the region means that local firms have been cut off from access to key research which could translate into business-level innovation.

The UK Innovation Strategy highlights the vital nature of interactions between universities and businesses for spurring innovation. More broadly, the Innovation Strategy notes that “*innovation occurs in an ecosystem in which companies, research institutions, further education providers, financial institutions, charities, government bodies and many other players interact through the exchange of skills, knowledge and ideas, both domestically and internationally.*”¹ Without a university or research institution to act as a knowledge engine in a place it is unlikely that an innovation ecosystem will be able to form or flourish. The diagram below from the UK Innovation Strategy presents a view of the components required to establish an effective innovation ecosystem in a place. Currently the Peterborough region is missing three (shown in orange) of the six necessary components.



Without deliberate intervention, these missing components are unlikely to form naturally.

¹ UK Innovation Strategy, July 2021

Establishing an innovation ecosystem at pace and scale

Providing a place's residents with access to higher-level skills ultimately has little or no effect on productivity or addressing local levelling up challenges without also stimulating the supply of higher value, good quality jobs for those residents to go into.

One way to provide these good quality jobs in a place is to establish an innovation ecosystem. The innovation ecosystem utilises a knowledge engine, such as a university or Research Institute, to produce new research which disseminates through the ecosystem.² This research is then used by local businesses which are part of the innovation ecosystem, raising local innovative activity, and with it, demand for workers with the higher-level skills to understand and apply the research the knowledge engine creates. The resulting effect is to create more higher-value jobs in a place, which are then filled by higher-skilled residents, ultimately leading to increased productivity and levelling up. Crucially to the wider university programme, a functioning innovation ecosystem will result in steadily increasing demand for higher-skilled workers in a place, which will therefore reinforce the operating model and viability of the University as the provider of industry-relevant higher-level skills in Peterborough.

Research is fundamental to successful innovation ecosystems - it produces the new ideas and technologies that enable entrepreneurs to start up, existing businesses to scale-up, and for new tech-firms to spin-out of academic and research institutions. A crucial lack of access to new research and technology that local businesses can embed into their processes and products to increase business-level innovation is a major reason why productivity and wages in Peterborough remain significantly below national levels.

Successful innovation ecosystems are slow to develop organically without intervention. They are the result of gradual calibrations between the supply of human capital and the demand for it. Cambridge's globally-recognised success as a centre of innovation is the result of progress over decades. The opportunity is for Peterborough to achieve this transformation much faster. Generating a free-flowing exchange of ideas and insights that ensure research is informed by local business' needs will result in the production of commercially driven innovations that improve productivity and products. As well as improving human capital through the University, establishing an effective innovation ecosystem in Peterborough requires concurrent 'top-down' and 'bottom-up' interventions to both increase the amount of R&D produced in the region and to increase the number of businesses accessing and benefiting from that R&D.

The 'bottom-up' approach to rapidly establishing an innovation ecosystem in Peterborough is about stimulating a connected and collaborative base of hi-tech start-up and scale-up businesses in the region. These businesses should hold a shared purpose and should be connected into the local knowledge engine with access to the local talent base supported by the University. In this case this shared purpose is technologies related to the UK's net zero transformation. Phase 2 of this programme responds to the need for a bottom-up approach.

The 'top-down' aspect of the approach is to identify and attract a suitable Research Institute into Peterborough to act as a local knowledge engine, supporting new research and technology development, and catalysing the dissemination of that research into the local business base. Phase 4 provides a model for this top-down approach. The model requires a university at its core, which in this case is the new university in Peterborough, which has established strong links to local businesses through its curriculum development.

² See Metro Dynamics' report 'Place Matters' for a detailed description of this process

The ecosystem is established through a Net Zero Research Programme Consortium, consisting of a small number of large companies with a shared net zero agenda. Much like the Catapult model (<https://catapult.org.uk/>) these large firms form both a community of need for new technologies and industrial sponsor group, contributing funding to a Joint R&D Programme to be carried out in Peterborough and in partnership with local SMEs as potential supply chain partners.

The facilities, equipment and scientists for the delivery of the Joint R&D Programme would be established in Peterborough, by a Programme Host organisation that, again like the Catapults, forms a Membership organisation which binds the industrial sponsors together. In the case of this programme, it would be an existing Research Institute, willing to relocate out from Cambridge, or another established innovation centre, and into Peterborough. This would transplant a successful knowledge engine into the core of the innovation ecosystem in Peterborough. To establish the buildings and equipment to host the R&D Programme in Peterborough, the Research Institute would make capital investments for a new build R&D Facility on the University campus. In the case of this programme this investment would be matched by a contribution from a Shared Prosperity Fund bid. On the basis of this matched funding from Government via the SPF, all Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) from the R&D Programme would be made available to local firms as potential supply chain partners and licensees into other applications.

Driving this IPR into the local advanced manufacturing cluster, will be achieved through a **Cluster Innovation Programme** that will identify opportunities across the IP portfolio for local firms in Peterborough and Fenland to:

- Share the IP, adding value to it, through their product or process technology to win supply chain roles with the individual large firms leading a particular project within the Joint Programme, and relating to a specific net-zero product or production challenge.
- Share the IP, applying it into their own products and processes to create spin-off applications and sales into other global markets and applications.

Through this model the intention is to transplant a key player in the national AI, digital and/or advanced manufacturing innovation ecosystem, from an established UK innovation centre into Peterborough, to act as an integrator of global original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) into a community of need and R&D Programme sponsor group, around enabling manufacturing technologies for net zero applications. This will facilitate at least 100 local SMEs, through bilateral projects to apply or further develop the OEMs' technology, to develop products and supply relationships with global firms they would otherwise have little opportunity to connect into. This place-based innovation eco-system will provide Peterborough and Fenland with a network to support a fully functioning innovation ecosystem: one that attracts, supports and retains innovative manufacturing businesses, enabling spin-out, start-up and scale-up firms to leverage technology and funding through a Joint R&D Programme, to grow and establish themselves in the Peterborough region.

4.5 Outline Plans For Phase 5 To Deliver A Third Teaching Building

Phase 5 is the furthest into the future and hence, least detailed. It relates to the construction of a the third teaching building to be open to students for the 2028/29 academic year. It will expand the University to support growth in student numbers up to 7,000 by 2031, with the potential for significant growth in student numbers in the following decade. Subject to the embankment masterplan conclusions and an outline Planning application, a potential component of Phase 5 might be to enhance and relocate the existing athletics track on the Embankment or elsewhere in Peterborough, extending and enhancing its public use, as well as increasing its utilisation by making it also, a platform for ARU Peterborough Sports Science courses.

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

5.1 It is anticipated that the committee will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the process and progress in establishing Phases 1 and 2 of the new University for Peterborough, and on plans to expand the campus further

6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

6.1 This report is for information and update purposes to ensure that the committee is fully appraised of the process and progress in establishing Phases 1 and 2 of the new University for Peterborough, and on plans to expand the campus further.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7.1 None

8. APPENDICES

8.1 None

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
20 JANUARY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Lou Williams, Service Director of Children's Services and Safeguarding	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Cllr Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University	
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YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Lou Williams, Director of Children's Services	Deadline date: <i>n/a</i>
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the work of the Youth Offending Service (YOS), the wider Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) and Safer Relationships (SAFE) Team 2. Comment on the positive November 2020 HMIP Youth Offending Team Inspection Report (attached at appendix 1) findings and progress made against improvements 3. Note the ways in which vulnerable young people have continued to be supported by the TYSS throughout the pandemic 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee at the request of the Committee group representatives, as part of the 2021/22 committees work programme.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 To provide the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee with an annual overview of the activity and achievements of the YOS and the wider TYSS during 2020/21.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

D) Targeted Youth Support (including youth offending)

2.3 The YOS and wider TYSS priorities and objectives closely aligns with Peterborough's Strategic Objectives in respect of the following priorities:

- Improve educational attainment and skills
- Safeguard vulnerable children and adults
- Keep all our communities safe, cohesive and healthy
- Achieve the best health and wellbeing for the city

2.4 This report links to the Children in care Pledge in respect of:

- support young people into **college and education**
- help encourage young people to be **healthy**
- support young people to have a **good education**

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 This report covers the activity and performance of the wider Targeted Youth Support Service. Targeted Youth Support Service is a multi-agency service that has responsibility for delivering services to vulnerable and at-risk young people at an early help level through to complex adolescent safeguarding. The work of the service is overseen by the Youth Justice Management Board and wider Children’s Safeguarding performance monitoring systems. A summary of the findings of the published November 2020 HMIP Youth Offending Team Inspection Report and progress against the improvement plan is also provided.

4.2 As a result of COVID-19 and the wider Council’s response to the Pandemic a decision was made to move the Targeted Youth Support Service from the Communities and Safety Directorate to Children’s and Safeguarding. This initially took place on an interim basis in April 2020 and was confirmed a permanent arrangement in January 2021, as significant benefits were identified from aligning the service with wider Children’s Services.

4.3 **Youth Offending Team Inspection**

4.3.1 Peterborough HMIP Small Youth Offending Team Inspection Report was published in November 2020 following a virtual inspection that took place in August 2020. The framework included detailed casefile assessments on 13 cases, interviews with YOT Officers and focus groups with youth justice partners. The outcome was very positive with ‘Good’ rating outcomes across all 3 inspection area domains.

4.3.2 The service was assessed with gradings in the following domains:

Domain 1 – Organisational Delivery – (Good)

- Peterborough YOS is well-governed and has the support of a highly committed, resourceful and resilient management team.
- The commitment to partnership working and collaboration is illustrated by the sharing of management staff in key strategic positions across Cambridgeshire County Council and the Peterborough Unitary Authority.
- The YOS board has a clear role in facilitating partnership arrangements which support the quality of services provided.
- There is a skilled and experienced group of operational staff, who are committed to delivering high-quality services. This is complemented by good access to services provided by partner agencies.
- The high-quality management oversight of the work is an outstanding feature of the YOS.

Domain 2 – Court Disposals – (Good)

- The management of cases in the Peterborough YOS was outstanding in terms of assessment, planning and the implementation and delivery of the sentence of the court.
- We found some inconsistency in the quality of case reviews, although they were generally completed to a good standard.
- YOS case managers demonstrated great skill in establishing useful working relationships with children and their parents or carers and were able to harness the involvement of other services speedily and effectively.

Domain 3 – Out of Court Disposals – (Good)

- Work with children to deliver out-of-court disposals was sufficient in all cases, as was partnership working and decision-making leading to such a disposal.
- We found that the nature and intensity of work matched the children’s needs and risks.

- We found some inconsistent practice in the assessment of cases to support decision making and in delivering youth cautions and other community resolutions, and too few of these cases had a good written plan.

4.3.3 An Inspection Improvement plan was agreed and implemented by the Youth Justice Management Board in January 2021 and was endorsed by HMIP. Areas of improvement identified were:

- The YOS and its partners need to focus more on supporting 16 and 17-year olds into education, employment or training, as up to 65 per cent of the relevant cases are currently NEET.
- The YOS needs to re-engage fully with the voluntary sector in Peterborough following reduced financial support for Volunteer Programmes within the service.
- Ensuring children and their parent are directly involved in the oversight of organisational delivery of the service and the Management Board
- Timely completion of Assessments
- Where significant change and new factors are identified that escalate risk of harm these must be fully incorporated into reviews and inform the arrangements for working with the child – OCCD and Court.
- Evidencing that desistance and risk of harm to others is fully considered within all OCCD Plans

The service has progressed well against all areas of the plan and it is anticipated that it will be signed off by the Management Board and closed in January 2022.

4.4 Youth Offending National Indicator Performance

4.4.1 The Youth Offending Service is overseen by both National Indicators set by the Youth Justice Board and local indicators set by the Youth Justice Management Board.

National Indicators include:

- Young people receiving Custody Sentences
- Young people who become First Time Entrants
- Young people who Re-offend

Local Indicators include:

- Young people of school age who are Not in Appropriate Education Provision
- Young people above school age who are Not in Education, Training and Employment (NEET)

Performance for the annual 2020/21 period and quarter 2 of 2021/22 is detailed below:

Measure	Annual 2020/21 period	Target	Current Q2 2021/22
Custody	6.6%	6%	5.6%
FTE	12	16	13
Re-offending	30%	30%	28.6%
NIAP	24.2%	25%	65%
NEET	60.9%	30%	28.6%

4.4.2 The Youth Offending Service is a statutory service that delivers interventions to young people from prevention through to community interventions and custodial supervision. The aim of the service is to prevent offending, harm to the public and to safeguard young people. The service supervises approximately 135 young people's disposals per year and the team consists of 24 multi-agency professionals and additional volunteers.

4.4.3 The service is performing well in respect of all national Indicators and improvement have been seen in respect of custody, re-offending and first-time entrants in the last two years. The improvement in custody numbers should particularly be noted, given the complex and challenging cohort of young people, and has been impacted by the successful and robust alternatives to custody programmes we have developed in Peterborough.

Education and NEET performance continues to be a challenge, although it should be noted that percentage weighting is high because the overall cohort is small. Think communities, wider early help and youth support services continue to focus on a partnership response to improve education, training, and employment for vulnerable school age young people and those above school age. This includes a partnership countywide NEET Strategy, and monthly NIAP/NEET meetings that scrutinises plans for all young people not in appropriate provision which is chaired by the County Alternative Education Manager.

- 4.4.4 A new YOS Performance Report Dashboard has been tasked by the Youth Justice Management Board and is currently under development with Business Intelligence. This will include increased oversight of timeliness and performance monitoring of key service activity. It is anticipated this will be launched by April 2022 alongside the implementation of a new effective Youth Justice database, Child View Youth Justice.

4.5 **Targeted Youth Support Service (TYSS) Youth and Family Team Activity**

- 4.5.1 The TYSS Youth and Family Team manages young people who are at risk and require support through a child in need plan. The team works to prevent further escalation of risk and increase in threshold to Child Protection and Child in Care status. Since inception of the service in 2018 the team has demonstrated impact in reducing numbers of assessments and cases open to wider Children's Social Care, reducing young people subject to Child Protection Plans and those becoming Children in Care.

The team have also demonstrated that they are achieving well in line with other Children's Social Care Teams performance in respect of timescales for assessment, planning and quality outcomes for children and young people.

- 4.5.2 Safeguarding and Quality Assurance (SQA) conducted an audit of the Youth and Family Team in October 2020 following 2 years of initial implementation of the service. This audit identified several areas of improvement from the previous audit conducted in 2019 and that good practice remained strong. A service action plan was implemented for areas of improvement identified and actions were completed successfully.

The TYSS is now embedded into wider Other Children's Social Care Audit activity and monitoring continues to evidence continuous improvement.

4.6 **Safer (SAFE) Relationships Team**

- 4.6.1 The SAFE Team was implemented in October 2019 working with young people at moderate and significant risk of Child Criminal Exploitation across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. A robust monitoring framework implemented has enabled us to collect evidence relating to:

- Qualitative feedback from young people, parents, and professionals both during and post intervention.
- Quantitative data in respect of reduction of safeguarding and criminal CCE related incidents and offending
- Quantitative data in respect of de-escalation of Children's Social Care threshold
- Quantitative data in respect of education engagement
- Qualitative data in respect of impact on mental health and engagement in services

- 4.6.2 The evidence base indicates that the team is performing well in respect of outcomes for young people receiving interventions. To date there is indication that:

- Young people's risks and involvement in criminal incidents is reduced both during intervention and for 4 months after
- Reducing safeguarding risks in respect of missing episodes and CP/101 alerts during intervention and for 4 months after
- There is evidence of positive impact on engagement with services. Professional confidence and knowledge also appear to be increased
- Early indication of reducing social care thresholds and preventing escalation
- Early indication of improving young people's engagement in and sustaining ETE
- Improved mental health and engagement in services where needed
- Promotion of the young person's voice in a complex situation.

- Trauma informed approach and trusted relationships with young people. This then provides the basis upon which to build further relationships
- Developing multi-agency professionals' knowledge in management of risk of CCE and Contextual safeguarding approach to management of associations within the exploited population, using multi-agency mapping and partnership work

4.6.3 Given the early indicators of success the Chair of the YJ Management Board and Lou Williams, Director of Children's Services, led discussions with partners in respect of permanent funding. Peterborough's contribution to the continued funding of the SAFE Team has now been secured when interim funding ends in March 2022. The service will continue to be monitored to evidence outcomes and impact going forward.

4.7 **Service Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

4.7.1 Though out the pandemic TYSS has ensured that robust business continuity plans are in place to enable continued face to face support for all young people to ensure their risk and needs continue to be addressed and managed. The 2020 YOS HMIP Inspection commented that the service's response to COVID-19 ensured that young people continued to be supported with their needs being met.

4.7.2 The service put in place a process to regularly review all young people's circumstances to ensure that face to face education and training placements were being offered and that where young people chose to learn at home, IT and laptops were provided to support learning. The review of education was essential for all vulnerable and at-risk young people and transition support back to learning following home learning was in place.

National standards contacts and face to face contact was only amended during strict lock downs for lower risk young people and whilst some virtual contact was in place this was only used to supplement essential face to face sessions. Sessions with young people and families continued to take place in office buildings, the community and in family homes. High risk support was sustained for our most risky young people at all times, and activities were adapted from group to one to activities during periods to respond to national restrictions.

4.7.3 A service was offered to the Courts both virtually and face to face with adaptations made on a national and local level. We have supported the Courts to make progress with youth case backlogs and cases are currently being dealt with in a timely way for most young people.

