

SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

TUESDAY 8 JUNE 2010

7.00 PM

Forli Room - Town Hall

AGENDA

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1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members must declare whether they have an interest, whether personal or prejudicial, in any of the items on the agenda. Members must also declare if they are subject to their party group whip in relation to any items under consideration.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2010.

4. Review of work undertaken in 2009-2010

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To receive a report from the Governance Officer summarising the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Commission in the 2009-2010 year and outcomes of this work.

5. Priorities and Scrutiny Programme for the 2010-2011 year

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The Commission is requested to determine its priorities for the forthcoming year and prepare a work programme for effective scrutiny of these areas.

6. Forward Plan

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To receive the Forward Plan of key decisions for the period 1 June 2010 – 30 September 2010 and identify any items for possible inclusion in the work programme.

7. Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 13 July 2010.



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Committee Members:

Councillors: D Over (Chairman), G Nawaz (Vice-Chairman), R Dobbs, D Sanders, D Harrington and Shaheed

Substitutes: Councillors: J Stokes, J A Fox and D Fower

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Minutes of a meeting of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities held at the Forli
Room - Town Hall
on 22 March 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors D Over (Chairman), G Nawaz (Vice-Chairman), M Collins, B Rush and
W Trueman

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Jenny Harris, Lawyer - Property
Mike Heath, Commercial Services Director
Leonie McCarthy, Neighbourhood Manager
Frazer Chapman, Senior Recreation Officer
Alex Daynes, Democratic Services

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declaration of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2010 were approved as a true and accurate
record.

4. Responses to Recommendations Made by the Commission

The Commission received a report informing it of the responses to recommendations made
at the previous meeting. The commission noted the report and made the following
comments:

- Arthur Mellows Village College was shown to be a village based school catering mainly for village based children;
- Performance of urban or rural based children at the school is largely the same;
- 7 April was the end of the thermal handgun survey date due to seasonal temperature changes;
- Carbon reduction measures in schools is good in the rural areas;
- The effective start of the 20mph speed limit outside rural schools would be the end of the summer term but prosecutions could only be successful if travelling over 30mph as current legislation does not account for 20mph speed limits.

5. Play Provision

The Commission received a report outlining the provision of play facilities in rural areas. The Commission was requested to scrutinise the current provision and make recommendations towards its improvement. The commission was advised of highlights in the report including:

- The number of play facilities has been reduced but standards have improved;
- Section 106 monies and Lottery funding can be used to develop play facilities;
- Some play areas are currently in consultation for improvements and developments including in Ginton and Eye.

Questions were asked and responses given including:

- The Council insurers, Zurich, has given the play area in Thorney, referred to in the report as Thorney Park A, a clean bill of health and there were no issues of concern.
- There is a programme of development for rural areas;
- Work is undertaken with developers to ensure play equipment from S106 monies is more robust and long lasting;
- A lower cost for equipment might see a higher cost in maintenance;
- The Neighbourhood Manager, Citywide, offered to join the Enjoy and Achieve Partnership and report back to the North West 1 area on potential developments.

The Commission recommended that:

1. a future report from the Neighbourhood Manager City Wide be received following consultation with the Enjoy and Achieve Partnership and that it makes further recommendations following this information.

6. Business, Employment and Training

The Commission received a report outlining the work that has been undertaken to improve business, employment and training provision in rural areas. The Commission was requested to:

1. Form a subgroup, facilitated by the North West Neighbourhood Development officers, to identify skills, employment and training needs and existing provision in rural areas;
2. Request the North West 1 Neighbourhood Development officers identify, map and record past, present and future employment and training opportunities;
3. Seek opportunities to identify gaps in provision and how to address this;
4. Work with Parish Councils and local residents to identify need and ambition of rural economy;
5. Request the North West Area management team undertake employment and training research and engagement activities for the Rural Communities.

The Neighbourhood Manager City Wide advised members that little evidence could be found of work targeted specifically for rural areas and that training and development opportunities were mainly focused in more deprived urban areas. Comments from the members of the commission included:

- More affordable houses to encourage sustainable communities are needed;
- Country pursuits need to be promoted;
- Hospitality industry needs better promotion including shops, cafés and pubs;
- Educational establishments should hold evening courses in villages and local schools;
- Women's Centre to encourage rural base to businesses especially if based at home;
- Establish holiday homes at local nature sites.

The Commission recommended that:

1. the Neighbourhood Management teams begin work on identifying the need and current provision in rural areas;
2. an article be placed in Your Peterborough and local newsletters as part of information gathering regarding rural based businesses.

7. Forward Plan

The Commission received the latest version of the Forward Plan and was asked to identify any items it wished to consider at a future meeting.

