

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
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Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services

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SAFEGUARDING AND CHILDREN IN CARE – PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CHILDREN'S SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update scrutiny about the progress that is being made in addressing the recommendations made by Ofsted in their recent inspection of Safeguarding and Children in Care services

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To scrutinise and comment on the progress and impact that the Children's Trust has made in addressing the recommendations made by Ofsted in their inspection of Safeguarding and Children in Care services which took place in March 2010.

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

- 3.1 Safeguarding and outcomes for children in care are key issues included within Peterborough's Local Area Agreement. In particular, the national indicators relating to initial and core assessments are key indicators within the LAA.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In response to the findings of the Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and Children in Care services, a Post Inspection Project Management Board has been established and meets monthly. The Board is chaired by the Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council and includes member representation from the Cabinet Members for Children's Services, and Education, Skills and University.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The update report for the Project Management Board meeting in February 2011 is attached for member's information.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 N/a

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 The Post Inspection Project Management Board will continue to monitor the implementation of the development plan. It is recommended that Scrutiny continue their monitoring of this item.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

9.1 N/a

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Safeguarding and Children in Care Project Management Board – Update Report