The service continued to deliver all areas of statutory duties and are now working with partners to respond to increased vulnerability for both young people and their families as a result of the pandemic.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 The successes of the TYSS are being built on within the forthcoming Early help and Adolescent Strategy which will be subject to formal Council Consultation processes. Details of this will be provided outside of the remit of this report.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 This report provides the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to understand the work and impact of the Targeted Youth Support Service.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 To provide Children and Education Committee with the opportunity to oversee, comment on and endorse the work of the service.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 NA

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 NA

Legal Implications

9.2 None as the report is for information and to invite comment.

Equalities Implications

9.3 NA

Rural Implications

9.4 NA

Carbon Impact Assessment

9.5 The Carbon Impact Assessment is neutral. There are no recommendations in this report that propose any change.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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10.1 NA

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1. [An inspection of youth offending services in Peterborough \(justiceinspectorates.gov.uk\)](http://justiceinspectorates.gov.uk)

CHILDREN & EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
20 JANUARY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Cllr Ray Bisby, Corporate Parenting Committee Chairman,	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Cllr Lynne Ayres Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education, Skills, and the University	
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REPORT ON WORK OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE 2020-21

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Corporate Parenting Committee Chairman	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee during the 2020/21 municipal year, and 2. Comment on the very positive contribution made by the Children in Care Council and care leavers through the care leaver drop-in, and; 3. Note the ways in which children and young people in care and care leavers have continued to be supported by our services throughout the pandemic. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee and summarises the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee in the 2020-21 municipal year. The content of this report has been agreed by the Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee of activity carried out by the Corporate Parenting Committee in the municipal year 2020-2021

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

- Children’s Services including
- a) Social Care of Children;
 - b) Safeguarding; and
 - c) Children’s Health.

2.3 This report addresses all areas of the Children in Care pledge and the Care Leavers’ Charter. It specifically demonstrates to Scrutiny how the Committee has been supporting our children and young people in care through the continuing pandemic, and Children in Care and Care Leavers’ education and training needs.

2.4 This report links to all of the corporate priorities.

- 2.5 This report is directly relevant to the Children in Care Pledge and summarises how Members meet corporate parenting responsibilities to promote positive outcomes for our children and young people in care.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 This report covers the activities of the Corporate Parenting Committee during the 2020/21 municipal year. The content has been endorsed by the Corporate Parenting Committee for presentation and scrutiny by the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee. We have included information about some key activities that have taken place in the 2021/22 year in order to ensure that the Scrutiny Committee has up to date information. This includes a summary of the findings of the Focused Visit by Ofsted in respect of the progress of children and young people in care, and the development of the Sufficiency Strategy. It is acknowledged that some of this information has been shared with Children and Education Scrutiny previously but is included again here as it is directly relevant to the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

- 4.1.1 The Corporate Parenting Committee has continued to work to support the needs and ambitions of the Council’s Children in Care and Care Leavers and the meeting format where meetings alternate between formal and informal has continued to work well. The informal meetings, which are held in private, are attended by children and young people in care and care leavers and enable very positive engagement and in-depth discussion about relevant issues with Members.

4.2 **Work Programme and Reporting Mechanisms**

- 4.2.1 The thematic meetings have continued, where a single topic is considered in depth to enable councillors to fully understand the complexity of the issue in the round, have a proper opportunity to scrutinise the information before them and challenge officers in a timely and thorough manner. The Committee focuses on three key areas for children and young people: education; placement; and health. These are linked across the formal and informal meetings and have been effective in developing ideas and themes for Members to scrutinise.

- 4.2.2 Due to Covid restrictions from March 2020 there was no Corporate Parenting Committee until September 2020. This meant there were 2 formal and 2 informal meetings in the municipal year

- 4.2.3 Power BI is now the standard reporting tool across Children’s Services, and it is possible to monitor all current activity very effectively. The development of a static report (Dashboard) is now in place and a specific Corporate Parenting report developed. This dashboard and relevant performance data is discussed at formal meetings, ensuring that there is Member oversight of performance.

4.3 **Corporate Parenting Committee**

4.3.1 Champions:

This has continued to be an effective use of Member influence. Champions are Members who sit on the Committee but have also volunteered to take a particular lead for an area that impacts on Children in Care and Care Leavers.

The Corporate Parenting Champions 2020-21 have been

Area of Focus	Champion	Officer Lead
Housing, Finance and Benefits	Councillor Sandra Bond	Sean Evans
Education Employment and Training and Access to Higher Education	Councillor Bashir	Pat Carrington
Health	Councillor Robinson	Catherine York
Recreation and Leisure Activities	Councillor Howard	Jodie Chambers
Effective Care Planning	Councillor Jones	Michaela Berry

In between each informal Committee the Corporate Parenting Champion has been responsible for the following:

- Meeting with the Lead Officer.
- Undertaking a site visit (Virtual where required)
- Meeting with a child in care / young person / service user / other officers and discuss their experience of the service for Children in Care; and Contributing to a brief report back to the Committee.

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4.3.2 Outcomes from Corporate Parenting Committee

- Staying Put Policy reviewed and amended.
- Worked closely with lead Personal Advisor on creating supports for Care Leavers.
- Collaborative work with Participation for cards to be provided for workers to send to children in care as an introduction.
- Consulted with the CiC around Child in care packs developed for various age groups to be given to children when they come into care.
- Participation in the Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services Focused Visit in June 2021
- Representation of the areas of focus and concern for the Committee to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care, October 2021
- Letters of concern written to national health colleagues in relation to dental and initial health assessment needs of CIC.

4.4 **CIC Population**

4.4.1 Between March 2020 and September 2020 there was a steady increase in the number of children in care, and this peaked at 396. The impact of Covid on families has had a significant impact on Children's Services including the number of children in care, although the number of children and young people in care reduced from this peak to 364 by the end of March 2021.

4.4.2 Peterborough has continued to maintain stability of placements for children in care. At the end of April 2021 89 out of 131 who were in care for 2.5 years or more had maintained their current placement for 2 years or more. This equates to 67.9% which is 0.9% higher than last year and 0.9% higher than statistical neighbors. It is lower than the region at 69% and England at 68%

4.4.3 For Children in Care with 3 or more placements in 12 months the data from the monthly report in April 2021 shows us that 7.5% of CIC have experienced 3 or more placement moves in 12 months.

4.4.4 Although this is good performance relative to our statistical neighbours at 12%, the region at 10% and England at 11%, we continue to do all we can to reduce the number of children who have three or more placement moves further.

4.5 Focused Visit Outcome

4.5.1 Ofsted visited Peterborough in June 2021 as part of its Inspection of Children's Services (ILACS) framework. This was not a judgement inspection but took the form of a Focused Visit looking particularly at the experiences of children in care to Peterborough and the quality of services provided to them. The Inspectors did also consider overall leadership and management in the Authority, staffing and caseloads, and, in this instance, our response to managing the demands of the pandemic.

4.5.2 In summary, this was an extremely successful visit that recognised the high quality of our Corporate Parenting Service and particularly the stability of experience for our children and young people and the strength of our permanency planning and support to placements. Ofsted called Peterborough Council "a conscientious corporate parent" and found a range of very positive factors about our care of our children. The Ofsted response included the following points of encouragement:

- *They felt the number of children in care in Peterborough remains relatively constant.*
- *The Children in care experience shows stable placements.*
- *Most children live with suitable carers who can meet their needs.*
- *Peterborough City Council social workers undertake thoughtful and thorough placement planning that considers children's views and wishes.*
- *Once in care, children rarely move other than in a planned way. Every effort is made to prevent children from having to move.*
- *Children in care have been seen regularly by their social workers during periods of restriction due to Covid-19.*
- *Assessments are clear and concise and provide an appropriate level of critical analysis. Plans reflect children's lives and consider their needs, wishes and feelings.*
- *Children in care are involved in a range of activities that influence service developments and enrich their experiences. These include recruiting workers, acting as young inspectors, and leading the development of materials to support new entrants to care.*
- *Children spoken to are confident that senior managers listen to their views and take action to respond.*
- *Good attention is paid to children's physical and emotional well-being*
- *Services for children in care with disabilities and complex health needs are well managed.*
- *Independent reviewing officers produce thorough and detailed review reports.*
- *Staff understand the importance of education in supporting placement stability.*
- *Accurate performance management information provides senior leaders with a clear understanding and knowledge of practice and the experiences and progress of children in care.*

The local authority's quality assurance framework is well developed, and social workers have the tools they need to be able to practice effectively and have manageable caseloads. The workforce is stable, and the authority recognises the importance of low staff turnover to providing consistent, reliable support and care. Leaders are visible and accessible. They are involved in key decision-making for children in care and know children well.

4.5.3 The Focused Visit was a reminder of the need to continue to strive to achieve the very best for our children in care. The Inspectors stated clearly that the whole service really cares about the children and young people we work with, and that our primary concern is always what is best for them. This reflects extremely well in staff and the partnership team, but also on the leadership and challenge offered by the Corporate Parenting Committee.

4.6 Meeting Educational Needs

- 4.6.1 The Virtual School continues to promote the need for all concerned with children and young people in care to have high aspirations through training of carers, social workers and designated teachers, and scrutiny by PVS staff of all Personal Education Plans. The child's voice is a priority and the changes recommended by the Children in Care Council have been made to the section of the PEP seeking the views of children and young people. These views are a subject for discussion at the PEP meeting and targets are set with the child or young person to further any ambitions. Changes have also been made to the attainment section of the PEP to ensure greater accuracy of data.
- 4.6.2 The support of those children and young people placed out of city has been enhanced using the virtual meeting facility so PVS staff are able to attend more PEP meetings and have easier access to designated teachers. Children and young people have also found it easier to participate in their PEP meetings.

4.7 Covid 19 - Response of Peterborough Virtual School

- 4.7.1 The Ofsted report of the Focused Visit in June 2021 noted:
“During the COVID19 pandemic, the virtual school has been active in addressing the educational and social needs of children. Staff understand the importance of education in supporting placement stability. Careful child-centred planning between foster carers, social workers and the virtual school has enabled children’s education to continue while taking account of foster carers’ individual circumstances. All children in care have up-to-date, good-quality personal education plans. When a placement change necessitates a change of schools, effective collaboration between the virtual school and social workers ensures that the school is best able to meet the child’s needs are identified.”
- 4.7.2 From March 20th, 2020, following the restricted opening of schools and other education settings (the service delivery of the Peterborough Virtual School) was adapted to enable continued support of the children and young people in care, social workers, carers and designated staff in schools and other education providers. Throughout the pandemic, the priority remains the emotional and educational well-being of the children and young people on the role of the virtual school, wherever they are placed.
- 4.7.3 During the period of the pandemic when schools were closed to pupils generally, our children and young people in care were entitled to a school place within the category of vulnerable groups. Social workers and carers were supported by the virtual school to make the decision as to whether children in their care should attend school as attendance was not compulsory. The PEP (Personal Education Plan) process was amended during the summer of restricted school openings with the usual meetings suspended except for children new into care or those with a change of school or carer. Designated teachers were required to complete an altered version explaining what and how work was being provided, how they were staying connected and what if any support was required for those not in school. Any issues relating to completion of work or lack of appropriate equipment in the home were also reported. There were different methods of delivery of work for completion at home by schools. Some chose to provide work packs initially, moving to online and virtual lessons as the term progressed. The need to home school put significant pressure on carers and children and young people – and the virtual school offered support to both carers and children and young people.
- 4.7.4 Virtual school support for children and stakeholders during the lockdown and beyond has included:
- providing advice and guidance to designated school staff on the bespoke Covid -19 Summer Term Personal Education Plan and process established a consultation phone line for all stakeholders with our Specialist Education Psychologist, acknowledging heightened anxiety for some carers, children, and colleagues continued to provide work and support to those children and young people already identified by the virtual school Intervention team to sustain learning momentum

- continued to fund online tuition sessions from an external provider for children and young people living out of city
- held weekly virtual KIT meetings with designated school staff to monitor well-being of those children attending school
- collected and analysed school attendance data
- provided IT equipment if needed to facilitate home working
- offered advice to carers to support learning at home and provided a resource guide to supplement work provided by schools
- challenged schools where their learning offer was not of an acceptable standard
- attended virtual transition PEP meetings for Early Years, Year 6 and 11 pupils and facilitated additional transition opportunities for the more vulnerable.

4.8 **Placement Sufficiency**

4.8.1 This area became an increasing challenge during the last municipal year as long-term trends and Covid combined to precipitate a serious problem. There is a significant national shortage of placements for children and young people of all ages, with a particularly acute shortage for older children and young people and for those who have any form of challenging behaviour, are at risk of exploitation, have complex disabilities and/or who have mental and emotional health needs. This shortage has resulted in rapidly escalating costs for those placements that are available.

4.8.2 In an authority like Peterborough that has worked hard to maintain children and young people at home wherever this is in their best interests and that has a low number of children in care as a result, it follows that a higher proportion of those children and young people will have more challenging and complex care needs. This has created challenges for our Fostering Service in terms of trying to meet the needs of these children and has led to more placements out of area and in more specialist placements.

4.8.3 Our preference is to ensure that more of our children and young people are placed locally. We have therefore published the new Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council Sufficiency Strategy 2021 –2024. We have also restructured our Fostering Services, investing in recruitment and a more supportive offer to our existing carers. This is an ongoing piece of work, which will support our placement sufficiency in the local area, but the national problems remain and are being monitored closely by the Corporate Parenting Committee.

4.9 **Independent Review of Children’s Social Care**

4.9.1 In October 2021, the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care visited Peterborough. The Government established the Review in March 2021 with the aim of investigating what needs to change to improve the lives of our most vulnerable children and families. The review is looking at the whole journey of the child and family through children’s social care services, early help systems and including how families and children are supported by partner agencies and the voluntary sector. The review published The Case for Change in June 2021, setting out the issues that the review considered to be some of the biggest challenges for the system.

The review is asking 3 big questions of practice and the system itself. Does the continuum of help and protection work (ie managing early help and child protection services together)? Can or should some or all services be managed on local, regional, or national lines? And freedom and responsibility - how should social work autonomy be framed and what is useful regulation, monitoring, and oversight in our services?

It also identified a number of themes which it considers are likely to be barriers to services working together as best they can. These include:

- Funding issues and particularly the increasing amount being spent on statutory [and especially on child in care] services
- Recruitment and retention issues for qualified and experienced social workers
- A view that there is insufficient national coordination and accountability for outcomes for children [e.g. at national government, the Departments for Health, for Education, the Home

Office and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities all have responsibilities that affect children and families]

- A view that the system, as a whole, is complicated, bureaucratic and risk averse.

The review wanted to test out some of these ideas with visits to 10 Local Authorities and Peterborough was asked to be involved. The visit took place from 17 to 19th October from a team from the Department for Education. The chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee and the lead Member were both interviewed by the Review and made comment about this situation and other factors impacting on our children in care and care leavers.

Feedback at the time was very positive in terms of how the Government team had evaluated the work, services, and commitment to children at all levels of the organisation. The Committee looks forward to more formal comment from the Independent Review about areas of strength, areas for development and how Peterborough has been able to contribute to the national conversation about the future of children's services.

4.10 Links to the Children in Care Council and Care Leavers' Drop In

4.10.1 The Children in Care Council continues to meet monthly and has 8 regular members. The group is well attended during school holiday periods when activities are offered in addition to the normal meeting. In the last 12 months, along with their co-chairing duties at the informal Corporate Parenting Committee meetings, the group has:

4.10.2 The Children in Care Council have engaged in a number of activities including:

- Providing feedback to the IROs on their review paperwork.
- *Planned and delivered the annual celebration events for children in care.*
- *Spoken at Corporate Parenting Committee about their experiences in different placements.*
- *Co-chair the Informal Corporate Parenting Committee.*
- *Introduced Young Inspectors who are taking an active role in reviewing aspects of service delivery that they use.*

4.10.3 The 'Children in Charge' youth group for children aged between 8 and 12 continues to meet in alternating weeks. It is regularly attended by an average of 10 young people.

The Care Leavers' drop in continues to operate, attracting an average of 6 young people at each session. They have been consulted on the new "passport to independence" piece of work which evidenced they are ready to live on their own, this has successfully been trialled and implemented.

4.10.4 A second year of full activity programme was offered to children and young people in the summer encompassing a variety of activities and events curated by Children in Care Council members for young people to increase reach and engagement with this group. Young people and their carers have consistently reported back how much they value this because they feel that they are part of a community.

4.10.5 The Care leaver drop in could not continue during the Covid lockdown due to the restrictions, although this is now running again. The leaving care team were very aware of the impact of isolation during the Covid lockdown and kept in regular email, virtual, telephone and where necessary face to face contact with Care Leavers. We were able to provide laptops for all Care Leavers who needed them to ensure they could engage in online learning. Personal Advisors ensured that they were responsive to individual needs throughout the lockdown providing emergency assistance with food if needed, allowing young people to remain in placements when they were not able to move onto alternative accommodation and generally responding flexibly to the needs of Care Leavers in recognition of the new situation, we all found ourselves in.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1.1 The Children in Care Council has been fully aware and consulted upon the changes referred to in this paper. The feedback from them to date is that working with the Committee is a very positive experience, and that they value the opportunity to work with the Corporate Parenting

Champions.

- 5.1.2. The report has been shared with Councillor Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children Services in line with the Corporate Parenting Committee Terms of Reference.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 This report provides the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to understand the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee, to understand the impact of the Committee and be assured that all Members are acting as responsible corporate parents.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 To relay the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee to the Scrutiny Committee and present the annual report.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 *N/A*

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 *None.*

Legal Implications

- 9.2 None – as the report is for information and to invite comment.

Equalities Implications

9.3 Children in Care and Care Leaver

This report provides information on the role of the Corporate Parenting Committee and relates to services provided to children in care and care leavers. This ensures that Scrutiny Committee are aware of changes to processes and the outcome for children in care and care leavers.

Rural Implications

- 9.4 None

Carbon Impact Assessment

- 9.5 There are no recommendations contained within this report, so there are no implications to carbon emissions. The report includes the objective of reducing the reliance on out of area placements for children, increasing the range of placements more locally will likely reduce greenhouse gas emissions from travel.

- 9.6 The report highlights all areas of activity in relation to Children in Care and Care Leavers and demonstrates how services to them are monitored and subject to continuous improvement. Any recommendations will directly impact on delivery of those services.

