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<b>20 July 2017</b>  Housing Needs & Homelessness and an Update on the Progress of the Homeless Strategy	The Committee recommend that the Head of Housing and Health Improvement explore all options available to dispel the myth and common misconceptions that surrounds the allocation of social housing by using all media outlets available to publicise the allocation process across the city.	Head of Housing and Health Improvement	This has initially been progressed through the Peterborough Homes Board which includes all our partner Housing Associations for which we allocate housing. We are now at a stage where the media strategy is now being developed with the Media team. The rough sleeper task and finish group work is also relevant to the media work.
Review of the Management of Unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller Encampments	The Committee recommended that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Task and Finish Group be established to look into Emergency Stopping Places and that the Senior Democratic Services Officer write to Group Secretaries to seek nominations to the group.</li> <li>2. Officers should look into:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Establishing who owned the land from Folly Bridge, along Carr Dyke, Werrington Bridge Road, and Gunthorpe Road to Eye and in doing so establish if it was being used illegally for horses to graze.</li> <li>b. Once ownership of the land has been established and depending on the outcome investigate the possibility of using this area of land for recreational purposes such as a bridle path, extension of the Green Wheel or walkway.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Senior Democratic Services Officer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Task and Finish Group established to Review Emergency Stopping Place Provision for Travellers within Peterborough at the 14 September 2016 meeting of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>2. Work was undertaken to identify who held the freehold and the leasehold for the land. The freehold is split into different sections and is held by different organisations and is then leased on to others. A full land search was requested on each of the different sections which were not under Peterborough City Council control. Contact was also made with Highways around Rights of Way.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>19 October 2017</b></p> <p>Request for Call in of an Executive Decision: Lease with Stef and Philips Limited for the use of St. Michael's Gate, Parnwell, as Interim Accommodation for Homeless Families - SEPT16/CMDN/62</p>	<p>The Committee did not agree to the call-in of this decision on any of the reasons stated. It was therefore recommended that under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution (Part 4, Section 8, and paragraph 13), implementation of the decision would take immediate effect.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>The decision was implemented.</p>
<p><b>ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b></p>			
<p><b>11 January 2017</b></p> <p>Establishment Of A Cross-Party Task And Finish Group To Review The Management Of Rough Sleeping</p>	<p>The Committee recommended that a Cross Party Task and Finish Group be established to review the management of rough sleeping and agreed to the Terms of Reference of the Task and Finish Group as attached at appendix 1 the report.</p>	<p>Senior Democratic Services Officer</p>	<p>A Task and Finish group was set up and a final report of the Task and Finish Group was presented to the Committee on 7 March 2017.</p>
<p>Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference and Work Programme</p>	<p>The Committee recommend the appointment of Parish Councillor Neil Boyce as a non-voting Co-opted Member to represent the rural area on this Committee for the remainder of the municipal year and the 2017/2018 municipal year. The appointment to be reviewed at the beginning of the 2018/2019 municipal year and then annually going forward.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Committee agreed to the appointment of Parish Councillor Neil Boyce as a non-voting co-opted member to represent the rural communities. Neil Boyce was in attendance at the meeting and the Chairman invited him join the Committee for the remainder of the meeting</p>

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<p>People and Communities Strategy Progress Update</p>	<p>The Committee noted the report and recommended that the Senior Policy Manager and Principal / Head of Service consider incorporating a “sense of purpose” into the building blocks of the strategy</p>	<p>Senior Policy Manager and Principal / Head of Service</p>	<p>The recommendation to build a sense of 'purpose' into the community strategy has been incorporated into the building blocks and will be included in future updates to the action plan. Developing a sense of purpose goes hand in hand with promoting social inclusion for the community benefit by preventing people from becoming isolated and helping those who are isolated to integrate back into society. This theme runs through several of the building blocks including youth engagement, volunteering and through the Community Serve programme, however we have now made that link more definitive following this recommendation.</p> <p>The building blocks to the strategy are updated on a quarterly basis and are presented to the Health and Wellbeing and Safer Peterborough Partnership Delivery Board.</p>

