

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 7
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REVIEW OF 2010/2011 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2011/12

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2010/11 and to develop a work programme for 2011/12.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2010/2011 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 2010/11

- 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 2010/2011, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Excellence in Partnership
- Safeguarding and Children in Care Services Action Plan
- Cessation of the Comprehensive Area Assessment
- Review of 2009/10 and Future Work Programme
- Children's Trust - Be Healthy Partnership
- The Big Debate – In the current economic climate and finite resources how best can we ensure that vulnerable adults and children are supported now and in the future
- Presentation of 2010 Examination Results, EYFS – Key Stage 4 – A Level
- Children's Trust - Enjoy and Achieve Partnership
- Personal Relationships Policy
- Peterborough Safeguarding Children's Board Annual report
- Children's Trust – Make a Positive Contribution Partnership
- Translation and Interpretation Policy
- Peterborough PCT Carers Strategy and Action Plan
- Budget 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Plan
- Portfolio Progress report from Cabinet Members relevant to the committee:
- Portfolio Progress Report from the Cabinet Member for Children's Services
- Ofsted Annual Assessment of Children's Services
- Making a Positive Contribution – Reducing NEETS
- Re opening of Hereward School Site
- Safeguarding and Children in Care – Progress report on the Children's Service Development Plan
- Portfolio Progress report from the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University
- Child Poverty Strategy

- Translation and Interpretation Services
- Children's Trust - Be Healthy Partnership – Progress Report on Actions taken

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

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

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 Single Delivery Plan 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 June, 3 August, 20 September, 15 November 2010 and 6 January, 24 January, and 21 March 2011.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Recommendations made during 2010/2011
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2011/12