There are no other implications.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 *N/A*

11. APPENDICES

None

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
20 JANUARY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Lou Williams, Chair of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University	
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CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Lou Williams, Chair of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board	Deadline date: N/A
It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee receive and note the content of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-2021	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is submitted to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee following sign off and publication of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-2021 in December 2021.

There is a statutory requirement under the Children & Social Work Act 2017 that safeguarding partners publish an annual report detailing the work of the Board.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of the report being brought to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee is to ensure members are fully aware of the work and progress of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board.

The report covers the period from April 2020-March 2021 and was published in December 2021.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council :

Children's Services including
a) Social Care of Children;

- b) Safeguarding; and
- c) Children's Health.

2.3 This report directly relates to the Corporate Priority safeguarding of vulnerable children in Peterborough

2.4 The report links to the Children in Care Pledge in that it covers the safeguarding of children and young people. It contributes to establishing how far the Council meets its statutory responsibilities towards safeguarding looked after children

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 The annual report includes information on the work that has been undertaken by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board in the period April 2020- March 2021.

Partner agencies, including Peterborough City Council, contributed to the information contained within the annual report.

The annual report highlights the significant events during the last year, summarises both the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board and the work of the sub committees. It highlights areas of good practice and presents statistical information about safeguarding performance.

The annual report was approved by the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board in November 2021 and was subsequently published in December 2021 on the Boards website (www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk) and shared on social media.

Members are requested to note the contents of the report

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 Partner agencies, including Peterborough City Council, contributed to the information contained within the annual report.

5.2 No further consultation is required.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 The annual report highlights the significant events during the last year, summarises both the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board and the work of the sub committees. It highlights areas of good practice and presents statistical information about safeguarding performance.

The report has been brought to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee for information purposes.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 There are no recommendations for the Committee to consider as the report is for information only.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 There was no reason to consider alternative options. It is a statutory responsibility of the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board to produce an annual report.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Legal Implications

9.2 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

Equalities Implications

9.3 There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

Rural Implications

9.4 There are no rural implications arising from the report

Carbon Impact Assessment

9.5 *n/a*

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2020- 2021



**Cambridgeshire &
Peterborough
Safeguarding
Children Partnership
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Annual Report 2020/21



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FORWARD

We are pleased to present the annual report of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children’s Partnership Board for 2020-21. This is presented on behalf of the three statutory partners and the local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

The annual report outlines the key activities and achievements of the Board and its partners over the last year. You will see in the report that we have worked through our priorities through the year. The multi-agency safeguarding training has continued to develop and grow, front line practitioners’ voices have been captured through a series of consultation surveys and forums and quality assurance and scrutiny activity has taken place. One of the key roles of the Board is to ensure that partners continue to work together effectively and this has been evidenced throughout the year. You will note that some of our priorities (child criminal exploitation) we share with our partner strategic boards (Community Safety Partnerships). We continue to work closely with other partnerships to ensure that the work is delivered jointly and consistently and there is no duplication or gaps.

Safeguarding is about people, their safety, wishes, aspirations and needs. The partnership has been active in identifying and learning lessons through the Child Safeguarding Practice Review subgroup. We have published one case review within the time period covered by this review. The learning from this review has been identified and disseminated through various activities including briefings, workshops and learning lessons training. The dissemination of the learning is explored in greater detail within the report.

Over the last 12 months the safeguarding landscape has been complex, presenting many new challenges in addition to those faced day-to-day. We want to assure people that throughout the Covid pandemic to date, the Board has continued to work closely with both statutory and wider partners to scrutinise how safeguarding issues are addressed, gain reassurance that they are dealt with appropriately and provide a forum for sharing best practice across the partnership. It has also ensured that safeguarding children remains a key focus for agencies across the County.

Finally, we would like to thank all members of the Board for their professionalism, commitment and support. We would also like to say thank you to all agencies and frontline staff for the incredible work that they do to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.

Wendi Ogle-Welbourn

Executive Director, People and
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Carol Anderson

Chief Nurse



Vicki Evans

Assistant Chief Constable



ABOUT THE BOARD

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, set in legislation that the three safeguarding partners (Local Authority, Chief Officer of Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups) must work together with relevant agencies to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are one of only a few areas nationally that had chosen to establish multi-agency safeguarding arrangements which span two local authority boundaries. The membership of the board is made up of the following organisations/agencies:



¹ Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council representatives include Children Social Care, Public Health, Commissioning, Education and Elected councillors

What we do

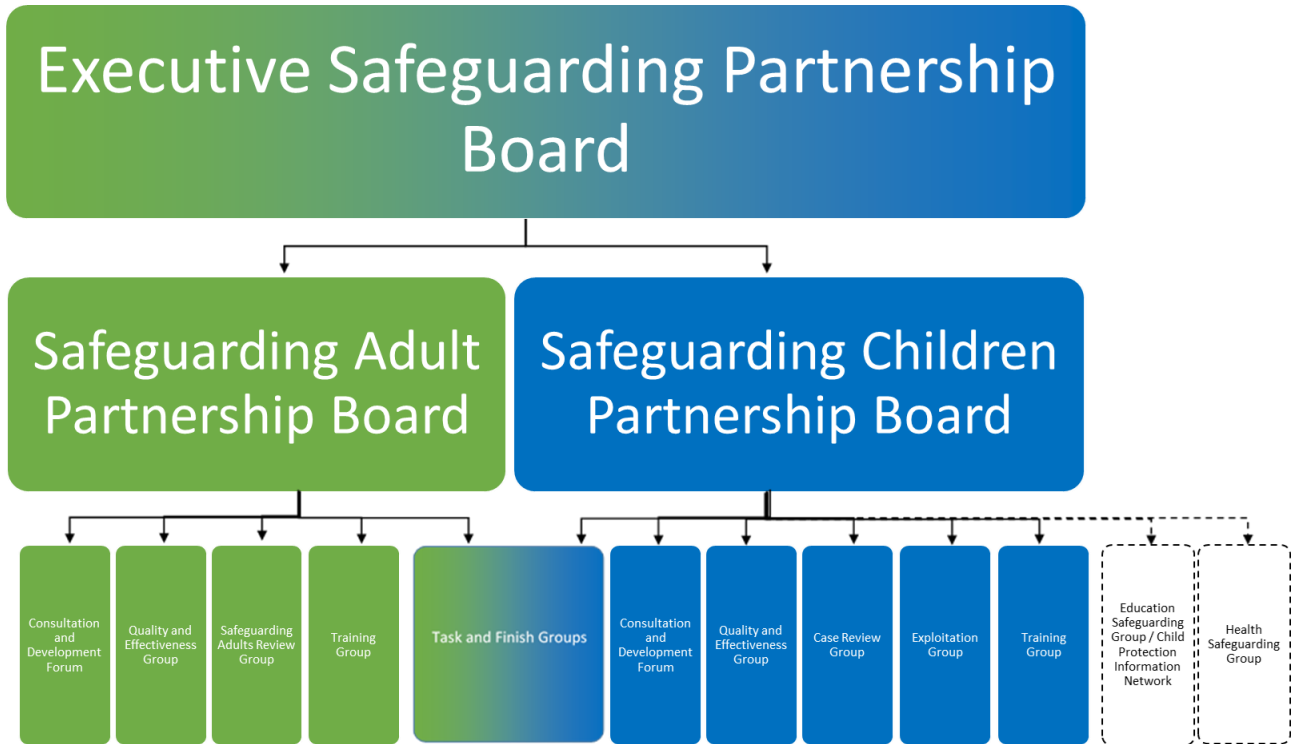
The purpose of the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements are to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where:

- Children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted.
- Partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children.
- Organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively.
- There is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats.
- Learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services for children and families can become more reflective and implement changes to practice.
- Information is shared effectively to facilitate accurate and timely decision making for children and families.

We do this by:

- Proactively identify and respond to new and emerging safeguarding issues and develop multi-agency policies, procedures and work streams.
- Communicate widely to persons and bodies of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising their awareness of how this can best be done and encouraging them to do so.
- Oversee, evaluate and seek assurance on the effectiveness single/multi-agency safeguarding practice in order to drive improvement.
- Undertake Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews to identify learning and improve practice.
- Raise awareness and train the multi-agency workforce to promote a common, shared understanding of local need in order to and provide children with the help they need.

The local safeguarding arrangements have a number of Boards and subgroups that oversee the safeguarding partnership. The most senior Board is the Executive Safeguarding Partnership Board, which is made up of membership from the 3 statutory partners (LA, CCG and Police), public health, Healthwatch and the voluntary sector. The Executive Safeguarding Board considers both the children's and adults safeguarding agenda. The Safeguarding Children Partnership Board sits directly below the Executive Safeguarding Partnership Board and has wider partnership membership (Appendix 1 details those agencies who are members of the Board). The diagram below details the current governance structure.

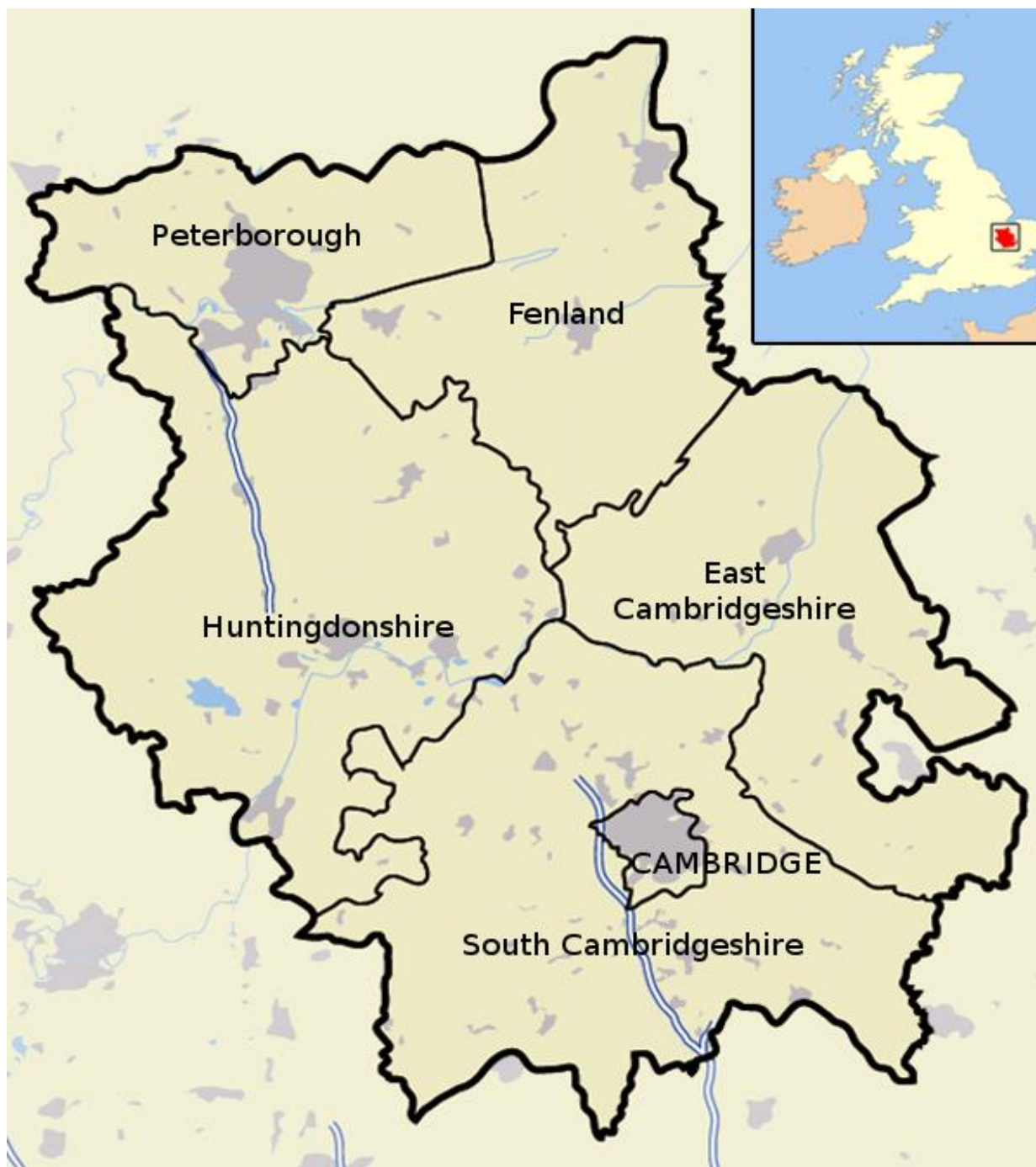


The Safeguarding Children Partnership Board has maintained its links with other groups and boards who impact on child and adult services this year. These are illustrated in Figure 1. This ensures that all aspects of safeguarding are taken into account by the other statutory boards and there is a co-ordinated and consistent approach. These links mean that safeguarding vulnerable people remains on the agenda across the statutory and strategic partnership and is a continuing consideration for all members.



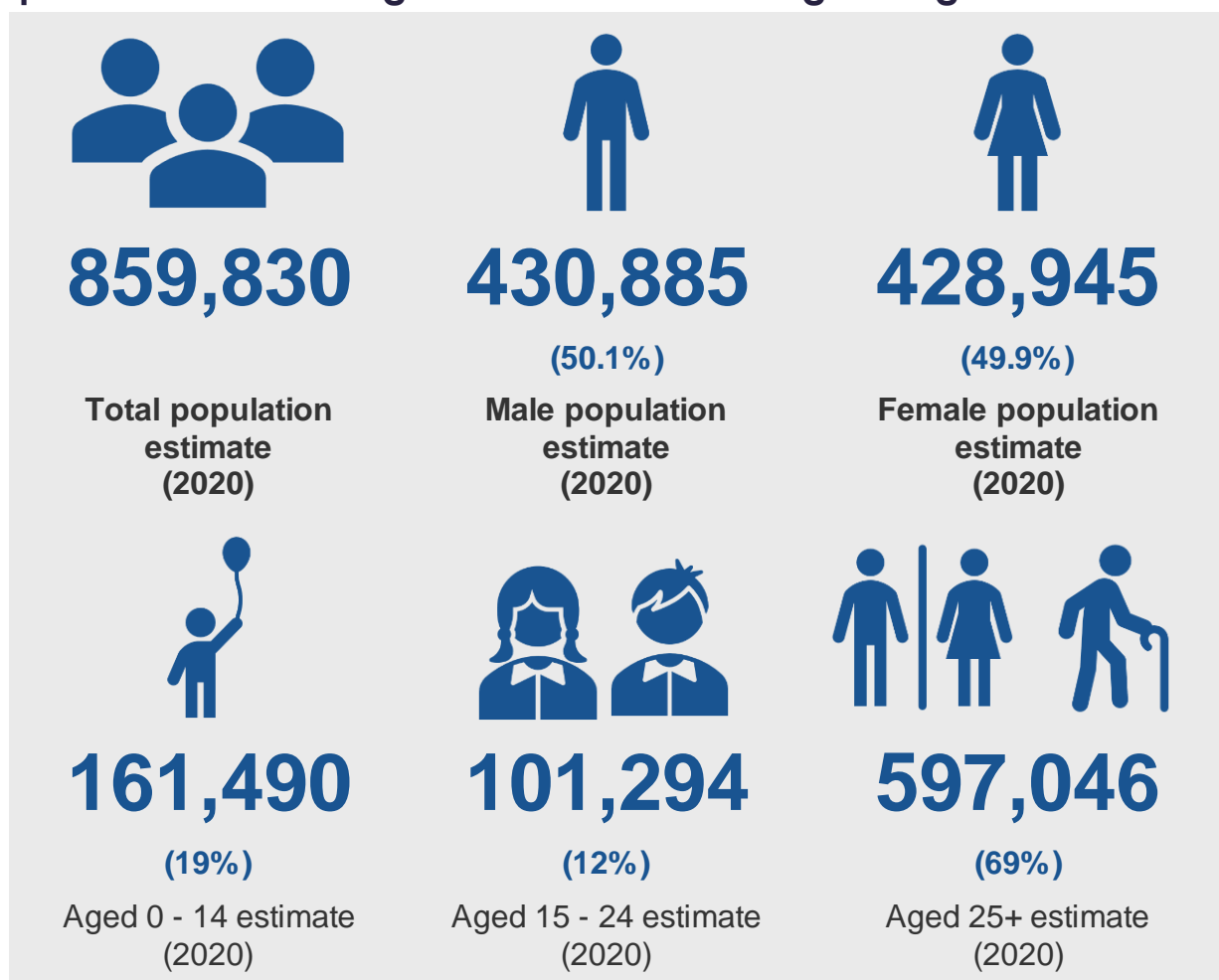
Links to other statutory boards

DEMOGRAPHICS



Cambridgeshire covers an area 1,309 sq miles in the East of England bordering Lincolnshire to the north, Norfolk to the north-east, Suffolk to the east, Essex and Hertfordshire to the south, and Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire to the west. The county is divided between Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, which since 1998 has been a separate unitary authority. In the non-metropolitan county there are five district councils, Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Population of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough at a glance²



The proportion of children and young people in Cambridgeshire is slightly lower than England, however the proportion of children and young people in Peterborough is higher than England³

The county of Cambridgeshire's ethnic composition is primarily White (90.3%). The next largest ethnicity group is Asian (5.9%) and Black (1.3%)

The ethnic composition of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough differs between areas. Peterborough is much more ethnically diverse, with a larger proportion of people from 'Asian; Indian/Pakistani/Bangladeshi' and 'White Other' ethnicities. There are more than 100 languages spoken in Peterborough with more than a third of children speaking English as their second language. In Cambridgeshire districts, Cambridge City is much more ethnically diverse than Fenland. Within Cambridge City 82.5% of residents identified as White compared to 97.2% of Fenland residents.

According to the Census 2011 figures, there were 2,068 people identified with the ethnic background White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller.