The Commission identified the Supporting People Programme, and the Automatic Number Plate Recognition System for future agenda items.

8. Date of the next Meeting

The date of the next meeting would be confirmed following full Council on 14 April 2010.

CHAIRMAN
7.00 - 7.45 pm

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES	Agenda Item No. 4
8 June 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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REVIEW OF WORK UNDERTAKEN IN 2009-2010

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Commission with review of the scrutiny work undertaken, and the outcomes of this work, in the 2009-2010 municipal year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission considers the 2009-2010 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During its inaugural year, the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities considered:

- a) **A Rural Definition** – the Commission agreed the following definition to describe ‘Rural Communities’ to ensure scrutiny function was focussed correctly:

“Rural areas are wards with a significant rural character and also wards with important areas of countryside”.

This definition was recommended to the Leader of the Cabinet for use to identify rural areas and communities when discussing rural policy or developing strategies that would affect rural areas of the city.

- b) **Fix it Van** – the Commission considered the role of the Fix It Van service and its relevance to the rural communities.
- c) **Langdyke Trust** – the Commission was requested to identify any areas of good practise and make recommendations about the future establishment and benefits to rural communities of land trusts and how these trusts could be supported by the City Council.
- d) **Rural Economy** – the Commission received a report on the role that Opportunity Peterborough has played in supporting the rural economy and businesses.
- e) **Signposting** – the Commission received a report outlining the issues relating to the use of traditional style direction signs (finger posts) in the rural areas of Peterborough rather than the current ‘aluminium plate’ type signs
- f) **Traffic Mitigation** - The commission received a report concerning speed limits on rural roads, outside schools and also casualty data for rural areas.

- g) **Bus Routes** – Review for Rural Communities - The commission received a report about the proposed Bus Service Review and its affects on bus services for rural areas in order to consult and provide comments on the proposals
- h) **Rural Housing Strategy** - The commission received a report outlining the scope, purpose and objectives of the emerging Rural Housing Strategy. The commission was requested to give comment and feedback, support the principles and consider how it could support the strategy.
- i) **Fly Tipping** - The commission received a report on the impact of fly tipping and the Council's actions to tackle it within the rural areas of Peterborough and to allow opportunity for these actions to be scrutinised.
- j) **Cycle Routes** - Members received a report on the Council's actions to provide cycling opportunities to rural areas including opportunities to encourage cycling between villages and to schools, improve cycleways, cycle stands and options for re-charging points for electric bikes.
- k) **Rail Links** - The commission received a report on Council actions and efforts to increase rail provision in rural areas. The commission was requested to scrutinise the report and recommend ways to improve and increase activity to achieve greater rail provision.
- l) **School Admissions in rural areas** - The commission received a report advising it of the Council's approach and efforts to ensure rural school places are maintained and of any successes or obstacles experienced.
- m) **Children's and Youth Centre Provision** - The commission received a report on how Children's Services were being transformed and the impact that new ways of working and delivering services would have on children and young people in rural communities in Peterborough.
- n) **Climate Change – Rural Actions** – the commission received a report on outlining the current and future actions that could be undertaken to address the impacts Climate Change may have upon the rural communities of Peterborough.
- o) **Play Provision** - received a report outlining the provision of play facilities in rural areas. The Commission was requested to scrutinise the current provision and make recommendations towards its improvement.
- p) **Business, Employment and Training** - The Commission received a report outlining the work that has been undertaken to improve business, employment and training provision in rural areas.

3.2 For the information of the Commission, copies of recommendations reports submitted to the Commission throughout the year are attached.

4. **KEY ISSUES**

4.1 The Commission is asked to consider the work undertaken the Commission's first year and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of any of these items where necessary.

5. **IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Any implications are contained within the individual responses to the recommendations.

6. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

6.1 Minutes of the meetings of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities held on:

27 July 2009, 5 October 2009, 23 November 2009, 25 January 2010 and 22 March 2010.

7. APPENDICES

- 7.1 Appendix 1, Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities – Responses to Recommendations for 2009-2010.

