

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
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POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the committee with the final draft of the Poverty Reduction Strategy for consideration.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the committee to make final comment on the Poverty Reduction Strategy and advise of future reporting requirements.
- 2.2 To identify committee members to take the lead on the various strands of the strategy on behalf of the Committee.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 Safeguarding the Most Vulnerable Families.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Poverty Reduction Strategy is part of programme 2 in the Single Delivery Plan – Safeguarding the Most Vulnerable Families.
- 4.2 Progress in developing the action plan which supports the strategy was reported to the All Party Policy planning meeting on the 28th June.

5. POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY

- 5.1 The Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee have previously considered drafts of the Poverty Reduction Strategy. The Committee is now asked to make any final comments prior to formal approval of the strategy.
- 5.2 Councillor Shearman, as the nominated Poverty Champion for the Committee from January to June 2012 will give a verbal report at the meeting on the work that he has undertaken during that time.
- 5.3 Given the breadth of work required to reduce poverty and that there are seven strands within the strategy members are invited to put themselves forward to be the lead member on behalf of the committee for one of the strands.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 During the development of the Poverty Reduction Strategy there was wide consultation with partner agencies.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 The Poverty Reduction Action Plan will be monitored regularly through the Greater Peterborough Partnership.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Poverty Reduction Strategy.