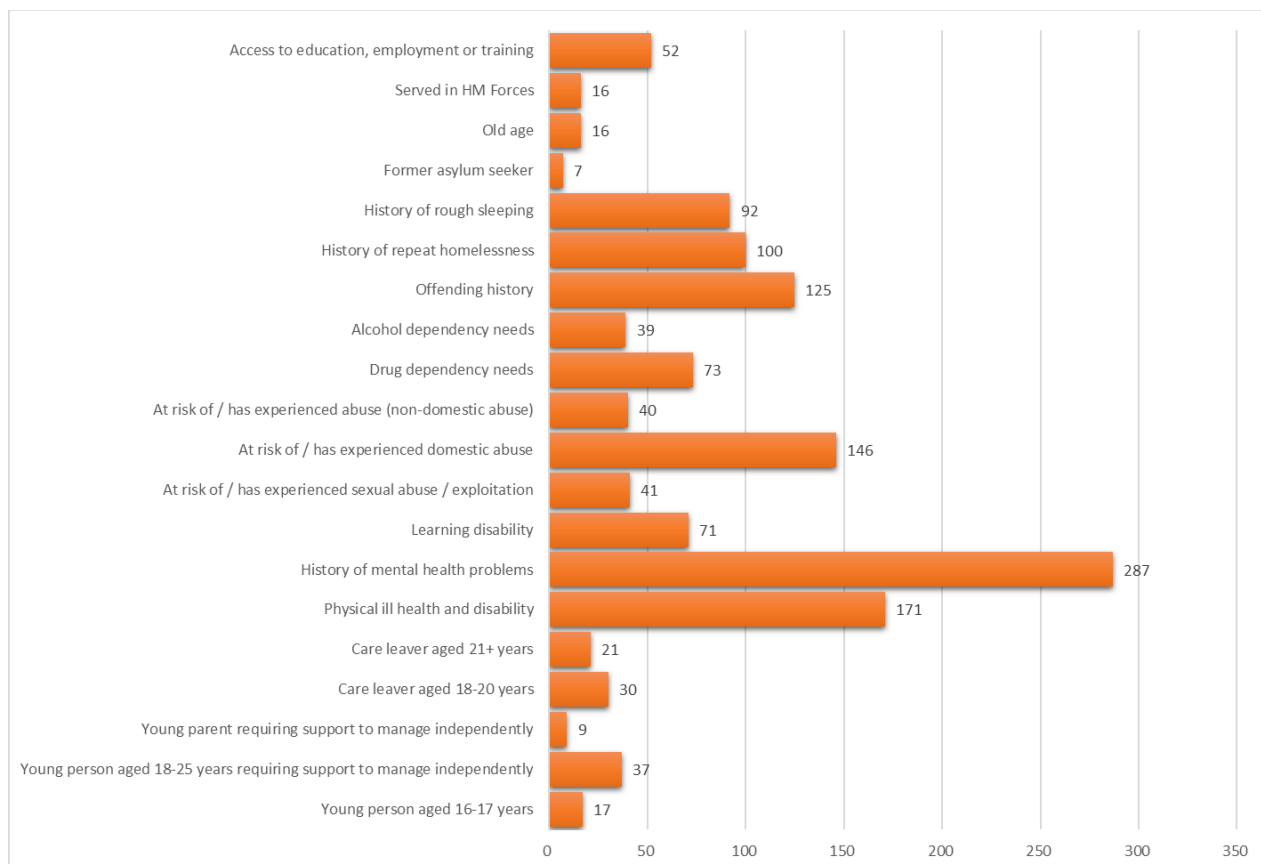
² <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/population/report/view/9eb28cf5b5d045d28eeabce7819ba4f6/E47000008>

³ <https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/jsna/published-joint-strategic-needs-assessments/>

The traveller caravan count data provided by local authorities on the number of caravans and traveller sites, does not cover the number of occupants residing in these caravans or caravan sites. In January 2020, there were a total of 1,650 caravans on authorised (socially rented and private) and unauthorised sites. 35% of these were located in East Cambridgeshire and 34% were in Fenland⁴

Homeless population

At the end of March 2021 there were 961 households assessed as homeless or threatened with homelessness. 49% were from Peterborough and Huntingdonshire. Of the 961, 535 households were identified as having support needs.



There were 595 households in temporary accommodation, 295 households in temporary accommodation had a combined total of 488 children.

There were 41 rough sleepers across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in Autumn 2020⁵, 39% of which were in Cambridge.

Prison Population

HMP Whitemoor is situated in Fenland, Cambridgeshire, and is a maximum security prison for men in Category A and B with an operational capacity of 459. An HMP scrutiny visit carried out in August

⁴ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/891230/Traveller_caravan_count_live_tables_Jan_count.xlsx
⁵ The annual rough sleeping snapshot takes place on a single date chosen by the local authority between 1 October and 30 November

2020 found there to be 450 prisoners of which 15% were foreign nationals and 51% from BAME backgrounds.

HMP Littlehey is situated near Huntingdon and is a category C training prison specialising in holding 1,220 prisoners convicted of sexual offences. In July 2019, there were 1,211 male prisoners all aged 21 and over. 10.2% were foreign nationals and 69% were listed as White British.

HMP Peterborough is situated in Peterborough and is a dual-purpose prison, housing both male and female prisoners. It has an operational capacity of over 1,200 places (868 male, 396 female) including a 12-bed mother and baby unit. Recent HMP Peterborough Inspection reports carried out in September 2017 found there to be 367 women prisoners of which 4% were under 21 years of age, 18% were foreign nationals and 69% were listed as White British. There were 808 male prisoners of which 7.5% were under 21 years of age, 12.5% were foreign nationals and 61.6% were White British.

Safeguarding Children Data 2020-21

Peterborough data



1,470 Early Help Assessments initiated



718 Section 47s completed



274 Children subject to a CP Plan



364 Children in Care

Cambridgeshire Data



5,111 Early Help Assessments initiated



1,213 Section 47s completed



445 Children subject to a CP Plan



664 Children in Care

COVID 19 AND THE WORK OF THE PARTNERSHIP

Covid 19 has had a significant impact on society during the period of time covered by this annual report. From the outset, partners worked together collaboratively to ensure an effective response to the Covid 19 situation. Partners demonstrated a flexible approach to systems and processes that ensured that the needs of the ever-changing safeguarding landscape were met. At times, these discussions and decisions were challenging as resources were stretched and new ways of working needed to be established quickly. However, the initial responses and ongoing evolving processes evidence the value and strength of the partnership relationships and working practices.

It is recognised that lockdown resulted in a number of children and young people becoming increasingly vulnerable and potentially invisible as schools, health services, voluntary sector services and other agencies moved to a virtual world and resources were realigned to meet the needs of the pandemic. Lockdown contributed to a national increase in instances of child abuse, domestic violence and mental health concerns. Locally, we too saw the numbers rise in referrals and concerns in these areas and the Board played an important role in cascading messages around the need to recognise and report abuse. However, Covid 19 also saw people work together to help some of the most vulnerable people within our communities. There were significant increases in individuals taking up volunteering positions, many of which had no, or very limited, understanding of safeguarding. Within a few days of the Country entering into the first lockdown, the Partnership had developed bespoke guidance and virtual safeguarding training that was specifically tailored to new volunteers and safeguarding during Covid. A Covid Safeguarding Resource page was developed on the Partnership website that contained detailed information and resources on a range of safeguarding and Covid issues. This included information on scamming, online safety, domestic abuse, mental health and talking to children about Covid 19. The website page was launched on the 31st March 2020 and by the 31st March 2021, had been accessed in excess of 18,000 times. As the Partnership Board website is actively used across the partnership, it was used to host the professionals virtual test and trace training and virtual resources.

The Partnership Board played a key role in communicating information about the pandemic, including the need to recognise and report abuse, via its social media platforms. Throughout the year there was an active social media campaign across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram which had a reach of in excess 190,000. The Safeguarding Partnership Board was also an active member of countywide Covid-19 communications meetings, ensuring a consistency of messages and a joined up approach.

During lockdown, countylines activity adapted. A multi-agency Interim/recovery CCE delivery plan that addressed the evolving risks emerging in CCE was developed and completed. Work was also undertaken with the Healthy Schools Programme to help focus the messages / resources that were available to parents / young people through the Healthy Schools website. There was a clear emphasis on allaying fears for returning to school and messages around Exploitation. The Healthy Schools website is a platform that parents and carers are used to visiting so this approach helped to reinforce a consistent message.

During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Partnership Board has continued to facilitate partnership meetings and discussion groups focusing on the Board's safeguarding priorities. Face to face meetings were discontinued due to governmental legislation and virtual meetings initiated.

The Partnership response to Covid 19 and safeguarding was discussed and agreed at all of the Executive Safeguarding Partnership Board meetings held throughout the year. In addition, Executive Safeguarding Board members met extraordinarily to discuss urgent issues that occurred throughout the year

The Partnership was aware of the need to continue to up-skill the workforce on safeguarding issues and as a result they developed virtual briefings. Locally, these are referred to as Sways (the software that is used for the briefings). In essence, these are a presentation, but each slide has an audio that discusses the content of the slide. Generally, they last around 20 minutes per briefing. The virtual briefings are available on the Partnership Board website and can be accessed at any time. As a result, staff who are working night shifts, weekends or early shifts can all access the training at their convenience.

The first virtual briefing to be uploaded onto the Board's website during April 2020 was on 'Safeguarding for Community Volunteers' closely followed by 'Safeguarding from Online Abuse', a recognised high-risk area of concern during lock down. The virtual briefings that followed focused on safeguarding during Covid and locally identified areas of safeguarding risk, as well as the Board's priorities. However, as the popularity of the virtual briefings increased it was apparent that these were a hugely useful resource and further topics were added. Between April 2020 and March 2021, the virtual briefings had been viewed a total 10,753 times.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD PRIORITIES 2020/2021

Priority One: To understand what the neglect landscape looks like across the county and embed the neglect strategies and tools across the partnership to achieve better outcomes for children and their families

Neglect remains the most common form of child abuse across the UK. Partners across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough aim to ensure that there is early recognition of neglect cases and that from early help to statutory intervention there should be appropriate, consistent and timely responses across all agencies.

Child Neglect training was refreshed and updated to ensure that it contained up to the most recent national guidance, statistics and research. During Covid the training sessions were delivered virtually. The demand was so great that extra sessions had to be put on to accommodate the number of professionals requesting to undertake the training. This response was far greater than any of the previous years when face to face training for Child Neglect was available and ensured that practitioners working evening and weekend shifts also had access to training.

The section 11 self-assessment audit that took place in 2019- 2020 found that there was a lack of use of safeguarding assessment tools by agencies and professionals and this was escalated to the Executive Board in 2020. In response, a task and finish group met in November 2020 to look at how tools could be embedded across the partnership. It was agreed that a single countywide neglect tool should be developed. This would ensure a consistency of approach across the county and partners. Following consultation, it was agreed that the Graded Care Profile (GCP) was the child neglect assessment tool to be used across the partnership. Virtual Training workshops took place during February 2021 and the GCP Assessment Tool was officially re-launched in March 2021. As the training was so successful, information and narrative from the virtual training has been developed into an online briefing (SWAY) and is available on the Board's website for all professionals. Clear reference to the completion of the Child Neglect Assessment Tool features within the online safeguarding referral form with a direct link to the tool on the Board's website. The Board will be undertaking assurance work in 2021/2022 to ensure that the Tool is being used by agencies and is making a difference to children and young people.

Child Neglect continues to be discussed as part of the Quality Effectiveness Group single agency performance monitoring to scrutinise how agencies are embedding the assessment tools and support of child neglect into practice.

Priority Two: To understand what the sexual abuse landscape looks like across the county and embed the child sexual abuse strategy and tools across the partnership to achieve better outcomes for children and their families

The last four decades have been witness to a changing landscape of language and framings for Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board recognises the need for cases of CSA to be acknowledged and addressed and as such it is one of the core objectives of its work.

The section 11 self-assessment audit that took place in 2019-2020 and the findings from the supporting professional's survey, suggested some professionals from a range of agencies, did not feel confident in working with CSA. In response a CSA task and finish group was established to develop a new CSA strategy. A suite of virtual training resources including: virtual training on an introduction to CSA, the SARC and sexually harmful behaviour; a resource pack on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and online briefings (Sways) on online abuse, sexual violence and online harms (Child Criminal Exploitation and Child Sexual Abuse). The Board have also developed a local sexual behaviours tool to assist people in thinking about whether sexual behaviour is a concern or part of normal child development. To inform the development of this work the Partnership Board conducted 3 surveys on CSA aimed at children, parents and professionals. The purpose of the surveys were to ascertain what they know and understand about CSA, if they knew how to report it. We received a fantastic response to the surveys with 324 children, 125 parents and 362 professionals responding to the surveys. The information that we gained from the surveys were used as the basis for the development of the strategy, tools and training. The suite of CSA resources are to be launched later in 2021 which is

outside the timeframe covered by this report. The impact of the surveys, tools and training will be contained in the 2021/22 annual report.

Child Sexual Abuse continues to be discussed at the QEG as part of the single agency performance monitoring to see how agencies are embedding the assessment and support of CSA into practice.

Priority Three: To agree a multi-agency approach to identifying, assessing and responding to cases of child criminal exploitation. To develop an effective approach to identifying at risk groups and preventing them from being exploited

Child Exploitation (CE) is increasingly being recognised as a major factor behind crime in communities in the UK; it also victimises vulnerable young people and leaves them at risk of harm. The oversight of practice around exploitation of children and young people is governed by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board and Countywide Community Safety Partnership. The multi-agency partnerships work closely together to ensure that young people are supported and perpetrators are brought to justice. Multi-agency information sharing has allowed us to create a series of localised problem-solving groups, known as 'mapping', to specifically concentrate on environmental issues and ensure that robust plans are in place for both victims and perpetrators of child exploitation.

The mapping has significantly contributed to our understanding of serious street-based violence involving children and has allowed us to be proactive when creating interventions. The mapping has been used to support the objectives set out by the wider partnership.

This has seen early identification of "hotspot" areas that has allowed us to work with a range of key partners, which in turn has led to a reduction in violent crime within the mapped areas. The experience we now have has changed the way we structure our mapping, with a tactical meeting dealing with the detail raised and a Strategic meeting taking away those issues that need wider partnership input. The "mapping" is managed through the Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings and any key issues arising are escalated through to the Strategic Group for inclusion onto the Delivery Plan. The CE Strategic group work to this Delivery Plan, which has contributions from all key stakeholders. This plan drives the activity at the meeting, making it more focussed and relevant. We have now shared this best practice with other local authority areas, and we are seeking to develop a "problem solving" training package to ensure Managers within the partnership are able to effectively contribute.

A key area of development this year has been the involvement of local areas at Community Safety Partnership (CSP) level. We now have a structured meeting process in place which has led to better information sharing and understanding of local issues. This meeting supports the objectives of the wider CCE Strategic group. Throughout this period, we have worked extensively with partners to ensure we have meaningful data captured which can be shared with all partners. We are currently reviewing the use of vulnerability trackers to ensure that all partners are sharing and working to the same data.

Child Exploitation training has continued throughout Covid and home working. It has become a six weekly virtual session and has allowed us to accommodate a larger number of learners than was possible when classroom based. We have developed the training to allow the learner to view video and audio content at a point convenient to them, which allows them to control their own environment based on personal home working conditions. This has received incredibly positive feedback when seeking evaluation.

The section 11 self-assessment audit that took place in 2019-2020 found that although the strategic leads of agencies felt that Child Criminal Exploitation was firmly embedded within practice, professionals surveyed reported that they were not aware of the CCE risk assessment tool. The lack of knowledge and limited use of assessment tools by practitioners was escalated to the Executive Board. In response the Board has taken those findings back to the CCE Strategic Board and developed a suite of CCE virtual training and resources. This includes Sways on online harms (CSE and CSA) and online abuse and virtual training on an introduction to CCE. Clear reference to the completion of the CCE Risk Assessment Tool features within the online safeguarding referral form with a direct link to the tool on the Board's website.

Child Criminal Exploitation training during Covid became virtual and the demand was so great that extra sessions had to be put on to accommodate the number of professionals requesting to undertake the training.

Child Criminal Exploitation continues to be discussed at the QEG as part of the single agency performance monitoring to see how agencies are embedding the assessment and support of CCE into practice.

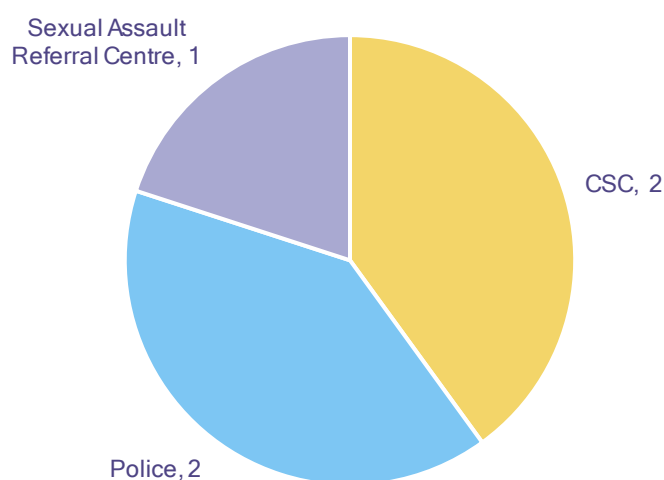
LEARNING FROM CHILD SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE REVIEWS

The new structure for child reviews involving Rapid Reviews and CSPRs has successfully been embedded into practice. The CSPR group have developed a template for the completion of Rapid Reviews and have maintained continual contact with the National Panel in terms of submitting reviews to deadline and answering their questions. Given that the new legislation of the Child and Social Work Act 2017 and the guidance of Working Together 2018 has only recently been implemented there are still some child reviews that are following the old structure of Serious Case Reviews. All case reviews have action plans to ensure that the learning is taken forward. These are monitored on a bimonthly basis by the partnership.

