

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 9
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REVIEW OF 2009/2010 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010/11

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2009/10 and to develop a work programme for 2010/11.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2009/2010 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 2009/10

- 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, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Performance of the Local Area Agreement
- Portfolio Progress from Cabinet Members relevant to the Committee
- 16 to 18 year olds not in Education, Training or Employment (NEET)
- Services for Adults and Children with disabilities
- Ofsted Unannounced Inspection of Contact, Referral and Assessment Services
- The results on delivering through localities consultation
- Presentation of 2009 examination results EYFS – Key Stage 4
- Supporting carers in Peterborough
- Update on action plan to address Ofsted unannounced Inspection outcomes
- Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board
- Children's Trust developments
- Validated KS 2 and KS 4 Examination Data
- The Corporate Parenting Pledge to children in care
- Development of integrated services including transitions for children with disabilities.
- How the economic downturn has affected the way vulnerable adults and children are being supported
- Children's (Social Care) Services Statutory Complaints Process Annual Report 2009

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

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

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 Local Area Agreement 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 21 July, 15 September, 17 November and 19 January, 4 February, and 16 March 2010.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2009/2010
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2010/11