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
27 JULY 2009

Recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development and the Commercial Services Director

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations by 28 August 2009
Fix It Van Service	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development recommends to the Commercial Services Director that the four recommendations below are carried out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The service continues to be provided with two vehicles in its current format. 2. All Parish and rural communities be encouraged to take the opportunity to make better use of the service and become involved in its operations. 3. That we continue to use the Fix It Van brand. 4. That we request the Parish Council Liaison meeting to consider: are there any other services that could be provided through the Fix It Van Service? 	<p>Cllr Hiller is in support of this recommendation and has recommended Mike Heath carry out recommendations 1-4 in the report.</p>
	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development recommends to the Commercial Services Director that any further recommendations following consultation with Parish Council Liaison are considered for incorporation in the continuation of the service.</p>	<p>Next PCL meeting is on 23 September 2009.</p>

Recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth and Human Resources and the Executive Director – Operations

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations by 28 August 2009
Rural Economy	That the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth and Human Resources recommend to the Executive Director - Operations that Rural Businesses must be able to erect signs to advertise their businesses.	Officers to communicate the current policy and supporting text, so that people may clearly understand the requirements of those policies and are aware of how best to meet the criteria. I would suggest that this is channeled through the GPP's Rural Working Group.
	That the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth and Human Resources recommends to the Executive Director - Operations that guidance on acceptable sign design should be provided for rural businesses; permanent and temporary signs.	I would suggest a small group involving Commission Members, GPP Rural Working Group Members and Relevant PCC Officers to review the existing policies and the concerns of rural businesses, this will provide opportunity for those with concerns to submit alternative wording for the policy and/or supporting text, along with their evidence to support the change –subject to agreement this can then be incorporated in the draft Planning Policies DPD (Development Plan Document), placed in front of members and tested through Public Inquiry.

Recommendations to the Leader of the Council

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations by 28 August 2009
A Rural Definition	<p>That the Leader of the Council recommends to Cabinet that the following definition is used to identify rural areas and communities when discussing rural policy or developing strategies that would affect rural areas of the city:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Rural areas are wards with a significant rural character and also wards with important areas of countryside”.</p>	The Leader will be writing to the Cabinet and the Cabinet Advisors recommending that they use the definition as shown under the Rural Definition Item. Done on 17/08/09.
Rural Economy	That Leader of the Council recommends that the Cabinet and Opportunity Peterborough confirm that they recognise that the rural economy is made up of a variety of businesses and industries and not just farming and food production.	The Leader will be writing to the Cabinet and Opportunity Peterborough advising that they should recognise that the rural economy is made up of a variety of businesses and industries and not just farming and food production. Completed 17/08/09.

Recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Regional and Business Engagement

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations by 28 August 2009
Rural Economy	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Regional and Business Engagement</p> <p>Recommends that Cabinet considers and develops a strategy to assist rural businesses to include promotional activities and ways of alleviating the burden of business rates.</p>	I have asked that the points raised with reference to my portfolio be included within the agenda for the next cabinet meeting so they will be discussed at that meeting.
	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Regional and Business Engagement recommends that Cabinet request Opportunity Peterborough to amend the wording of the report concerning the Magna Park development; paragraph 3.4 should read “may provide further stimulus to employment”, rather than “will provide further stimulus to employment”.</p>	<p>I have asked Steve Compton to look at the Opportunity Peterborough wording issue.</p> <p>Bill Agnew: Following the committee's feedback on this report I have amended a reference to jobs as 'may' rather than 'will'.</p>

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**SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
05 OCTOBER 2009**

Recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development and the Commercial Services Director

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations by 9 November 2009
Signposting	The commission recommended that traditional signs were used where appropriate and where necessary in the rural areas of Peterborough.	The recommendation is acknowledged and such signs will be used as appropriate within the rural areas as necessary.
Traffic Mitigation	To receive a report in one year's time on the outcome of the government's Road Safety Strategy and guidance for future Road Safety Strategy at a local level.	The request for the report is acknowledged and will be actioned accordingly.
	Recommends that the Traffic Manager implement a 20mph speed limit outside every rural Primary School.	The recommendation is acknowledged. Given the presentation at the meeting by the CPRE, it should be noted that such measures would increase the amount of signage on the highway. Officers are currently awaiting the publication of the Government's Road Safety Strategy to 2020 which may contain revised guidance on the reduction in speed limits. This would then be used to inform future years program of works subject to available funding.
	Recommends that the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee considers recommending a reduction in speed limit outside urban schools.	An agenda item on Road Safety is on the agenda of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee for 21 January 2010 (and see previous).

	Recommends officers continue to review casualty data and investigate requests received for casualty reduction measures in rural areas.	Such work is ongoing and informs the safety schemes delivered through the Local Transport Plan and the Council's Capital Programme.
	Recommends officers continue to implement appropriate measures which may include reduction in speed limits as and when required.	Work to implement appropriate safety measures is ongoing. Officers are currently awaiting the publication of the Government's Road Safety Strategy to 2020 which may contain revised guidance on reduction in speed limits.
Bus Service Review	The report author considers a third option of "Peterborough Only" in paragraph 5.2 of the report.	Given the close proximity of the villages to the north of the rural areas many villagers travel to Stamford for their vital services, ie doctors, dentists, affordable food shops. There is no evidence from our consultations that a Peterborough only service would meet the requirements of the residents of these villages.

