

<b>STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 7</b>
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## Report of the Head of Neighbourhoods

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### REVIEW OF THE CITIZEN POWER PETERBOROUGH PROGRAMME

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report outlines the findings of the formal review the ‘Citizen Power Peterborough’ programme.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the Scrutiny Committee to identify any additional recommendations or actions to ensure the Citizen Power Programme continues effectively to make a real and lasting difference to Peterborough.
- 2.2 For the Scrutiny Committee to establish a scrutiny task and finish group to work with officers to ensure that all recommendations and actions are implemented in the proper fashion, making certain we’re meeting milestones and communicating effectively with all key stakeholders.
- 2.3 For the Scrutiny Committee to endorse and support the development of an All Party Policy session, or similar, early in the 2012 calendar year at which the outcomes from the Single Delivery Plan to date, and it’s relationship to the Citizen Power Programme, will be discussed.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Members made the following recommendation:

**That following consideration by the Committee of the Citizen Power Programme it is recommended to the Project Sponsor, Adrian Chapman, that the Citizen Power Programme, which is a joint venture between the Royal Society of Arts, Peterborough City Council and the Arts Council, be immediately disbanded.**

- 3.2 In considering the recommendation at 3.1, the Head of Neighbourhoods has led a formal review of the programme and the report of that review is attached at appendix 1.

#### 4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The review that has been conducted has examined all aspects of the Citizen Power Peterborough programme, including:
- (i) **Review of all seven project strands:** including overall objectives, fit to corporate policy and strategy, evidence of need, and programme visibility and accessibility
  - (ii) **Progress to date:** including what has been achieved, who has been involved, how much has been spent so far, what difference has been made

- (iii) **Future activities:** including what is still to be delivered, who will be involved, how will they be involved, how much money will be spent, what difference will be made
- (iv) **Communications:** including what media and communications activity has been delivered so far, what does the communications strategy show for future activity, what difference has previous activity made
- (v) **Governance and programme management:** including what are the current governance and management arrangements, are these fit for purpose, do these arrangements comply with PCC policy
- (vi) **Legacy:** including what happens beyond the currently planned project end date, how does the programme contribute to other policies, for example the Single Delivery Plan
- (vii) **National perspective:** including does the programme help or hinder our national reputation, what impact will it have on future investment

4.2 A series of recommendations and actions have been identified as a result of the review, and these are shown in the report at appendix 1.

4.3 A considerable amount of activity has already been delivered through the programme, and much is already planned, and this can be seen in the attached report. This, coupled with the recommendations and actions referred to at 4.2, has resulted in the decision to continue the programme until it is due to end in 2012.

4.4 As the report at appendix 1 describes, the Citizen Power Programme has been aligned to the Single Delivery Plan which this committee has previously discussed. To ensure that this relationship is effective and to retain its focus, it is proposed that a forum for all councillors be held early in the 2012 calendar year at which the latest developments and outcomes from the Single Delivery Plan programme along with its relationship to the Citizen Power Programme will be explored.

## 5. CONSULTATION

5.1 An officer review group was established to conduct and support the review process, and the review also included extensive discussions with our partners at the RSA and the Arts Council.

## 6. NEXT STEPS

6.1 Following discussion about the ways in which the Scrutiny Committee are able to support, scrutinise and challenge the delivery of the programme, it is proposed that a more comprehensive action plan is developed, and that its delivery is overseen by a new Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

## 7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

7.1 None

## 8. APPENDICES

8.1 Appendix 1: Citizen Power Review Paper