Rapid reviews

Number of CSPRs ongoing from 2019/20	Number of referrals for CSPR between April 2020 - March 2021		CSPRs completed within timeframe of this annual report	Ongoing SARs for 2021/22
	Criteria met	Criteria not met		
5	4	1	1	8

Source of CSPR referrals



5 CSPRs had commenced prior to April 2020 and were ongoing. 4 new referrals were commenced between April 2020 and March 2021. 1 CSPR was signed off by the Board that had commenced prior to this financial year, and briefings were produced.

Learning from the rapid review has focussed on

- Professional curiosity
- Child Sexual Abuse

- Mental ill health
- Moving between Local Authorities.

Oliver

Within the timeframe covered by this annual report, 1 case review was published. This review was undertaken on a baby who we shall call Oliver, to respect his anonymity. The review concerned the serious injuries sustained by a baby under one year old as a result of being attacked by family pet dogs. Oliver subsequently died of these injuries.

Learning from the review includes

- Adherence to the Safeguarding Pre-birth Protocol, undertaking a full pre-birth assessment and support from the unborn panel will ensure that there is a coherent multi-agency approach to supporting and protecting the unborn and newly born child.
- Within the partnership there is shared responsibility for safeguarding and the completion of actions, where there is apparent drift, failure to complete this should be appropriately challenged and addressed.
- Professionals should take every opportunity to explore the risks of domestic abuse in a relationship, considering how coercion can be applied. Safe, open conversations about previous domestic abuse should not be avoided.
- Where there are concerns regarding previous domestic abuse, consideration should be given to how much the current partner is aware of and whether consideration of disclosure under Clare's Law is appropriate.

The key message from this review is ***'never leave a baby or young child unsupervised with a dog, even for a moment, no matter how well you know that dog'***. One of the key actions arising from this case review was the development of a "dangerous dog" guidance and resource pack.

At the conclusion of a case review, a series of workshops are held to ensure that the learning is disseminated across the partnership. A series of written briefings are also produced that focus on the implications for practice.

The section 11 self-assessment audit that took place in 2019-2020 found that although the strategic leads of agencies felt that they effectively disseminated the findings from case reviews to their workforce, professionals surveyed reported that they were not always aware of the lessons learned from case reviews. This was identified within the recommendations of the section 11 report as an area to focus on. In response the Board has developed 7 minute briefings on case reviews available on the website. The lessons learned both nationally and locally feature within discussions at the Training Subgroup for implementation into wider workforce practice. Additionally, the cases and the learning are written into the virtual briefings and online training and are promoted at termly safeguarding workshops. The impact of these measures have been evidenced through subsequent surveys which have shown an increase in practitioner's awareness of lessons from case reviews.

During 2021 a 'Database of Learning' has also been set up recording details and findings from all of the children case reviews (both SCRS and CSPRS) and Safeguarding Adult Reviews across the county. This allows us to further scrutinise themes and trends arising from case reviews.

LEARNING FROM CHILD DEATHS

Over the last year, the deaths of 34 children were reported to the CDOP across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, this is seven less than 2019/2020. 25 in Cambridgeshire and 8 in Peterborough. 49% of these children were babies under one year old compared to the national average in the UK which is 63%. Four deaths (out of 34 reported) were suicides. The number of cases reviewed were 40 - some of these were reported to CDOP as early as 2018.

One of the purposes of the child death review process is to identify 'modifiable' factors for each child that dies. That is any factor which, on review, might have prevented that death and might prevent future deaths. During 2020-2021 there were 11 child deaths where a modifiable factor was identified by the panel. 29 deaths were unmodifiable. 23% of cases reviewed were completed within 6 months, 63% of cases reviewed this year were completed within 12 months and 15% were over 12 months old when review took place. One of the reasons for the delay is the current backlog locally for Coronial Inquests. The DfE acknowledges that reviewing child deaths is an extremely complex task and these figures are not used as a performance measure.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STATUTORY SAFEGUARDING PARTNERS

Local Authority Children Services

As for all those working with children, young people and their families, 2020/21 has been a year like no other. Children and young people have experienced a significant impact as a result of the pandemic, with many losing access to class-based learning and experiencing huge disruption in their important peer relationships for lengthy periods.

Parents and carers also experienced increased stress as a result of uncertainty about employment, and through isolation from informal as well as more formal sources of support.

It is likely that we will continue to see the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic for some time to come, despite the best efforts of all concerned – schools, health services, voluntary and community services – to ensure that we do all we can to minimise the impact of the pandemic.

Despite the challenge of pandemic and repeated period of lockdown, children's services have continued to grow and develop. Achievements in 2020/21 included:

- The redesign of parenting programmes across both local authorities, developing hybrid models that have been effective in supporting families through the pandemic while making the programmes more accessible;
- The implementation of the Early Help Module in Cambridgeshire, enabling practitioners to easily see whether other services are supporting a child or family and resulting in better take up of early help assessments;
- The full implementation of the Family Safeguarding model of practice in Cambridgeshire;
- The continued delivery of the SAFE team, supported with funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, working with young people at greatest risk of exploitation;
- Reviewing processes within the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, resulting in a more targeted approach to requesting and receiving information from partners and also implemented an electronic referral form;
- Participating in a national review of responses to young people at risk of trafficking and exploitation, which identified our processes within the MASH and the Missing, Exploited and Trafficked hub as being examples of best practice [and which were also later praised by Ofsted in the focused visit to Peterborough in June 2021];
- Developing and implementing focused training for our staff on Child Sexual Abuse, following practice reviews in this area;
- Following rapid reviews into the tragic suicides of three young people in earlier years, we have implemented regular practice workshops with colleagues from CPFT to reflect on the learning in respect of young people with complex mental health needs.

It is hard to think of a period that has relied more heavily on the extraordinary commitment of staff and managers in our services and in partner agencies. Despite the enormous challenges, that

commitment and dedication has resulted in real achievements across services for vulnerable children, young people and their families.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG's Safeguarding Teams merged into one team in 2020-2021 under a Head of Safeguarding People to help embed the Safeguarding "Think Family" approach. The role of the Safeguarding People Team is to provide support to the health system and provide ongoing monitoring and assurance of safeguarding practice to ensure all providers of health care services have competent and well-trained staff who can safeguard vulnerable people.

The Safeguarding People Team provide bespoke advice, guidance and training as required along with regular safeguarding supervision to each health care provider. The support available is provided across the health system; including acute care, the ambulance service, primary care, community care, nursing homes and across all age groups; children and adults.

We also support our internal CCG workforce with safeguarding decision making. To fulfil our statutory safeguarding responsibilities within the CCG, the Safeguarding Team is comprised of professionals who have different specialisms and expertise.

Throughout 2020-2021 the CCG increased their support to health providers mindful of the pandemic, the pressures on the system and subsequent potential increased risk to protect vulnerable children and adults from harm. Whilst the methods of support may have altered, the amount increased and the CCG thought creatively about how this support could continue. Regular communications were sent out and support was provided virtually. A regular resilience meeting was set up with health providers to provide an opportunity for a systemwide response to managing safeguarding in a pandemic which Safeguarding Health Provider Leads attended chaired by the CCG Safeguarding People Team Lead. The team continued to provide advice to our providers whilst, as commissioners, balancing this with continued assurance with compliance to Safeguarding across the system at a time of increased risk, working closely with CQC, Ofsted, Local Authorities and the Safeguarding Partnership Boards.

During the last 12 months support has been provided to our health providers to progress the aligned model for the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub to support best practice and information sharing between Health and Partner Agencies, this will support with system wide risk.

There has been a conscious shift to move away from a quality monitoring model to a quality improvement model with an enabling focus.

The Safeguarding People Team will continue to lead on the development of a system wide Safeguarding Officer Apprenticeship which we hope will be agreed in 2021/2022.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Cambridgeshire Constabulary continues its active membership of the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board. Over the past 12 months we have been represented at Executive and Board level by Assistant Chief Constable Vicky Evans, Detective Chief Superintendent Mark Greenhalgh (Head of Crime and Vulnerability) and Detective Superintendent John Massey (Head of Protecting Vulnerable People Department). The constabulary is also represented at all the key subgroups to the board where we continue to engage with all our partners on the board's priorities, seeking to support, challenge and learn from all our colleagues in our shared goal of continual improvement.

There have undoubtedly been enormous challenges over the past twelve months but it has been the close working relationship and continual interaction with our partners that has ensured we have seen some notable successes in securing the best possible outcomes for the most vulnerable children across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

There has been an unprecedented focus on the police response to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), well-publicised reports of peer on peer abuse within educational establishments and a rise in Child Sexual Abuse allegations and a continuation of the persisting risk of criminal and sexual exploitation emanating from County Lines drug supply. Support from our partners has been pivotal in our formulation of strategies to counter these challenges together.

We have created new Vulnerability Focus Desks and Early Intervention Domestic Abuse Desks to greatly enhance our response to those at risk and employed Young Person Early Intervention Officers to engage with children at risk of exploitation and divert them from a cycle of harm, abuse and criminality. We continue to work with great support from local authority partners and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in devising bids for vital central government funding and have recently secured funding for three Domestic Abuse, Child to Parent Violence, and Stalking Perpetrator Programmes that will go live across the county this autumn. Further partnership engagement has been seen within Perpetrator Panels and the DA Scrutiny Group and Rape Scrutiny Panels; these fora provide invaluable opportunities for feedback, transparency, practical direction and shared expertise and an overall 'critical friend' input to help maintain our focus and performance.

One particular highlight of our partnership co-operation came in our collective success in being selected to become one of only 2 areas in the country to have a Specialist DA Court with Mentoring Status. This will upskill staff and ensure Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can offer the best possible service to those who have been victims of domestic assaults, while crucially, also reducing the long-term harm caused to children exposed to such behaviours in the home. Another highlight came in the form of a joint training event delivered by the County Lines Pathfinder Team in March this year to Police, Health, YOS, Education and Social Care colleagues. This was hugely helpful in providing front line staff with vital skills in identifying the signs of criminal and sexual exploitation and initiating the first steps to disrupt this activity; it also helped strengthen working and professional relations and helped onward contact and information sharing.

As we look ahead to the next twelve months, we are acutely aware of the challenges to come - particularly as we face some of the consequential effects of the Covid lockdown periods. However, we are confident that through our partnership structures and oversight we have both the unified purpose and the coordinated relationships within the Board to meet these challenges successfully.

SCRUTINY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Requirement for independent scrutiny

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 confirms that the three statutory safeguarding partners in relation to a local authority area are defined in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 as:

- Local Authority
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- Chief Officer of Police.

The three statutory partners have a shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area.

Working Together 2018 stipulates that the partnership has a duty to show **there is independent scrutiny** to provide assurance in judging the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in a local area, including arrangements to identify and review serious child safeguarding cases. This independent scrutiny can form part of a wider system which includes the independent inspectorates, single assessment of the individual safeguarding partners and the Joint Targeted Area Inspections. There is no longer a requirement to have an independent Chair.

Whilst the decision on how best to implement a robust system of independent scrutiny is to be made locally, safeguarding partners should ensure that the scrutiny is objective, acts as a constructive critical friend and promotes reflection to drive continuous improvement.

The independent scrutiny should consider how effectively the arrangements are working for children and families as well as for practitioners, how effectively the safeguarding partners are providing strong leadership and agree with the safeguarding partners how this will be reported.

Local scrutiny arrangements

Currently the scrutiny function of the partnership is discharged through an independent scrutineer who provides a scrutiny assurance report at each Executive Safeguarding Board meeting (Quarterly).

In addition to the scrutiny undertaken by the scrutineer, there is a significant range of scrutiny functions that are currently in place that offer additional scrutiny of the safeguarding and partnership arrangements. A number of these functions are undertaken by the Independent Safeguarding Partnership service (Business Unit).

The table below evidences the additional robust scrutiny of the partnership arrangements across both adults and children's outside of the scrutineer's role.

Type	What we scrutinise	Activity
Single agency operational practice	<p>Quality of single agency and multi-agency practice</p> <p>Decision making</p> <p>Professional challenge/escalation</p> <p>Impact/outcomes</p>	<p>Single agency quality assurance activity.</p> <p>Peer to peer reviews.</p> <p>Single agency inspections.</p> <p>Serious incidents.</p> <p>Performance management information.</p>
Partnership working and multi-agency practice	<p>Single agency and multi-agency practice</p> <p>Decision making</p> <p>Professional challenge/escalation</p> <p>Impact/outcomes</p>	<p>Independent scrutiny of Case reviews through independent chair of the case review groups.</p> <p>Head of Service for Safeguarding Partnership Boards chairs some of the case review panel meetings.</p> <p>Independent authors for case reviews.</p> <p>JTAI and other inspections.</p> <p>S11 self-assessment and adult equivalent – this includes agency challenge sessions.</p> <p>Regular QA assurance activity undertaken by business unit staff, including audits, dip samples and case reviews.</p> <p>Consultation and development forums provides a mechanism for front line engagement. They are held 4x a year, each one addresses one of the business priorities.</p> <p>Qualitative performance reporting through the Quality & Effectiveness Groups on a quarterly basis.</p>

		<p>Surveys and consultations with children and young people, parents and professionals.</p> <p>Multi-agency workforce development feedback and impact process.</p> <p>The Head of Service for the Safeguarding Partnership Boards chairs the following meetings;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality & Effectiveness Groups (adults and children) • Exploitation Strategic Group • Exploitation Delivery Group (CSP's) • Various task and finish groups. <p>The Training & Development Subgroup is Chaired by a member of the Independent safeguarding partnership service (business unit)</p> <p>Validation of single agency training</p> <p>Head of Service for Safeguarding Partnership Boards has independent oversight of the partnership budget.</p> <p>Head of Service Safeguarding Partnership Boards and other members of the Independent Safeguarding Partnership Service (Business Unit) are members of various boards/meetings where they scrutinise practice.</p>
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Quality Effectiveness Group (QEG)

This group is responsible for monitoring the individual and collective effectiveness of the safeguarding practice carried out by the agencies represented on the Children’s Safeguarding Partnership Board. The group has a strong quality assurance function including undertaking audits, dip samples, self-assessments focus groups and surveys. The annual themed audit programme includes both single and multi-agency audits and are linked to the Board’s priorities. QEG advises and supports the Board in achieving the highest safeguarding standards and promoting safeguarding across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire through evaluation and continuous improvement. During the twelve months covered by this report, the following audit activity has taken place:

The impact of Covid 19 had a huge effect on agencies during the time period covered by this report. Due to national lockdown restrictions, a number of services ceased to offer face to face appointments, people were asked to stay at home and the vulnerable members of our society became less visible. The impact of Covid 19 on safeguarding issues and agencies service delivery was a standard agenda item and considered at every QEG meeting. This was with a view to assuring partners around safeguarding practice during this difficult period and supporting a systems led approach to the issues being faced across all partners.

Single Agency Performance Commentary completed by partners for each of the Board’s priorities with each priority being reviewed at QEG twice a year. Includes what has worked well, areas for improvement and what the agency has done to contribute to those improvements, where multi-agency support is needed and issues to be escalated to the Executive Board. This process has worked well and its impact is evidenced through the numerous changes in processes and policies and additional training courses being offered as a result of the scrutiny at QEG.

Multi-Agency Training Impact on Professional Practice Report is completed annually and presented at QEG and the Training Subgroup (see training section below for evidence of impact). The Partnership Board also continues to endorse single agency safeguarding training to ensure that training provided to the wider safeguarding workforce is robust, fit for purpose and contains consistent messaging. In the past 12 months a total of 9 courses have been validated for the Police, Early Years Peterborough, Early Help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust.

The Annual Training Needs Survey is undertaken to ascertain what safeguarding training is currently available within agencies, understand how well Safeguarding Board priorities are being incorporated into agency training programmes and identify any potential gaps there may be in safeguarding children’s training that need to be met. As a result of this survey, additional training has been developed.

Section 11 Audit. This audit is undertaken, in line with the Children Act 2004, every two years, to ascertain if agencies across the partnership are effectively safeguarding and promoting the welfare of

children and young people in accordance with their section 11 statutory responsibilities. For this audit year, the tool was redesigned to include the Board's priorities.

Findings showed that there had been improvement in the specific areas of; escalating concerns, embedding safeguarding policies and practices, information sharing and the lived experience of the child, as a result of the Board's and agencies work on these areas. This work included; creation and promotion of the lived experience of the child guidance and training pack and promotion of policies and procedures at the termly workshops. It also included reviewing and renaming the escalation policy to "resolving professional differences". The work we had undertaken around escalation was recognised as 'good practice' within the national triennial analysis of SCRs 2014-2017.

The main area identified for improvement focused on professionals understanding and use of safeguarding assessment tools. The concerns surrounding use of safeguarding tools was escalated the Executive Safeguarding Partnership Board and a multi-agency group was established to resolve this issue. The impact of this work will be included in the 2021/22 annual report.

To inform the work being undertaken around CSA 3 surveys were carried out. 1 was aimed at young people, 1 was aimed at parents/carers and the final survey was for practitioners. 324 young people, 125 parents/carers and 362 professionals responded to the surveys. The surveys found that there is still a lack of awareness for both children and parents on some of the identified risk areas of child sexual abuse. Children are less aware than parents that sexual abuse can happen online and only a quarter of the children surveyed knew that sexual abuse is often perpetrated by those people whom they know. Additionally, in respect of the professionals' responses it was clear that the increased focus from the Partnership Board and its partners, on the area of child sexual abuse had improved practitioner's confidence, knowledge and awareness. The 2020 survey recorded that 97% survey practitioners felt confident in reporting child sexual abuse and 84% had received training on the subject. The findings from the survey were presented at the CSA task and finish group, QEG and the Child Criminal Exploitation group and have informed areas of work for the Board and its partners to focus on. The findings have also been sent to the Centre of Expertise on CSA to help inform their research. A separate report was sent to the local SARC to inform them of the findings in relation to children, parents and professionals understanding and experience of the SARC.



Independent Scrutineer's Report and Findings

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's agreed (Nov 2020) methodology that has been used for this scrutiny report is best known nationally as 'Six Steps for Independent Scrutiny: Safeguarding children arrangements'. This has been adapted from the publication of the same name by Pearce, J (2019) Institute of Applied Social Research, Luton, University of Bedfordshire.