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
23 NOVEMBER 2009**

Item	Recommendations	Response requested by 11 January 2009
Traffic Mitigation	Recommends the Traffic Manager and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development impose a 20mph speed limit outside rural Primary Schools ahead of receipt of the Government's Road Safety Strategy to 2020.	I (Peter Tebb, Traffic Manager in consultation with my Cabinet Member) am able to report that officers will commence the requisite statutory process to implement the desired 20mph speed limits outside the rural primary schools in January 2010. It is therefore anticipated that the new speed limits would be implemented in late March 2010.
Fly Tipping	Recommends the continuation of enforcement actions.	Improved level of front line officers, more enforcement actions have therefore been undertaken. Working group through the solution centre is still ongoing, last meeting was 8 January 2010.
	Recommends the continuation of education for businesses.	Keep Britain Tidy business education packs have been received, which will soon be distributed to businesses. Ongoing educational visits are taking place with businesses in line with Duty of Care procedures.
	Recommends liaison with and education for Parish Councils.	Parish Council Liaison meetings to be attended, this is to be arranged.
Cycle Routes	Recommends Travelchoice develop an action plan for rural areas.	See attached.
	Recommends Travelchoice collate ideas for larger infrastructure improvements (e.g. route enhancements etc) and provide to Transport and Development for inclusion in Long Term Transport Strategy.	See attached.
Rail Links	Recommend the Transportation and Development Group Manager develop closer links with Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum.	I am confirm that I am now in contact with George Scott from the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum and I am going to attend a Rural Action Zones meeting in Spalding that George Scott invited Peterborough City

Item	Recommendations	Response requested by 11 January 2009
		<p>Council to.</p> <p>We shall keep the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum updated with any information we receive from Network Rail regarding the Spalding Peterborough GN/GE joint line upgrade. – Jack Eagle, Transport Planning Officer.</p> <p>Transportation and Development Group has agreed with the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum to attend the 6 monthly meeting with East Coast and other stakeholders in Peterborough. This meeting will be arranged with Neil Smith of East Coast.</p> <p>Transportation and Development Group has been invited to attend the Rural Action Zones meeting to be held in Spalding on the 10 February by the Spalding and Peterborough Transport Forum. An officer from the Transportation and Development Group shall attend this meeting.</p>

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS 25 JANUARY 2010**

Item	Recommendations	Response Requested by 11 March 2010
Children's and Youth Centre Provision	To receive a further breakdown of performance figures to include whether children living in urban areas attending rural schools tend to perform better than urban children attending urban schools.	Refer to Appendix 2.
Climate Change and Rural Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend that the Climate Change team begin a heat loss study in at least three (3) rural areas / parish councils with work to be carried out before spring. 2. Recommend that the Climate Change Team roll out a description to other parish councils of what Glington has been doing. 3. Recommend that the Climate Change team notifies other rural schools of the work undertaken by John Clare school with two solar panels and woodchip boiler system. 4. Recommend that the Climate Change team investigate a 'barrier down, engine off' initiative at railway crossings in rural areas. 	<p>Update from the Climate Change team:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The thermal handgun required to undertake the work has been purchased and staff have recently undergone training in its proper use. Engagement with Glington and Peakirk Green to start surveying these areas has begun. The Parish Council will be borrowing the handgun to undertake the work and will also receive extensive training. The work has been found to be more complex and involved than initially believed, and the last recommended surveying date is April 7th. Once the work has been completed in Glington, the programme will be rolled out through the winter of 2010/11 in other rural villages that are interested in participating. 2. Unfortunately Glington was unsuccessful in its bid for funding through the Low Carbon Communities scheme. The Climate Change Team will work with Glington Parish Council on preparing documentation to promote its work to other Parish Councils. 3. A Carbon Reduction in Schools event will be taking place on 25th March which will include as case studies the work of John Clare school and others, for example Newborough and Orton Wistow, which have climate friendly initiatives.
Traffic Mitigation	At its meeting on 23 November 2009, the Commission recommended that the Traffic Manager and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development impose a	Peter Tebb, Traffic Manager has provided the following update:

