

<b>CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 4</b>
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## **Report of the Solicitor to the Council**

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### **RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the responses to recommendations made at previous meetings.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the responses to the recommendations made and agree how the implementation of the recommendations will be monitored.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 During the Committee's meeting on 21 July 2009, a number of recommendations were made following consideration of reports on 16 to 18 year olds not in Education, Training or Employment (NEET) and Services for Adults and Children with Disabilities.
- 3.2 The recommendations were subsequently submitted to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University and Executive Director of Children's Services with a request that responses were received by the 28 August 2009.
- 3.3 A copy of the recommendations made and the responses are attached at Appendix 1.

#### **4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the responses and agree if, and how, the implementation of the recommendations will be monitored.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Any implications are contained within the individual responses to the recommendations.

#### **6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

Minutes of the meeting of the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee held on 21 July 2009.

#### **7. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Recommendations and Responses Received.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND UNIVERSITY AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Item	Recommendations	Response
<p>16 to 18 year olds not in Education, Training or Employment (NEET)</p>	<p>That it be recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University and the Lead Officer:</p> <p>I. That a policy is developed which actively encourages the City Council to consider any job or training opportunities to young people who fall into the category of 16 to 18 year olds not in Education, Training or Employment (NEET). In particular the policy should look to support the groups of young people most at risk of becoming NEET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Young people with learning difficulties and disabilities</li> <li>b. Young people who are looked after/care leavers</li> <li>c. Young people who attended alternative provision pre 16</li> <li>d. Young people who have been involved with the Youth Offending Service</li> <li>e. Teenage mothers</li> </ul> <p>II. That as one of the main employers in Peterborough; Peterborough City Council should work to be recognised as leading the way in setting an example to other employers in employing young people who fall into the category of NEET.</p> <p>That an engagement strategy is developed to actively work with other employers across Peterborough to encourage them to employ or train young people who fall into the category of NEET. This strategy is to include publicising those employers who already help young people who fall in to this category.</p> <p>(Linked to NI 117, NI 91)</p>	<p>Refreshed policy in preparation. Allison Sunley is lead for 14-19 NEET policy.</p> <p>The strategy will be coming from Team Peterborough 14 – 19.</p>

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Services to Adults and Children with Disabilities	<p>That it be recommended that the following areas of work are to be scrutinised in depth and incorporated into the work programme of this committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carers including young carers – what services are provided and how are the council supporting them.</li> <li>2. Development of the integrated service - to ensure that children move seamlessly through the services.</li> <li>3. Supporting the transition of children with disabilities into adulthood.</li> </ol> <p>That the Executive Director of Children’s Services working with the Scrutiny Officer identifies how this work can be taken forward.</p>	<p>Scrutiny Officer and Executive Director of Children’s Services met on 13 August and incorporated in to the work programme the three areas identified in this recommendation.</p> <p>Denise Radley, Director of Adult Social Services &amp; Performance to recommend a person to do this work with Jansy Kelly, Service Manager for Children with Disabilities.</p> <p>Jansy Kelly/Paul Butcher will take this forward</p>
	<p>That a report is commissioned to look at how many and what types of support groups are available for children and adults with disabilities.</p> <p>The report to also identify duplication of groups and how they could work effectively together to improve the support to children and adults with disabilities.</p>	
	<p>That a report is commissioned to look at how young people with disabilities and also with English not as their first language are supported through the services provided for children with disabilities.</p>	

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