The six themes to be explored to provide assurance of partnership safeguarding activity are covered below:

A. The three core partner leads are actively involved in strategic planning and implementation.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Executive Partnership Board have agreed the following priorities for the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board from October 2019 – December 2021. This plan is child focused.

Four priorities have been identified as areas that require further development through learning arising from case reviews and quality assurance activity. This includes identified agreed desired outcomes in line with national guidelines and recent research findings and includes contextual safeguarding.

The priorities plan (business plan) has been examined and is extremely well written, it includes describing what the priority is, then what will be done to achieve the priority and then what success will look like.

In terms of the neglect priority, activity that has taken place against this priority during the last 12 months includes actions to make changes to the neglect assessment tool. There is more work by the partnership to do and be completed against this priority.

The activity to achieve delivery against the CSA priority is ongoing and the partnership have set up a well engaged and knowledgeable task and finish group. The activity against the CCE priority is equally impressive. The safeguarding partnership have invested in a mostly dedicated role to tackle CCE and this is clearly reaping benefits as demonstrated for example by various mapping exercises.

Another major piece of work delivered within the last 12 months is a review of the 'Effective Support for Children and Families (Thresholds) Document.' This document, although led by the DCS, had input and engagement by health, police and school colleagues throughout both the LA areas, to improve and strengthen current arrangements. This was particularly important in the Cambridgeshire LA area.

An additional priority consideration is to include emotional health and wellbeing in adolescents. The learning from adolescent suicides would suggest this is a needed local priority.

The three statutory partners have members on the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board and on all of the sub-groups and any task and finish groups. I have reviewed who the regular attendees are for each of the individual meetings; it is felt that this is at the right level to be able to inform and influence both within the partnership but also feed information back into their individual agencies.

The three statutory partners can be assured that the safeguarding children partnership works effectively alongside the Safeguarding Adults Board. This works extremely well and how the two safeguarding boards work together is innovative. There is only one safeguarding partnership team to support the two boards (Children and Adult) and only one Executive Board.

The partnership works well with the countywide community safety partnership (CSP). There is always work to be done with this particular partnership to prevent duplication or competing priorities, this is in particular a case with the individual CSPs around the county. The partnership have good representation on the health and wellbeing board and the LCJB, CFJB and the MAPPA and YOS management board. The challenge is to ensure that as well as representing their individual organisations, they also represent the safeguarding partnership.

B. The wider safeguarding partners (including relevant agencies) are actively involved in safeguarding children.

The safeguarding children partnership have included a wide list of relevant agencies including schools and all health providers in the two LA areas. They are appropriately informed of, and engaged with, the safeguarding children partnership arrangements and safeguarding children priorities. This is demonstrated and evidenced well by the membership and contribution to the work of the partnership, in particular the sub-groups and task and finish groups.

Another well evidenced example is the attendance at children board meetings. I attended those meetings which were extremely well chaired, each agency and individual were enabled to, and did adequately contribute to, discussions and decision making.

C. Children, young people and families are aware of and involved with plans for safeguarding children.

Children and young people are consulted, provide input, and influence the development, implementation and review of the safeguarding plan, related activities and priorities.

A number of agencies have extensive engagement with children, young people and their families, it would be of great assistance to the safeguarding partnership if agencies could share with them relevant engagement and feedback from children and their families on a regular basis.

D. Appropriate quality assurance procedures are in place for data collection, audit and information sharing.

There are mechanisms in place for the three statutory partners to collect and analyse relevant data pertaining to safeguarding children. This happens through the Quality Effectiveness Sub-Group (QEG). The QEG operates well with the data it has and has an extremely good Multi-Agency audit programme.

Evidence of scrutiny which is mainstreamed into partnership activity already. The partnership are also scrutinised by professional bodies, for example CQC, Ofsted and HMICFRS, their findings should also be shared with the partnership for any necessary multi-agency actions.

The data, in particular from the multi-agency audits, is used all of the time to provide an assessment of gaps in data, identification of priorities and future safeguarding activity. A good example of this is the Voice of the Child/Lived Experience audits and the subsequent suite of guidance that was produced following this.

The partnership have a very healthy Section 11 programme which also involves an innovative practitioners survey to accompany it.

E. There is a process for identifying and investigating learning from local and national case reviews.

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) sub-group is chaired well by the independent chair who is very experienced and able. The strategic partners can be assured that the chair applies on their behalf a high level of independent scrutiny.

The CSPR group showed that it carries out all of its statutory responsibilities, but appeared to have an extensive agenda, it has though made some good progress on case reviews and iterations to its processes during the year. A good example of this was an amended process, that at its heart made a point, that it is the three statutory partners who make the necessary decisions on reviews. This process was passed unanimously at the meeting.

The CSPR sub-group have on occasions highlighted learning from national reviews. The Children Safeguarding Board and Child Death Overview Panel recently jointly agreed a refreshed safer sleeping campaign which also fitted in with the National Panel's SUDI report 'Out of Routine'.

Safeguarding partners are aware of the criteria and process for referral of cases for consideration and the newly agreed process strengthens this understanding.

It must be highlighted that the high volume of case reviews has caused resource issues, not only within the partnership safeguarding team but in all of the individual agencies. The resource issue must be borne in mind when methodology for each CSPR is agreed.

As already mentioned above there is an individual priority for the partnership to include learning from reviews carried out. This shows the emphasis and importance the partnership has to learn from tragic and serious safeguarding events.

F. There is an active program of multi-agency safeguarding children training

The multi-agency training provision has been examined and is extremely thorough and wide reaching. During the initial lockdown all safeguarding board training was paused due to the regulations. The Partnership was aware of the need to continue to up-skill the workforce on safeguarding issues and as a result they developed virtual briefings. Locally these are referred to as SWAYs (the software that is used for the briefings). In essence these are a presentation but each slide has an audio that discusses the content of the slide. Initially SWAYs were produced on safeguarding issues that were prominent during the lockdown (online abuse for adults, online abuse for children, safeguarding for community volunteers).

The SWAYs are a huge success for the Partnership Board. Whilst the face to face training provision has always been well attended it would never have reached the number of people who have accessed the SWAYs. It is to the credit of the Partnership that whilst other areas in the region stopped all training delivery, locally, we evolved and adapted to the lockdown environment.

The content of all of the safeguarding training continues to be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that it reflects both local and national developments, legislation and guidance.

Single agency training continues to be supported. Children's and adult's toolkits are available on the partnership website for use by agencies. The Toolbox consists of a set of slides with the latest Safeguarding Partnership Board's; strategies, policies, procedures, practitioner guidance's and assessment tools. These slides can be used in single agency training and ensures a consistency of messaging. There are also website links to free e-learning, training and further support. The Partnership Board continues to validate single agency safeguarding training.

Conclusion

I can confirm with confidence and assurance, that the Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership are compliant with Working Together, 2018. The arrangements ensure that children in both of these Local Authority Areas are safeguarded and their welfare promoted.

Dr Russell Wate QPM



MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Partnership Board's Response to Multi-Agency Training During the Covid 19 Pandemic

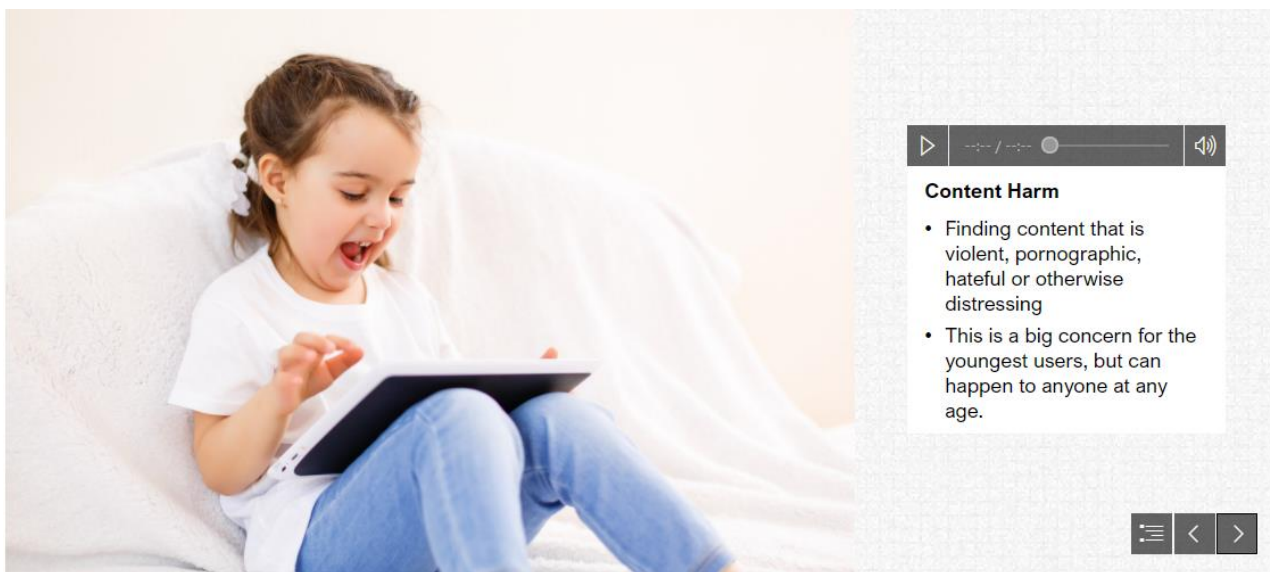
Due to government restrictions during the pandemic, most staff from organisations were either required to work from home, or re-deployed into new roles to help combat the pandemic and support local communities. Face to face training had to be suspended and alternatives to learning sought. An urgent response was needed to provide volunteers, who would be visiting shielding members of the public and their families, with safeguarding training.

A Covid 19 Information page on the Safeguarding Partnership Board website was set up within a week of the first lockdown period. The page contained information on Covid 19, local safeguarding arrangements, links to useful agency resources, presentations on basic safeguarding children and safeguarding adults at risk in a Covid context, leaflets, briefings and video links and a link to CPSPB online training. Bespoke virtual safeguarding training for community volunteers was developed and available within 72 hours of going into lockdown. Feedback from volunteers and working professionals found the information 'invaluable' and 'informative' to support their knowledge of safeguarding and what to do if they had safeguarding concerns.

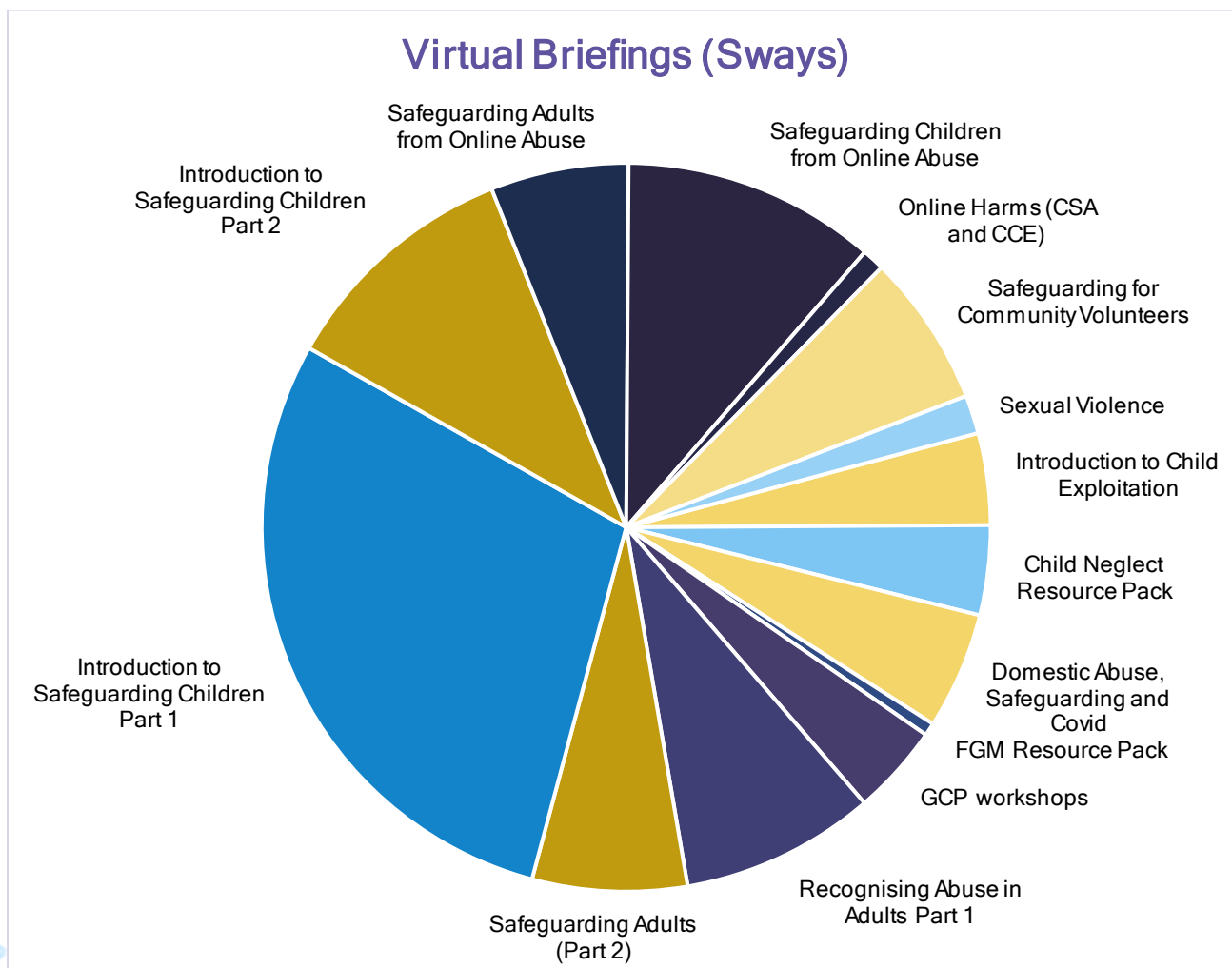
Virtual Briefings (Sways)

The Partnership was aware of the need to continue to up-skill the workforce on safeguarding issues and as a result they developed virtual briefings. Locally, these are referred to as Sways (the software that is used for the briefings). In essence, these are a presentation but each slide has an audio that discusses the content of the slide. Generally, they last around 20 minutes per briefing. The virtual briefings are available on the Partnership Board website and can be accessed at any time. As a result, staff who are working night shifts, weekends or early shifts can all access the training at their convenience.

The first virtual briefing to be uploaded onto the board's website during April 2020 was on 'Safeguarding for Community Volunteers' closely followed by 'Safeguarding from Online Abuse', a recognised high-risk area of concern during lock down. The virtual briefings that followed focused on safeguarding during Covid and locally identified areas of safeguarding risk as well as the Board's priorities. However, as the popularity of the virtual briefings increased it was apparent that these were a hugely useful resource and further topics were added. For those professionals who complete the SWAY there is a downloadable certificate as proof of completion. The majority of professionals gave the SWAYs a 4 to 5 star exceptional rating and described them as, 'informative and really useful'. They have been very well received by agencies and have been used and adapted within our local partners' resources and utilised by other safeguarding boards across the Country.



Between April 2020 and March 2021, the virtual briefings had been viewed a total 10,753 times.



Virtual Training Webinars

Virtual Training Webinars developed from existing face to face training materials and condensed into 60 or 90 minute sessions were facilitated from September 2020 by members of the Independent Safeguarding Partnership Service.

As with the briefings, the webinars focused on safeguarding risks and the Board's priorities. As part of a rolling programme, the webinars focused on Child Neglect, Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), Child Criminal Exploitation, Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) and Termly workshops on the latest safeguarding messages.

18 webinar sessions took place during September 2020 to March 2021, where 573 people attended. Initially groups of a maximum of 20 rising to 40 professionals were allowed to access the training online. However, the demand for the training has been so great that up to 100 places on each course are now available.

As the sessions progressed, a feedback form was developed and 100% of professionals reported that they felt that the safeguarding virtual training content met their training needs and 99% of professionals stated that they felt that the delivery of the training was right for them. Professionals' comments included:

- "Really helpful and useful subject and great to be able to access training, my first online training"
- "Very well delivered – lots of information and links to further reading"
- "It was clear accessible and kept me engaged"
- "Helpful to talk in chat / really good and involved participants".

The Child Sexual Abuse and the Sexual Assault Referral Centre webinars which took place during November 2020 were recorded and uploaded onto the Safeguarding Partnership Board's YouTube channel and added to the Safeguarding Partnership Boards website. These video clips are openly available to professionals.

Whilst the face to face training provision has always been well attended it would never have reached the number of people who have accessed the Virtual Briefings and webinars. It is to the credit of the Partnership that whilst other areas in the region stopped all training delivery, locally we evolved and adapted to the lockdown environment.



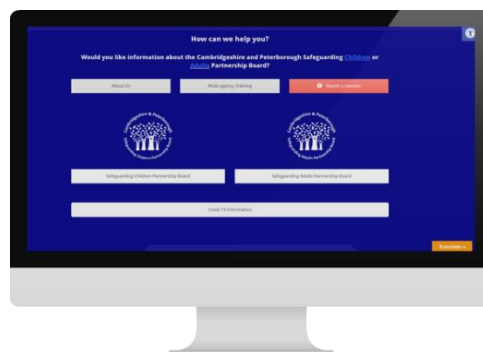
WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Over the past year we have had 275,602 page views and 71,987 users to the website.

On average, a user spent an average 2 minutes per session on the website, and the bounce rate has remained close to 40% which would indicate users find what they are looking for quickly.

Apart from the home page, the Multi-agency training page was the most visited page on the site, followed by 'Reporting a concern' and our virtual Sway briefings pages.

52% of visitors reached our site via entering keywords into search engines. 66% accessed the site via a desktop device (i.e. Laptop) and 30% accessed the site via a mobile.