Appendix 1

Item	Recommendations	Response Requested by 11 March 2010
	<p>20mph speed limit outside rural Primary Schools ahead of receipt of the Government's Road Safety Strategy 2020.</p> <p>At its meeting on 25 January 2010 the Commission heard that this may be rolled out across Peterborough as a whole.</p>	<p>Initial investigations in to where the proposed zones would start and finish have been undertaken.</p> <p>It is hoped that letters of informal consultation will be issued to the Parish Councils, Schools and Ward Councillors & police later this month before proceeding to the statutory consultation process.</p> <p>The funding to undertake such works has been identified through next year's Safer Journeys to school budget as part of the capital programme of works.</p> <p>Basic speed surveys are also being undertaken at present to determine base line data for comparison against post implementation data – for those speed limits that go ahead.</p> <p>It would be realistic to expect that that any speed limit changes would be implemented towards the end of June.</p>

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS 22 MARCH 2010**

Item	Recommendations	Response Requested by 7 June 2010
Play Provision	That a future report from the Neighbourhood Manager City Wide be received following consultation with the Enjoy and Achieve Partnership and that it makes further recommendations following this information.	Update to be provided to the Commission at the meeting.
Business, Employment and Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Neighbourhood Management teams begin work on identifying the need and current provision in rural areas; 2. That an article be placed in Your Peterborough and local newsletters as part of information gathering regarding rural based businesses. 	Update to be provided to the Commission at the meeting.

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES	Agenda Item No. 5
8 June 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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PRIORITIES AND WORK PLAN FOR THE 2010-2011 YEAR

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Scrutiny Commission is responsible for setting its own work programme in line with the Council's key priorities and the Commission's remit

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission determines its priorities, and prepares a work programme, for the 2010-2011 municipal year.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 In preparing the work programme, the Commission is requested to consider its functions as set out in the terms of reference:
- a) To discharge overview and scrutiny functions, excluding call-in, in relation to any area within the remit of the Scrutiny Committees which has potential for significant impact on the rural communities of Peterborough.
 - b) To scrutinise the agencies, mechanisms and processes involved in delivering services to rural communities.
 - c) To contribute to the development of policies, strategies and plans in relation to the delivery of services to rural areas.
 - d) To advise on and monitor crime and disorder in rural areas.
 - e) To establish time limited working groups to undertake specific enquiries.
- 3.2 In accordance with the constitution, the Commission is reminded that the following items are designated as 'excluded matters' and may not be included on any agenda:
- a) Any matter relating to a licensing or planning decision;
 - b) Any matter relating to an individual body where there is already a statutory right to a review or appeal (other than the right to complain to the Local government Ombudsman); and
 - c) Any matter which is vexatious, discriminatory or not reasonable to be included on the agenda for, or to be discussed at, a meeting of the Commission.
- 3.3 From time to time, members may request reports for 'information only'. 'Information only' items will be addressed through the 'Scrutiny Bulletin' system. From this process, any items identified by the Commission as suitable for further scrutiny may be added to the work programme as necessary.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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4.1 None.

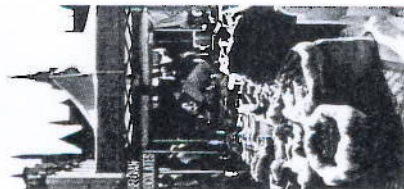
5. APPENDICES

5.1 Appendix 1 – Peterborough’s Local Area Agreement 2008-11



Leadership

Each priority in the Local Area Agreement 2008-11 is led by a Priority Lead Director, who is responsible for bringing together all the work required to achieve the relevant outcomes. Each outcome is led by an Outcome Lead Officer who acts as a facilitator for partnership working in pursuit of that outcome, developing action plans for the 3-year period of the Local Area Agreement that embrace the contribution of all partners. These individuals are detailed in the centre of this leaflet.



Performance Management

The Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP) has established a single Performance Hub that brings together data and information from a wide range of partners to offer a whole-system view of progress against the priorities, outcomes and indicators of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement. The Performance Hub produces monthly and quarterly reports at three tiers: Tier One – a summary of progress at priority level; Tier Two – a summary of progress at outcome level; and Tier Three – a detailed report on the performance of each indicator. The GPP has also established an innovative Solution Centre which will offer a partnership based approach to tackling difficult cross-cutting issues that need bold, imaginative solutions.

Governance

The GPP Board is a large, representative stakeholder group that is ultimately responsible for the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement. It meets quarterly to discuss and make recommendations on the strategic issues that impact on the delivery of our vision.

The GPP Board has delegated the operational oversight and management of the Greater Peterborough Partnership work to the GPP Executive, which meets every six weeks, and is the key decision making body within GPP. It has oversight of all 4 priorities within the Local Area Agreement and is responsible for allocating resources and for the GPP Performance Hub and Solution Centre programme.

