

<b>CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 7</b>
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## Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

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### CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PLAN

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide scrutiny committee members with an opportunity to comment on the development plan to respond to the recent CQC/Ofsted inspection and to scrutinise progress.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Scrutiny committee members are recommended to request an update of the actions taken at each of their meetings in this municipal year so that scrutiny can continue.

#### 3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 3.1 Safeguarding children and how children's services look after some of the most vulnerable children in our society is fundamental to the success of the sustainable community strategy. There are many NI's which are the subject of this report. They are clearly identified in the development plan (Appendix 1).

#### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The development plan has been adjusted to respond to the recommendations made in the recent CQC/Ofsted inspection report. The plan takes each of the recommendations and identifies the actions completed and those still representing work in progress.

The plan is updated on a monthly basis and submitted to a project board consisting of the Chief Executive (chair), representatives from DfE, representatives from Government Office, NHS Peterborough, Peterborough Safeguarding Children's Board and PCC Children's Services.

#### 5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Scrutiny committee members need to assure themselves that the action outlined is sufficiently robust and rigorous to ensure that the desired outcomes are achieved. The challenge is to make sure that all aspects of children's services are providing a good service.

#### 6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Within the development plan there are implications for HR, ICT and finance. Where this is the case, the action plans clearly outline what these are. The implications of achieving the plan are city wide and touch the whole children's services partnership.

#### 7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with DfE and GO (East) who have approved the plan.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1 Progress on the development plan needs to be monitored by scrutiny committee members to make sure targets are met and any vulnerabilities are made secure.

## **9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

- 9.1
- CQC/Ofsted inspection of safeguarding and looked after children's services: Peterborough 2010
  - Peterborough Children's Trust Safeguarding and Children in Care Development Plan (Appendix 1)

## **10. APPENDICES**

- 10.1 Appendix 1: Peterborough Children's Trust Safeguarding and Children in Care Development Plan