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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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YOUNG CARERS IN PETERBOROUGH

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of bringing this report before the Scrutiny Committee is to:

- Update members on developments since young carers last appeared on the agenda in November 2009
- Give members the opportunity to directly hear from a young carer and a representative from KIDS (The organisation supporting young carers in Peterborough)

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to:-

- Consider whether it wishes to further scrutinise the work done for and with young carers

3. LINKS TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

This report is linked to the Young Carers Strategy and to the Children and Young People's Plan

4. BACKGROUND

The contract to provide services to young carers was awarded to KIDS in autumn 2010 and they started to deliver services in November 2010.

Since that time there has been an increase in the number of referrals to the service, an increase in the number of young carers and families supported and an increase in the range of activities/ services provided.

The Young Carers Strategy has been endorsed and is being implemented.

The young carer who will be presenting to the Committee this evening will be sharing a day in her life. The representative from KIDS will be sharing the latest statistics relative to the services provided and talking about the work they are doing in schools to identify young carers.

5. NEXT STEPS

Committee are requested to identify what, if any, further scrutiny they may wish to have about the provision of services to young carers.

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Young Carers Strategy

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