The wider GPP network consists of a number of thematic partnerships which look at specific issues within the framework of the Sustainable Community Strategy. These partnerships are responsible for ensuring the partners are working together and for the performance management of their areas.

The GPP holds regular meetings of all Outcome Lead Officers, with the aim to share best practice and to ensure that there is joined-up delivery and that cross-cutting themes are being addressed. In addition, there are regular meetings of the Voluntary and Community Sector Reference Group which brings together representatives of these sectors to discuss their role in the delivery and policy formulation of the Local Area Agreement.

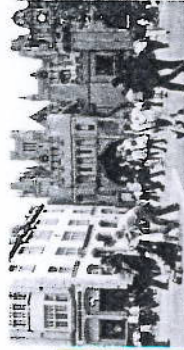
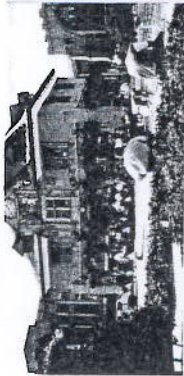


More information, including up-to-date Local Area Agreement Performance Management reports can be found on our website, www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk or by calling T: 01733 207330.

June 2009

Peterborough's Local Area Agreement 2008 - 11

Growing the right way for a bigger and better Peterborough



Greater Peterborough Partnership

National Indicator Set for Peterborough's Local

Creating Strong and Supportive Communities (SSC)

Paul Phillipson

Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)

Steve Welby

- NI16 – Serious acquisitive crime rate
- NI17 – Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
- NI20 – Assault with Injury Crime Rate
- NI30 – Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders
- NI32 – Repeat incidents of domestic violence
- NI33 – Arson Incidents
- NI40 – Drug users in effective treatment
- NI47 – People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents
- NI111 – First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17

Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)

Adrian Chapman

- NI4 – % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality
- NI6 – Participation in regular volunteering

Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)

Jawaid Khan

- NI1 – % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together
- NI13 – Migrants English Language Skills & Knowledge
- NI35 – Building resilience to violent extremism

Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)

Kevin Tighe

- NI2 – % of people that feel they belong to their neighbourhood
- SSC04a – % of people who agree Peterborough is a good place to live, work and play

Substantial and Truly Sustainable Growth

Steve Compton

Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)

Jaz Sargeant

- NI151 – Overall employment rate
- NI166 – Average earnings of employees in the area
- NI171 – VAT registration rate
- GO1a – Average earnings of residence (people who live in Peterborough)

Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)

- NI188 – Adapting to climate change
- NI167 – Congestion: average journey time during the morning peak

Creating Better Places to Live (GO02)

Anne Keogh

- NI154 – Net additional homes provided
- NI155 – Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)
- GO2a – % of existing homes meeting the decent homes standard in the private sector

Safe, Vibrant City Centre & Neighbourhood Centres (GO04)

Steve Bowyer

- G04a – Number of applications for residential development within city centre and district centres
- G04b – Number of vacant frontages within existing retail stock in city centre and district centres
- G04c – Footfall within city centre and district centres



Area Agreement (2008-11)

Creating the UK's Environment Capital Trevor Gibson

Conserving Natural Resources (EC01) Mick Robb & Charlotte Palmer

- II186 - Per capita CO2 emissions
- II192 - Household waste recycled and composted
- II193 - Municipal waste land-filled
- C01a - % of residents who feel they can personally help to limit the effects of climate change
- C01b - % of primary schools receiving natural resource focused education
- C01c - % of schools participating in the Eco-Schools Programme

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02) Teresa Wood

- NI175 - Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling
- NI177 - Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area
- NI198 - Children travelling to school - mode of transport usually used

Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03) Gareth Jones

- C03a - Number of Environmental Goods and Services sector companies in the Greater Peterborough Growth area

Making Peterborough Cleaner and Greener (EC04) David Denson & Darren Sharpe

- NI195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting)
- NI196 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness (fly tipping)
- NI197 - Improved bio-diversity active management of local sites

Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities Denise Radley

Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01) Claire Higgins

- II153 - Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods
- II187 - Tackling fuel poverty - people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating

Improving Health (OI02) Christine Bellairs

- NI8 - Adult participation in sport
- NI39 - Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates
- NI56 - Obesity among primary age children in year 6
- NI112 - u18 conceptions
- NI120 - all age all cause mortality
- NI121 - Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages u75
- NI123 - 16+ smoking rate prevalence

Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03) Neil Greenfield

- I50 - Emotional health of children
- I54 - Services for disabled children
- I59 - % of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral
- I60 - Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their assessment
- I63 - Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement
- I130 - Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)
- I135 - Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service or advice and information
- I139 - The extent to which older people receive the support they need to live independently at home
- I142 - Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living
- I150 - Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment

