

<b>CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 9</b>
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## Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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### REVIEW OF 2011/2012 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2011/12 and to develop a work programme for 2012/13.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2011/2012 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and develops a work programme for the forthcoming year.

#### 3. REVIEW OF 2011/12

- 3.1 The Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2011/2012, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Children’s (Social Care) Services Statutory Complaints Process (Children act 1989) Annual Report 2010
- Single Delivery Plan
- Single Equality Scheme
- Young Carers in Peterborough
- Presentation of 2011 Unvalidated Examination Results, EYFS – Key Stage 4 – A Level
- Portfolio Progress report from Cabinet Members relevant to the committee:
  - Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University
  - Cabinet Member for Children’s Services
- School Developments across Peterborough
- Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2010-2011
- Educational Attainment of Minority Groups and New Arrivals
- Academies
- Safeguarding and Children in Care – Progress report on the Children’s Service Development Plan
- Ofsted Improvement Plan
- Children’s Services Improvement Plan – Progress Report
- Educational Attainment of Children in Care
- Child Poverty – Action Plan
- Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan
- Blue Badge Reforms
- Presentation of 2011 Validated Examination Results, EYFS – Key Stage 4 – A Level Follow Up
- City College

3.2 For the information of the Committee, copies of the recommendations made during the year are attached at Appendix 1.

#### **4. WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13**

4.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for setting its own programme in line with the Council's key priorities and the Committee's remit.

4.2 The Committee's remit is:

To review and scrutinise the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of creating opportunities, tackling inequalities. This will include reviewing and scrutinising the performance of other public bodies in their activities and performance in the delivery of Single Delivery Plan targets.

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

- by exercising the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or key decisions which have been delegated to an officer.
- by scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan
- by scrutinising Executive decisions after they have been implemented, as part of a wider policy review.

To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:

- Adult Learning and Skills
- Children's Services
- Education
- Safeguarding Children

To assist and advise the Council and the Executive in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues in relation to the terms of reference of the committee.

Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.

Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on a time-limited basis.

4.3 A draft work programme which shows the items which are currently scheduled along with items carried over from last year is attached at Appendix 2.

#### **5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

5.1 Minutes of the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee held on 13 June, 26 July, 12 September, 14 November 2011 and 16 January, 30 January, and 12 March 2012.

#### **6. Appendices**

6.1 Appendix 1 - Recommendations made during 2011/2012  
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2012/13