Feedback from visitors includes:

- *Its really easy to use, very clear and content is good.*
- *Easy to manoeuvre around the website*
- *Breadth of training resources available and are easily accessible*
- *the clarity, layout and range of information available far exceeded what was expected.*

Our social media presence

The CPSPB uses Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for all sorts of communications from the latest safeguarding news, to events that the Safeguarding Partnership Board are hosting.

During the last year the CPSPB has continued to strengthen its profile on social media. On Twitter, we posted 328 tweets, had 111,383 impressions, were retweeted 292 times, had 1540 reactions and 1,007 followers. On Facebook and Instagram, we put out 400 posts, had a reach⁶ of 80,112, with 683 reactions, 57 comments, 768 shares and 458 followers on Facebook and 124 on Instagram.



If you haven't yet followed us, please do!

⁶ The number of people who saw any content from your Page or about your Page, including posts, stories, ads, social information from people who interact with your Page and more. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your posts by the same people.



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APPENDIX 1 - LIST OF AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON THE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Authorities including
 - Children Social Care
 - Public Health
 - Elected Members
 - YOS
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Education
 - Primary School
 - Secondary School
 - Further Education
- East of England Ambulance Service
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust
- Cambridgeshire Community Services
- Royal Papworth Hospital
- North West Anglia Hospitals
- Cambridge University Hospital
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Ely Diocese
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue
- Cambridge District Council
- Cross Keys Homes – representing Housing
- National Probation Service
- CAFCASS
- Healthwatch
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Voluntary sector representatives





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CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
20 JANUARY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer		
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation		
Contact Officer(s):	Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer	Tel. 01733 452508	

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING START TIME 2022-2023

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer	Deadline date: N/A
It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee agree the start time for all Children and Education Scrutiny Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2022-23.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee meeting following the Full Council decision on 24 July 2019 to allow Committees to decide their own start times for each new Municipal Year.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to allow the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to discuss and agree the start times for meetings from the beginning of the Municipal Year 2022-23. The draft schedule of meetings will be agreed at Full Council on 26 January 2022
- 2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under Council Standing Order section 4.4.1

The timings of normal committee meetings will be agreed by the committee for the next municipal year in January of the preceding municipal year (or as near to this time as possible).

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 At the Constitution and Ethics Committee on 8 July 2019 the Committee agreed by majority to recommend to Council that all Committees can agree their start times for each Municipal Year. This was again agreed by majority at the Full Council meeting on 24 July 2019.

- 4.2 The Council standing orders have been updated to reflect this decision and gives Committees the opportunity to decide their own start time.
- 4.3 In order for the start times to be incorporated into the draft meeting schedule it is important for the Committee to make a decision on this before the January 2022 Full Council meeting.
- 4.4 Council standing orders allow the Committee to agree its start time every Municipal Year, thereby allowing the Committee to change the start times if it is felt that the start time was not suitable.
- 4.5 The Committee will need to decide the best start time and will need to weigh up attendance at meetings and the impact on the Council and members of the public.
- 4.6 The Committee start time in recent years has been 7pm.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has already taken place with the Constitution and Ethics Committee and all Councillors at Full Council in July 2019.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 It is anticipated that the Committee will agree a start time for meetings for the Municipal Year 2022-23 and this will be proposed as part of the draft meeting schedule.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The recommendation allows the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to debate the start time of the meeting and make recommendations following debate.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 There are no legal implications

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 There are no equalities implications

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 Minutes of the Constitution and Ethics Committee 8 July 2019
Report to Full Council 24 July 2019

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 N/A

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
20 JANUARY 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance		
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation		
Contact Officer(s):	Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer	Tel. 01733 452508	

FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Senior Democratic Services Officer	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions and identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme or request further information. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee in accordance with the Terms of Reference as set out in section 2.2 of the report.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This is a regular report to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee outlining the content of the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph 3.3:

The Scrutiny Committees will:

(f) Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:

ii) By scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The latest version of the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions is attached at Appendix 1. The Forward Plan contains those Executive Decisions which the Leader of the Council believes that the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Member(s) can take and any new key decisions to be taken after 1 February 2022.
- 4.2 The information in the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions provides the Committee with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these executive decisions, or to request further information.
- 4.3 If the Committee wished to examine any of the executive decisions, consideration would need to be given as to how this could be accommodated within the work programme.
- 4.4 As the Forward Plan is published fortnightly any version of the Forward Plan published after dispatch of this agenda will be tabled at the meeting.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Details of any consultation on individual decisions are contained within the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 After consideration of the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions the Committee may request further information on any Executive Decision that falls within the remit of the Committee.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The report presented allows the Committee to fulfil the requirement to scrutinise Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions in accordance with their terms of reference as set out in Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph 3.3.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

- 9.2 N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

PUBLISHED: 4 JANUARY 2022

FORWARD PLAN

PART 1 – KEY DECISIONS

In the period commencing 28 clear days after the date of publication of this Plan, Peterborough City Council's Executive intends to take 'key decisions' on the issues set out below in **Part 1**. Key decisions relate to those executive decisions which are likely to result in the Council spending or saving money in excess of £500,000 and/or have a significant impact on two or more wards in Peterborough.

If the decision is to be taken by an individual Cabinet Member, the name of the Cabinet Member is shown against the decision, in addition to details of the Councillor's portfolio. If the decision is to be taken by the Cabinet, this too is shown against the decision and its members are as listed below:
Cllr Fitzgerald (Leader of the Council), Cllr Steve Allen (Deputy Leader); Cllr Ayres; Cllr Cereste; Cllr Hiller; Cllr Walsh; Cllr Coles and Cllr Simons.

This Plan should be seen as an outline of the proposed decisions for the forthcoming month and it will be updated on a fortnightly basis to reflect new key-decisions. Each new Plan supersedes the previous Plan and items may be carried over into forthcoming Plans. Any questions on specific issues included on the Plan should be included on the form which appears at the back of the Plan and submitted to philippa.turvey@peterborough.gov.uk, Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager, Legal and Governance Department, Town Hall, Bridge Street, PE1 1HG (fax 08702 388039). Alternatively, you can submit your views via e-mail to or by telephone on 01733 452460. For each decision a public report will be available from the Democratic Services Team one week before the decision is taken.

PART 2 – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE DECISION IN PRIVATE

Whilst the majority of the Executive's business at the Cabinet meetings listed in this Plan will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information. In these circumstances the meeting may be held in private, and on the rare occasion this applies, notice will be given within **Part 2** of this document, 'notice of intention to hold meeting in private'. A further formal notice of the intention to hold the meeting, or part of it, in private, will also be given 28 clear days in advance of any private meeting in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Council invites members of the public to attend any of the meetings at which these decisions will be discussed (unless a notice of intention to hold the meeting in private has been given).

PART 3 – NOTIFICATION OF NON-KEY DECISIONS

For complete transparency relating to the work of the Executive, this Plan also includes an overview of non-key decisions to be taken by the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members, these decisions are listed at **Part 3** and will be updated on a weekly basis.

You are entitled to view any documents listed on the Plan, or obtain extracts from any documents listed or subsequently submitted to the decision maker prior to the decision being made, subject to any restrictions on disclosure. There is no charge for viewing the documents, although charges may be made for photocopying or postage. Documents listed on the notice and relevant documents subsequently being submitted can be requested from Philippa Turvey, Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager, Legal and Governance Department, Town Hall, Bridge Street, PE1 1HG (fax 08702 388038), e-mail to philippa.turvey@peterborough.gov.uk or by telephone on 01733 452460.

All decisions will be posted on the Council's website: www.peterborough.gov.uk/executivedecisions. If you wish to make comments or representations regarding the 'key decisions' outlined in this Plan, please submit them to the Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager using the form attached. For your information, the contact details for the Council's various service departments are incorporated within this Plan.

PART 1 – FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISIONS FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2022

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Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Funding – KEY/01FEB22/01 The decision will cover the recommended allocation of the grant fund.	Councillor Irene Walsh, Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health	February 2021	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	Local Care Associations, Public Health and other internal teams.	Shauna Torrance, Head of Adult Social Care Commissioning, Tel: 07887631808, Email: shauna.torrance@cambridgeshire.gov.uk	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED KEY DECISIONS

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<p>86</p> <p>1. Disposal of freehold in Centre of the City - KEY/12JUN18/01 To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and Regeneration to sell the property</p>	<p>Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Central</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Kirsty Nutton, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 01733 384590, Email: Kirsty.nutton@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p> <p>The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

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<p>2. Contract for remedial works by PCC to the Stanground Bypass – KEY/2SEP19/02 To approve works to the Stanground bypass and authorise the associated package of work to be issued to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing agreement with SKANSKA dated 18th September 2013 (the Highways Services Agreement).</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Stanground South and Hargate and Hempsted</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p> <p>Standard consultation for highway schemes.</p>	<p>Charlotte Palmer, Group Manager – Transport and Environment, charlotte.palmer@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>

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<p>3.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">88</p>	<p>Approval of funding for the provision of accommodation to reduce homelessness KEY/14OCT19/01 – Following Cabinet Decision JAN18/CAB/18 this is a new project to increase the supply of housing and address the demand for accommodation resulting from the increase in homelessness.</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders.</p> <p>The issues associated with homelessness in Peterborough have been subject to significant discussion in various forums, including the Council's Adults and Communities Scrutiny, Cabinet and Full Council</p>	<p>Kirsty Nutton, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 01733 384590, Email: Kirsty.nutton@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published. The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

4.	Disposal of land at 7-23 London Road, Peterborough - KEY/06JAN20/01 Approval to dispose of surplus land to a registered provider for redevelopment to social housing The disposal will be conditional on a successful planning consent; the application has yet to be made.	Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments	January 2022	Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	Central	Relevant internal and external stakeholders.	Tristram Hill, Strategic Asset Manager, Tel: 07849 079787 Email: tristram.hill@peterborough.gov.uk	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published. There will be an exempt annex with details of the commercial transaction.
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06	<p>5. The disposal of former playing fields at Angus Court, Westown, Peterborough - KEY/06JAN20/02 Approval to dispose of former playing fields and Angus Court</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>West</p>	<p>A number of consultation events for local residents have been held for both the proposed disposal of land at Angus Court and the creation of new facilities at Thorpe Lea Meadows. Planning approval was secured for the new facilities at Thorpe Lea Meadows. These works are now completed. Consultation and information events to discuss the Council's plans to dispose of land at Angus Court and the creation of a new public play area, were held at West Town Academy took place on 1 November 2018 and 7 March 2019</p>	<p>Tristram Hill, Strategic Asset Manager, Tel: 07849 079787 Email: tristram.hill@peteborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
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6.	Acquisition of a freehold commercial property in Peterborough City Centre – KEY/8JUN20/03 - Acquisition of a freehold property for a community hub.	Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments	January 2022	Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	Central	Relevant internal and external stakeholders.	Tristram Hill, Strategic Asset Manager, Tel: 07849 079787 Email: tristram.hill@peterborough.gov	The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
7.	Joint Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council Transport Services DPS - KEY/7DEC20/01 - Joint Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council Transport Services DPS for all Education and social care transport procurement.	Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Education, Skills and University	January 2022	Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	Relevant internal and external stakeholders. Agreed at RIT Board and Joint Commissioning Board	Bryony Wolstenholme - Passenger Transport Operations Tel: 01733 317453 Email: bryony.wolstenholme@peterborough.gov.uk	Joint Commissioning Board decisions 25.08.2020/ RIT Board 19.02.2020

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8.	<p>Variation to the Council's Operational Services Agreement (Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership Contract): Modification to scope of the PSSP Contract - KEY/7DEC20/02 - Variation to the Council's Operational Services Agreement (Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership Contract): Modification to scope of the PSSP Contract - Business Transformation & Strategic Improvement Service Support element</p>	<p>Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>Christ Yates, Finance, 01733 452527, chris.yates@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
9.	<p>Mechanism selected for the supply of agency workers – KEY/21DEC20/02 – Options appraisal being undertaken for the Council's future supply of agency workers beyond expiry of the current contracts. This decision recommends the option that should be taken forward in the long term.</p>	<p>Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Legal, procurement, market analysis.</p>	<p>Kirsty Nutton, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 01733 384590, Email: Kirsty.nutton@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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<p>10. Procurement of 22 one bedroom flats for the accommodation of people who have previously been rough-sleepers – KEY/04JAN21/01 - The decision is to approve the use of £625K capital grant towards the purchase of 22 one bedroom flats. There is a further decision to approve borrowing of up to £1,675,000 from Public Works Loan Board towards the purchase of the 22 one bedroom flats.</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Consultation with MHCLG and Homes England</p>	<p>Mohamed Hussein Interim Director of Housing: Needs and Supply, Tel:07866 474953, Email: mohamed.hussein@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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11.	<p>Extension of the Delivery of Leisure and Cultural Services – KEY/15MAR21/02</p> <p>Extension of the delivery of Cultural Services by City Culture Peterborough, and Leisure Services by Peterborough Limited for three years to rationalise and reorganise service delivery in light of the effects of COVID-19. The 3-year extension will give time to properly reorganise, and allow time for the culture and leisure sectors to rebuild in time for future delivery options to be explored from 2024, including direct provision, working with partners, the establishment of a cooperative delivery model, or a public tender exercise..</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Kirsty Nutton, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 01733 384590, Email: Kirsty.nutton@petborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published</p>

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12.	<p>Bretton Court Redevelopment Scheme – KEY/15MAR21/04</p> <p>1. Approve the surrender of the Council's lease for the ground floor retail units of Bretton Court dated 28th June 2019, subject to the conditions to set out below and to be formalised within the Deed of Surrender</p> <p>2. Approve the Council entering in to an Agreement for Lease for the ground floor retail units of the new development scheme at Bretton Court, subject to the terms set out below</p> <p>3. Subject to the terms of the above Agreement for Lease being satisfied, to approve the Council entering in to a New Lease or the ground floor retail units of the new development scheme at Bretton Court</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Bretton</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Helen Harris, Senior Estates Surveyor, NPS Peterborough Email: helen.harris@nps.co.uk Tel: 01733 384534 Mobile: 07920 160181</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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96	<p>13. Approval for application of Government funding for a heat network - KEY/29MAR21/02</p> <p>The Peterborough Integrated Renewables Infrastructure (PIRI) is designing a low carbon heat network for Peterborough. In order to develop the designs an application for Government Grant funding will be required and this decision is to provide approval for that application.</p>	<p>Councillor Simons, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Consultation have been undertaken with the engaged advisors</p>	<p>Elliot Smith - Commercial Manager; Energy, Infrastructure and Regeneration. Tel: 07506536565 Email; elliot.smith@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published. The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

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14.	<p>PCC Homecare Framework – KEY/12APR21/02</p> <p>The extension of the PCC Homecare Framework for 12 months, plus delegated approval. Contract states three years, plus up to seven years, in 12 months increments. Due to be extended in September 2021, for 12 months.</p>	<p>Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health & Public Health</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>West</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Ruth Miller, 07795046754, ruth.miller@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published</p>
15.	<p>64-68 Bridge Street, dilapidation works – KEY/26APR2021/02 –</p> <p>Approval to carry out dilapidations works at 64-68 Bridge Street, Peterborough.</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Central</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Tristram Hill Strategic Asset Manager Tel: 07849 079787 Email: tristram.hill@nps.co.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p> <p>The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

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16.	Fleet Procurement - KEY/26APR2021/08 - Formal tender for various Fleet vehicles for Aragon Direct Services including areas such as Street Cleansing and Property Maintenance	Councillor Simons, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment	January 2022	Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	James Collingridge, Head of Environmental Partnerships, Tel: 01733864736, Email: james.collingridge@peterborough.gov.uk	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
17.	Peterborough City Council Housing Related Support Procurement / Commissioning - KEY/24MAY21/02 – To Procure / Commission Peterborough City Council Housing Related Support Services. Service redesign and change form annual Grant Agreements to longer term contracts.	Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities	January 2022	Communities Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	Soft market testing is underway. A Housing Related Support Commissioning Strategy has been agreed and has received all the relevant approvals.	Sharon Malia, Housing Programmes Manager Sharon Malia - Housing Programmes Manager, 01733 237771, Email: sharon.malia@peterborough.gov.uk	To be submitted, Housing Related Support Commissioning Strategy for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough 2020 - 2022. Procurement/ Commissioning information.