Improving Skills and Education (OI04) Mel Collins & Karen Moody

- NI79 - Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19
- NI87 - Secondary School Persistent Absence Rate
- NI117 - 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)
- NI162 - Learners achieving an entry Level 3 in numeracy
- NI163 - Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher
- NI165 - Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher

0-19 Educational Attainment

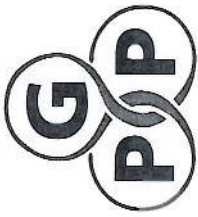
Early Years - NI72, NI92

Primary - NI73, NI93, NI94, NI107

Secondary (KS4) - NI75

Children in Care

NI99, NI100, NI101



Introduction - what is the Local Area Agreement?

Peterborough's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-21 is the plan for the future of our city and the surrounding villages and rural areas. It sets the direction for the overall strategic development of Peterborough and is essentially the plan for every organisation and member of our communities.

The Local Area Agreement 2008-11 is the vehicle for achieving the changes set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. It is a 3-year agreement between the partners in Peterborough and our partners in regional and national government, setting out the actions we will take and the targets we aim to meet in pursuit of the longer-term vision of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

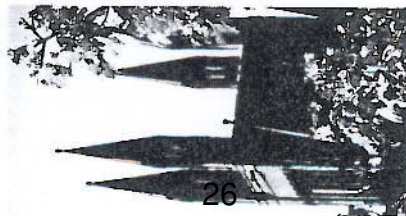
It is perhaps best to see these as two parts of the same document, with the Sustainable Community Strategy setting out the vision and priorities for Peterborough over the period 2008-21 and a series of Local Area Agreements, negotiated on a rolling three year basis, outlining the short and medium-term action plans for helping us realise that vision. Both documents have one thing in common - they are partnership documents, representing and acknowledging that partners deliver best when they deliver together.

There are many other strategic documents that support the overall development of Peterborough, all of which take their long-term direction from the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy and their shorter-term action plans from the Local Area Agreement.

The vision for Peterborough

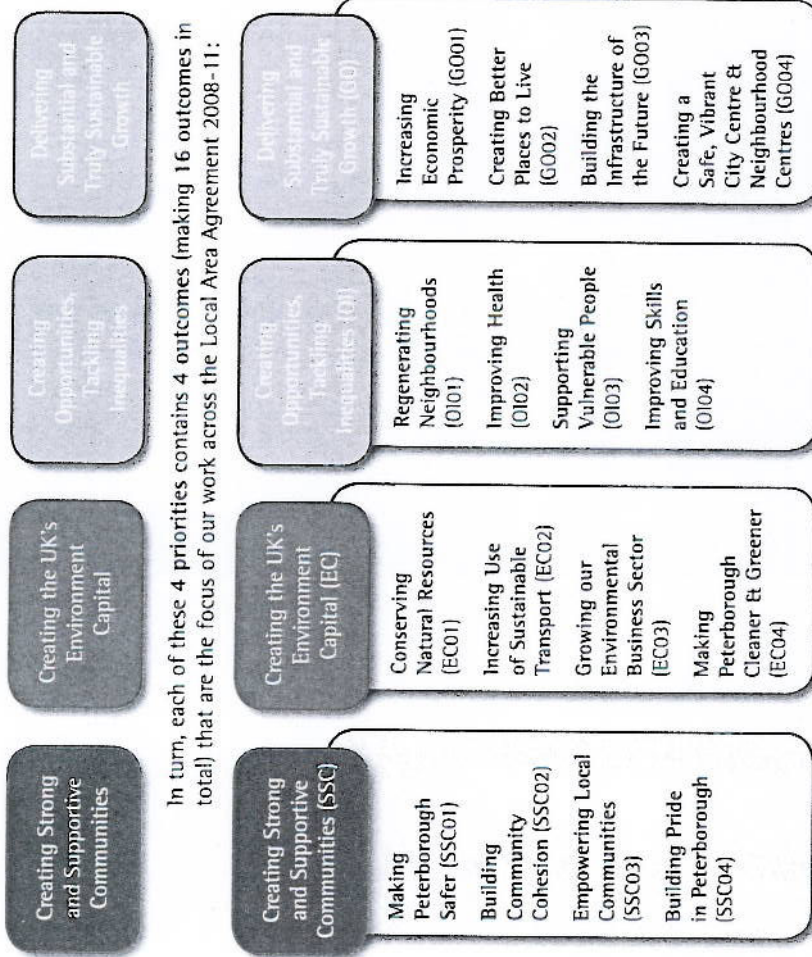
A bigger and better Peterborough that grows the right way - and through truly sustainable development and growth:

- Improves the quality of life of all its people and communities and ensures that all communities benefit from growth and the opportunities it brings
- Creates a truly sustainable Peterborough, the urban centre of a thriving sub-regional community of villages and market towns, a healthy, safe and exciting place to live, work and visit, and famous as the environment capital of the UK.