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<p><b>7 March 2017</b></p> <p>Review of Emergency stopping Place Provision for Travellers within Peterborough</p>	<p>The Committee strongly endorse and recommend the Task and Finish Group report for approval at Cabinet on 20 March 2017 and that Cabinet seriously consider the recommendations within the report to try and alleviate any future increases in illegal encampments.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 1</b></p> <p>Based on the number of unauthorised encampments across the city and the findings from the investigation it is recommended that the council provide four Temporary Stopping Places across Peterborough. Temporary stopping places should be properly planned and controlled, and their occupation time limited.</p> <p>Based on the limitations experienced with the existing Emergency Stopping Place it is recommended that full planning permission is secured for the Temporary Stopping Places to allow the sites to be used for more than the current 28 days limit.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 2</b></p> <p>It is recommended that the Growth and Planning Team identify council land which is suitable for redevelopment and use for stopping places.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 3</b></p> <p>It is also recommended that as well as investigating council owned land that the Growth and Planning Team identify land suitable for purchase, if necessary under compulsory purchase.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Cabinet considered the report and recommendations to try to alleviate any future issues caused by, and increases in, unauthorised encampments, and RESOLVED as follows:</p> <p>1) That the Council converts the existing emergency stopping place in Dogsthorpe to a temporary stopping place by seeking full planning consent to enable the site to be used more than the current 28 days per year. The site will require some capital investment to bring it up to a reasonable standard.</p> <p>That the site, with its extended usage, be trialled for a least 12 months before any other locations are identified to determine its effectiveness, to make particular reference to the use of the site by 2 or more families.</p> <p>That this site is effectively managed and controlled to prevent abuse, including capturing occupant details, charging a nightly rate, and ensuring relevant legal processes to move occupants on after a pre-agreed period are followed.</p> <p>2) To distribute a flow chart to all Councillors which details the process of dealing with unauthorised encampments from assessment to removal, and that the flow chart describes the new approach to Gypsy and Traveller management being finalised with the Prevention and Enforcement Service between the Council and the police.</p>

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<p>Review of Emergency stopping Place Provision for Travellers within Peterborough continued</p>	<p><b>Recommendation 4</b> That the Growth and Planning Team identify land suitable for leasing with a view to purchase at a later date should the site be successful as a Temporary Stopping Place.</p> <p>Growth and Planning Team review land available by the end of April 2017. To report back the findings to Adult and Communities Scrutiny Committee June 2017 on recommendations 2 to 4.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 5</b> The Task and Finish Group recommend that the Growth and Planning Team review the Local Plan with regards to provision in the city for transient gyps</p> <p><b>Recommendation 6</b> To distribute a flow chart to all councillors which details the</p>		

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<p>Review of the Management of Rough Sleepers continued</p>	<p><b>Recommendation 14</b> That, following the conclusion of the task and finish group, the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee continue to provide oversight of the recommendations and support to officers by way of a report to the committee in September 2017.</p>		<p><b>Recommendation 14</b> That, following the conclusion of the task and finish group, the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee continue to provide oversight of the recommendations and support to officers by way of a report to the committee in September 2017.</p>

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Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017-2020	<p>1. The Committee recommend that the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017-2020 be rewritten to take into account the comments made by the Committee and be brought back to the Committee in June 2017 prior to presentation to Cabinet and approval at Full Council.</p> <p>2. The Committee request that Officers take particular note of the following:</p> <p>a) That the Plan be rewritten, rather than adding an addendum, to address the mismatch, perceived by Committee Members, between the concerns of local Peterborough residents as identified in the survey and the national priorities highlighted in the report.</p> <p>b) That more comprehensive information should be provided on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational PES targets and;</li> <li>• The basis on which the strategic priorities were formed.</li> </ul> <p>c) That the following should be included as appendices to the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Questionnaire</li> <li>• The Needs Assessment Report</li> </ul>	Prevention & Enforcement Service Prevention Enforcement Service Manager / Senior Policy Manager	The Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017-2010 to be presented at the 20 June 2017 meeting.