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18.	<p>Active Lifestyle and Sports Strategy – Refresh – KEY/2AUG21/02 - A review of the Active Lifestyles and Sports Strategy following the impact of Covid-19 and services across the city. Since the strategy was adopted in 2018/19 there have been significant developments with the culture and leisure services being delivered by new operators, the demise of certain stakeholders and a stronger importance of working with public health so they are aligned with physical activity for residents health and wellbeing, both physically and mentally.</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>April 2022</p>	<p>Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Currently in early stages of the review, working with Cambridgeshires Active Partnership, Living Sport a outline plan of a steering group and consultation will be delivered. This will also align with Sport England’s new 10 year strategy which is being launched in 2021 along with a new funding framework.</p>	<p>Jamie Fenton - Partnership Manager, Culture, Sport and Leisure, Email: jamie.fenton@pet erborough.gov.uk – Tel: 07976382756</p>	<p>Current Strategy will be used as a good starting point, this will have statistics updated, a new steering group developed and a new way to evidence actions/outcomes by stakeholders</p>

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100	<p>19. Capita Revenue & Benefits Academy system migration to cloud – KEY/30AUG21/01 -</p> <p>To approve the award of contract for the procurement of ICT cloud-based services from Capita UK Limited</p> <p>through to a Framework Agreement for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2026 for a value of £630,000</p>	<p>Councillor Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Data has been gathered from the existing on premises system and been analysed by Capita to inform their proposal. Capita's proposal has been shared with internal stakeholders and Serco who process on behalf of the council. Feedback has been collated and sent back to Capita to allow them to amend their proposal and draft the contract</p>	<p>Jason Dalby, ICT Project Manager, Tel:07931 176848, Email: jason.dalby@pet erborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Project Brief, Business Case, Specification of Requirements, Capita proposal, data protection and climate impact assessments</p>

20.	<p>Approval to enter into a Section 75 Partnership Agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust – KEY/11OCT21/03</p> <p>This agreement will ensure the provision of CPFT mental health specialist working with mental health practitioners who are part of multiagency Family Safeguarding teams working as part of children's social care safeguarding teams.</p>	<p>Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education, Skills and University</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Helen Andrews, Children's Commissioning Manager helen.andrews@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
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21.	<p>Disband Peterborough City Market from Laxton Square and relocate to a new location – KEY/11OCT21/04</p> <p>As part of the Northminster development, the current market site is required to be decommissioned and the site vacated in early 2022. The proposal to the Cabinet Member will be to disband the current market, serve all appropriate legal notices to existing traders and authorise officers to develop an alternative market location.</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Consultation with market traders will take place over the details of the new market location and transition from the existing site,</p>	<p>Ian Phillips - Head of Communities and Partnerships Integration ian.phillips@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published</p>
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<p>22. Appointment of Multidisciplinary Design Team for the Peterborough Museum Extension Project – KEY/11OCT21/05 Confirmation will be required to appoint the Multi-disciplinary Design Team for the Peterborough Museum Extension. The design team will be procured via the Homes England Framework of Suppliers. The procurement process is currently underway with Expression of Interest Issued, overseen by Peterborough City Council Procurement Officer.</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Central</p>	<p>Procurement exercise managed by PCC Procurement team, published notice via Homes England Framework</p>	<p>Rebecca Close, Project Manager, rebecca.close@peterborough.gov.uk, 07813785953</p>	<p>CMDN will be prepared once procurement of project is completed recommending award.</p>

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<p>23. Approval for contract to be awarded to Milestone to deliver the new traffic signals maintenance fund – KEY/8NOV21/02 The Council has been awarded £500k as part of the Department for Transport traffic signals fund. The Lincoln Road / Taverners Road signalised junction will be upgraded using this funding.</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Central, Park and North Wards</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken during the design phase of the scheme</p>	<p>Lewis Banks, Transport & Environment Manager, 01733 317465, lewis.banks@pe-terborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
<p>24. Laptop procurement - KEY/22NOV21/01 – Award of contract for laptop devices</p>	<p>Councillor Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Kevin Halls, IT Finance Contract Manager Email: kevin.halls@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel: 07880053901</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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25. 105	Healthwatch Service - KEY/22NOV21/02 - Approval to enter into an agreement for the provision of Healthwatch Service	Councillor Irene Walsh, Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health	March 2022	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	Relevant internal and external stakeholders	Sarah Bye Senior Commissioner Tel: 07468 718793	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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<p>26. Development of the Integrated Care System – KEY/20DEC21/02 - Integrated care systems (ICSs) are geographically based partnerships that bring together providers and commissioners of NHS services with local authorities and other local partners to plan, co-ordinate and commission health and care services. They are part of a fundamental shift in the way the health and care system is organised – away from competition and organisational autonomy and towards collaboration, with health and care organisations working together to integrate services and improve population health. ICSs have been developing for several years – the Health and Care Bill will put them on a statutory footing from April 2022.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>The NHS is leading a wide consultation with residents and other system partners</p>	<p>Wendi Ogle-Welbourn Executive Director: People and Communities for both Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Councils Email:wendi.ogle-welbourn@peterborough.gov.uk Tel: 01733 863749</p>	<p>Cabinet Report</p> <p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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<p>27. Section 256 Agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group – KEY/03JAN22/01 Authorise the Council to enter into a Section 256 Agreement (pursuant to section 256 NHS Act 2006) with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group for receipt of funding relating to health funded support to children and young people and their families for the financial years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.</p>	<p>Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Education, Skills and University</p>	<p>March 2022</p>	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>All relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Pam Setterfield, Commissioning Manager, Tel: 07920 160394, Email: pam.setterfield@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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108	<p>28. Novation of Amey LG Materials Recycling Facility contract – KEY/03JAN22/02 Agreement by the relevant cabinet member to permit a novation of Amey MRF contract and associated legal agreements necessary to complete this process.</p>	<p>Councillor Nigel Simons, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment</p>	<p>January 2021</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Richard Pearn, Head of Waste, Resources and Energy, richard.pearn@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p> <p>The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

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<p>29. New Peterborough City Market – KEY/17JAN2022/01 - As part of the Northminster development, the city market will be relocated to Bridge Street. The Cabinet Member will be asked to formally approve:</p> <p>1) the closure of the existing city market 2) the establishment of a new city market 3) the award of contract to a supplier(s) to develop and install a food court and market stalls</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Central</p>	<p>Consultation is taking place with existing city market traders. Notice of the market closure has also been published in the Peterborough Telegraph and the public invited to send representations to the council.</p>	<p>Ian Phillips - Head of Communities and Partnerships Integration Email: ian.phillips@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A Cabinet Member Decision Notice setting out the full details of the proposals.</p>

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110	30. Amendment to Hotel Loan Facility - KEY/17JAN2022/02 - An amendment is required to the Hotel Loan Facility with Fletton Quays Hotel Ltd	Councillor Andy Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance	May 2022	Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	Fletton and Stanground	Consultation has been undertaken with the Council's Quantity Surveyors working for the Council on this project	Carole Coe, Commercial Finance Manager, Tel:07966 570604, Email: carole.coe@pet erborough.gov.uk	The decision will include an exempt annex containing a commercially confidential update from the Director of the Fletton Quays Hotel Ltd. The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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31. 111	Opt Into The National Scheme For Auditor Appointments From 2023 - KEY/17JAN2022/03 - Confirm to Public Sector Audit Appointments that it will opt into the national scheme for auditor	Councillor Andy Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance	February 2022	Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	N/A	N/A	Kirsty Nutton, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 01733 384590 Email: Kirsty.nutton@peterborough.gov.uk	Report and Invitation letter It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

PART 2 – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE DECISIONS IN PRIVATE

KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN IN PRIVATE

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None.							

PART 3 – NOTIFICATION OF NON-KEY DECISIONS

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<p>To approve the procurement of a new joint PCC and CCC Integrated Transport System (ITS) The PCC and CCC Transport teams provide home to school transport for educational and social needs. A new system is proposed to allow improved levels of service, joint working and increased efficiencies. This decision is to proceed with the procurement of this new system, with CCC taking the lead.</p>	<p>Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Education, Skills and University</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>Tony Drath, Project Manager, 07785778417, tony.drath@cambri dgeshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED DECISIONS

<i>DECISION REQUIRED</i>		<i>DECISION MAKER</i>	<i>DATE DECISION EXPECTED</i>	<i>RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</i>	<i>WARD</i>	<i>CONSULTATION</i>	<i>CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS</i>	<i>DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE DECISION SUBMITTED TO THE DECISION MAKER INCLUDING EXEMPT APPENDICES AND REASONS FOR EXEMPTION</i>
1.	<p>Disposal of former Barnack Primary School caretaker house - Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and Regeneration to dispose of the property.</p>	<p>Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment & Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>Bill Tilah, Estates Surveyor Email: Bill.Tilah@nps.co.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p> <p>The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

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2.	<p>Approval of the leasehold disposal of a brownfield site to a care provider – A site has been found for a care home and the Council are currently looking into a leasehold disposal to a care provider who will build a care facility and then contract to provide services to the Council.</p>	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Park Ward</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders.</p> <p>A forum has been set up by the Combined Authority involving representatives from finance, legal, property and social care.</p>	<p>Tristram Hill - Strategic Asset Manager, 07849 079787, tristram.hill@nps.co.uk</p>	<p>The decision will include an exempt annexe. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
3.	<p>Modern Slavery Statement To review and agree for publication an updated Statement in compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.</p>	<p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All wards</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders.</p>	<p>Rob Hill, Assistant Director: Public Protection, rob.hill@peterborough.gov.uk</p> <p>Amy Brown, Senior Lawyer and Deputy Monitoring Officer, Amy.brown@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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4.	Leisure Facility Options Appraisal - Cabinet Member approval to proceed with the development of a business case to test the viability of a new leisure facility in the city	Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities	January 2022	Communities Scrutiny Committee	N/A	None at this stage	Emma Gee Email: emma.gee@peterborough.gov.uk	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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<p>5. Variation to the delegation agreement between Peterborough City Council (PCC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) regarding the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire</p> <p>This decision seeks authorisation to vary the Delegation and Partnering agreement to account for the increase in the value of PCC financial contributions to CCC in respect of the Agenda for Change pay increase. Agenda for Change is a nationally agreed UK-wide package of pay, terms and conditions for NHS staff. Under this deal, which came into effect in 2018, was the agreement for all NHS staff employed at the top pay points at bands 2-8c were to receive a 6.5% cumulative pay increase over a 3 year period.</p>	<p>Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health & Public Health</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Amy Hall, Children's Public Health Commissioning Manager, 07583040529</p>	<p>CMDN to authorise delegation of HCP commissioning functions from PCC to CCC - https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/mglssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=22331&PlanId=395&RPID=0</p>

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6.	<p>Joint PCC and CCC IT Service Management System To approve the procurement of a new joint Peterborough City Council [PCC] and Cambridgeshire County Council [CCC] IT Service Management [ITSM] system.</p>	<p>Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Relevant internal and external stakeholders.</p> <p>G-Cloud Procurement Process</p>	<p>Damian Roberts, Project Manager. T: 07485 594522 E: damian.roberts@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>CMDN and PID</p>

7.	<p>Approval of the Peterborough Sufficiency Strategy</p> <p>Every top tier local authority is required to publish a sufficiency strategy. This must set out how we seek to avoid children coming into care through the provision of family support services, and identify steps that we are taking to ensure that we have sufficient placements for children in care in our area, so that as many children and young people in care can live locally, provided that this is in their best interests.</p>	<p>Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education, Skills and University</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>There has been widespread consultation including with children and young people in care.</p>	<p>Lou Williams: Director of Children's Services, 07920160141, lou.williams@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Scrutiny Report</p>
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120	<p>8. Werrington Fields and Ken Stimpson Secondary School - Following a public meeting held on 20 September 2021 at Ken Stimpson School, a decision needs to be taken on whether or not to proceed with plans to erect a fence to enclose part of the school's playing fields. The area is currently open access to the public. The school has not been using the area for over two years due to concerns over the safeguarding risk to the young people attending the school.</p>	<p>Councillor Lynne Ayres, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education, Skills and University</p>	<p>January 2022</p>	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Werrington</p>	<p>Public meeting held on 20 September 2021 at Ken Stimpson School. Prior to this, a detailed background information document was circulated to interested parties.</p>	<p>Hazel Belchamber, Assistant Director: Education Capital & Place Planning, Tel: 07833481406, Email: hazel.belchamber@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Cabinet Member Decision Notice, Background Information Document</p> <p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

PART 4 – NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

DECISION TAKEN	DECISION MAKER	DATE DECISION TAKEN	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	WARD	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE DECISION SUBMITTED TO THE DECISION MAKER INCLUDING EXEMPT APPENDICES AND REASONS FOR EXEMPTION
<p>Allocation of Workforce Recruitment and Retention Funding in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic - DEC21/CMDN/56</p> <p>The Cabinet Member allocated the Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant issued by central Government, totalling £537,375, to CQC Registered Care Home and Community Providers in contract with Peterborough City Council</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health</p>	<p>8 December 2021</p>	<p>Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Shauna Torrance, Tel: 07887631808; Email: shauna.torrance@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
<p>Proposed Closure of Key Theatre & Temporary closure of Werrington Leisure Centre to the public –</p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed closure of The Key Theatre from 17th January 2022. 2. The temporary closure of Werrington Leisure Centre to public use from 1st January 2022 until September 2022. 	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	<p>16 December 2021</p>	<p>Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Adrian Chapman, Service Director Community & Safety Cambridgeshire County Council & Peterborough City Council Tel: 07920 160441; Email: adrian.chapman@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

DIRECTORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

City Services and Communications (Markets and Street Trading, City Centre Management including Events, Regulatory Services, Parking Services, Vivacity Contract, CCTV and Out of Hours Calls, Marketing and Communications, Tourism and Bus Station, Resilience)

Strategic Finance

Internal Audit

Schools Infrastructure (Assets and School Place Planning)

Waste and Energy

Strategic Client Services (Enterprise Peterborough / Vivacity / SERCO including Customer Services, ICT and Business Support)

Corporate Property

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Transformation and Programme Management Office, Business Intelligence, Commercial, Strategy and Policy, Shared Services

CUSTOMER AND DIGITAL SERVICES Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

IT, Customer Services – contact centres, walk-in customer service sites, reception services and web & digital services;

Communications;

Emergency Planning, Business Continuity and Health and Safety.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Adult Services and Communities (Adult Social Care Operations, Adult Social Care and Quality Assurance, Adult Social Care Commissioning, Early Help – Adults, Children and Families, Housing and Health Improvement, Community and Safety Services, Offender Services)

Children's Services and Safeguarding (Children's Social Care Operations, Children's Social Care Quality Assurance, Safeguarding Boards – Adults and Children's, Child Health, Clare Lodge (Operations), Access to Resources)

Education, People Resources and Corporate Property (Special Educational Needs and Inclusion, School Improvement, City College Peterborough, Pupil Referral Units, Schools Infrastructure)

Business Management and Commercial Operations (Commissioning, Recruitment and Retention, Clare Lodge (Commercial), Early Years and Quality Improvement)

Performance and Information (Performance Management, Systems Support Team)

LAW AND GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Democratic Services (Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG)

Electoral Services (Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG)

Human Resources (Business Relations, HR Policy and Rewards, Training and Development, Occupational Health and Workforce Development)

Information Governance, (Coroner's Office, Freedom of Information and Data Protection)

PLACE AND ECONOMY DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Development and Construction (Development Management, Planning Compliance, Building Control)

Sustainable Growth Strategy (Strategic Planning, Housing Strategy and Affordable Housing, Climate Change and Environment Capital, Natural and Built Environment)

Opportunity Peterborough

Peterborough Highway Services (Network Management, Highways Maintenance, Street Naming and Numbering, Street Lighting, Design and Adoption of Roads,

Drainage and Flood Risk Management, Transport Policy and Sustainable Transport, Public Transport)

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY
Health Protection, Health Improvements, Healthcare Public Health.

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Children and Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/2022

Updated: 10 JANUARY 2022

Meeting Date	Item	Indicative Timings	Comments
15 JULY 2021 <i>Draft Report 28 June</i> <i>Final Report 5 July</i>	Co-opted Member Report To agree to the appointment of co-opted members to the committee for the municipal year 2021/2022 Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer		
	Service Director & Portfolio Holder Report: Children & Safeguarding Contact Officer: Lou Williams		
	Update On Written Statement Of Action & Joint SEND Strategy Contact Officer: Toni Bailey		
	Review Of 2020/2021 and Work Programme For 2021/2022 To review the work undertaken during 2020/21 and to consider the work programme of the Committee for 2021/22 Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer		

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	<p>Forward Plan of Executive Decisions That the Committee identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme which are relevant to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>		
<p>6 SEPTEMBER 2021 <i>Draft Report 17 August</i> <i>Final Report 24 August</i></p>	<p>Design for Fire Safety in Schools</p> <p>Contact Officer: Ian Trafford / Jonathan Lewis</p>		
	<p>Peterborough Sufficiency Statement</p> <p>Contact Officer: Lou Williams</p>		
	<p>Annual Report of Peterborough Virtual School for Children in Care 2019-2020</p> <p>Contact Officer: Dee Glover</p>		
	<p>Forward Plan of Executive Decisions That the Committee identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme which are relevant to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>		

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	<p>Work Programme 2021/2022 To consider the Work Programme for 2021/2022</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>		
<p>18 NOVEMBER 2021 <i>Draft Report 1 November</i> <i>Final Report 8 November</i></p>	<p>Annual Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints Report 2020-2021</p> <p>Contact Officer: Belinda Evans</p>		
	<p>Children's Mental Health Services.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Kathyne Goose, CCG</p>		
	<p>Service Director Report, Education incorporating the Portfolio Progress Report for the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Skills and the University</p> <p>Contact Officer: Jonathan Lewis</p>		
	<p>Forward Plan of Executive Decisions That the Committee identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme which are relevant to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>		

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	Work Programme 2021/2022 To consider the Work Programme for 2021/2022 Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer		
17 NOVEMBER 2021 Joint Scrutiny of the Budget Meeting	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25 Contact Officer: Peter Carpenter		
20 JANUARY 2022 <i>Draft Report 4 January</i> <i>Final Report 10 January</i>	Youth Offending Service Contact Officer: Anna Jack		
	Report on the Work of the Corporate Parenting Committee 2020/21 Contact Officer: Nicola Curley / Lou Williams		
	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-2021 Contact Officer: Joanne Procter		
	New University of Peterborough Contact Officer: John T Hill		

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	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee Meeting Start Time 2022-2023</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>		
	<p>Forward Plan of Executive Decisions</p> <p>That the Committee identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme which are relevant to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>		
	<p>Work Programme 2021/2022</p> <p>To consider the Work Programme for 2021/2022</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>		
<p>9 FEBRUARY 2022 Joint Scrutiny of the Budget Meeting</p>	<p>Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25</p> <p>Contact Officer: Peter Carpenter</p>		
<p>10 MARCH 2022 <i>Draft Report 21 February</i> <i>Final Report 28 February</i></p>	<p>Service Director Report, Education to include update on outcome of Teacher's Assessments, Approach to Sex Education and PHSE Curriculum</p>		

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	Contact Officer: Jonathan Lewis		
	Best Start in Life Strategy, Integrated Care System, Children's Collaborative Contact Officer:		
	Service Director, Children's Services Report Contact Officer: Lou Williams		
	Monitoring Scrutiny Recommendations To monitor progress made on recommendations made at the previous meeting. Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer		
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions That the Committee identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme which are relevant to the remit of this Committee. Contact Officer: Paulina Ford, Senior Democratic Services Officer		

Items Pending:

Attendance of Sue Baldwin, Regional Schools Commissioner