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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITIZENS POWER PROGRAMME - SCRUTINY TASK AND FINISH GROUP

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider and agree the Terms of Reference and membership of the Task and Finish Group which has been formed at the request of the Committee at its meeting on 14 September 2011 to oversee and monitor the actions and recommendations of the Citizens Power Programme Review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee approves:

- I. The Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish Group
- II. The membership of the Task and Finish Group

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 14 September 2011 and after receiving a report on the outcome of the Citizens Power Programme Review the Committee agreed:

- i. To establish a Task and Finish Group to oversee and monitor the actions and recommendations that came out of the Citizens Power Programme Review.

4. Terms of Reference

- 4.1 At its first meeting on 26 October 2011 the Group considered their terms of reference and purpose of the group. It is proposed that the Terms of Reference for the Task and Finish group are:

- 4.2 To oversee and monitor the delivery of the action plan which resulted from the review of Citizen Power Peterborough Programme, with a particular focus on the following:

- The programme has a lasting legacy for Peterborough via the City's Single Delivery Plan
- Understanding and communicating the lasting benefits of Citizen Power to Peterborough
- The process of engaging Councillors to promote understanding of the programme and provide opportunities for Member involvement in programme activities
- The methods used to promote the programme across the city to maximise public interest and participation
- Task and Finish Group Members to attend Citizen Power events as appropriate to see

the programme in action and take the opportunity to talk to participants

- Identify and interview key witnesses when appropriate to gain further evidence to support the monitoring of the action plan
- The process for making decisions on allocating delegated finance, including Section 106 funds

Given that the Citizen Power Peterborough programme in its current form completes in July 2012, the Task and Finish Group will be in place until October 2012.

The Task and Finish Group will submit an interim report on its progress to the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee in March 2012 with a final report being submitted in October 2012.

Membership

As part of the process of setting up the Task and Finish Group the Senior Governance Officer wrote to all the Group Secretaries to request nominations for membership. The nominations put forward were:

Councillor Todd
Councillor Burton
Councillor Casey
Councillor Jamil
Councillor JR Fox

It is therefore proposed that these nominations are confirmed as the membership of the Task and Finish Group.

- 4.3 Whilst considering the membership of the Group, the Group also considered the inclusion of co-opted members. Following discussion the Group decided that up to two co-opted members from the community may be invited to become members of the Task and Finish Group if required. Consideration would be given to who might be invited to join the group as a co-opted member at the next meeting of the group.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The proposed Task and Finish Group had been discussed and agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 14 September 2011.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 The Task and Finish Group will submit an interim report on its progress to the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee in March 2012 with a final report being submitted in October 2012.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 7.1 Minutes of the Strong and Supportive Communities Committee meeting held on 14 September 2011.