Priorities, Outcomes and Indicators

The following 4 priorities have been identified as the areas of work which need to be focused on in order to achieve the vision for Peterborough:



In turn, each of these 4 priorities contains 4 outcomes (making 16 outcomes in total) that are the focus of our work across the Local Area Agreement 2008-11:

All partners recognise that these outcomes are mutually supportive and that a key challenge is to ensure that these are taken forward across all areas of our work, recognising the interdependencies as appropriate.

Central Government established 189 national indicators from which an area had to select and negotiate up to 35 for inclusion in its Local Area Agreement (ie the designated indicators). In addition, there are 10 Children & Young People indicators and a further 31 local indicators that reflect Peterborough's specific agenda. Peterborough applies the same rigorous delivery and performance management processes to all of its indicators (ie whether designated or local).

Full details of the 76 performance indicators that comprise Peterborough's Local Area Agreement 2008-11 are detailed in the centre of this leaflet.



**PETERBOROUGH CITY
COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN
1 JUNE 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS - 1 JUNE 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

During the period from 1 June 2010 To 30 September 2010 Peterborough City Council's Executive intends to take 'key decisions' on the issues set out below. Key decisions relate to those executive decisions which are likely to result in the Council spending or saving money in excess of £500,000 and/or have a significant impact on two or more wards in Peterborough.

This Forward Plan should be seen as an outline of the proposed decisions and it will be updated on a monthly basis. The dates detailed within the Plan are subject to change and those items amended or identified for decision more than one month in advance will be carried over to forthcoming plans. Each new plan supersedes the previous plan. Any questions on specific issues included on the Plan should be included on the form which appears at the back of the Plan and submitted to Alex Daynes, Senior Governance Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, Bridge Street, PE1 1HG (fax 01733 452483). Alternatively, you can submit your views via e-mail to alexander.daynes@peterborough.gov.uk or by telephone on 01733 452447.

The Council invites members of the public to attend any of the meetings at which these decisions will be discussed and the papers listed on the Plan can be viewed free of charge although there will be a postage and photocopying charge for any copies made. All decisions will be posted on the Council's website: www.peterborough.gov.uk. If you wish to make comments or representations regarding the 'key decisions' outlined in this Plan, please submit them to the Governance Support Officer using the form attached. For your information, the contact details for the Council's various service departments are incorporated within this plan.

NEW ITEMS THIS MONTH:

Transport and Engineering Professional Services Contract
Ormiston Bushfield Academy
Rural Housing Strategy

JUNE

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Supporting People Programme: Independent Living Support Service To approve a contract between Peterborough City Council and NHS Peterborough to jointly commission existing housing related support services where social care is also provided or the services meet local or national priorities and strategy through the NHS Peterborough commissioned Independent Living Support Service, for an initial term of 3 years from 1 April 2010 with the discretion to extend this on an annual basis to a maximum of 5 years.</p>	<p>June 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care</p>	<p>Strong and Supportive Communities and Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues</p>		<p>Belinda Child Housing Strategic Manager belinda.child@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>

<p>Hampton Children's Centre The development of a children's centre facility in the grounds of Hampton Hargate Primary School. The facility will comprise rooms for a larger pre-school as well as multi function rooms to develop a range of services predominantly for children under 5 and their families</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Children's Services	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	A range of people and organisations have been consulted through the process. Ongoing consultation will take place in working with parents to ensure the service delivered from the facility meet local needs	Pam Setterfield Assistant Head of Children & Families Services (0-13) Tel: 01733 863897 pam.setterfield@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Highway Maintenance Term Contract - Extension of Contract Extension of Contract to 31 July 2012 (extendable further to 31 July 2015)</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning	Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee	Internal departments and relevant stakeholders as appropriate	Andy Tatt Asset Management Group Manager Tel: 01733 453469 andy.tatt@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Section 75 Pooled funding arrangements for substance misuse services Variation to the existing partnership agreement under the National Health Act 2006 to pool funding from NHS Peterborough and PCC to commission drugs services. The variation takes into account the slight changes to governance and structure of the former Drug and Alcohol Action Team, now part of the Safer Peterborough Partnership, and additional funding made available to NHS Peterborough for integrated drug treatment within HMP Peterborough.</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues	Internal stakeholders as appropriate	Paul Phillipson Executive Director Operations Tel: 01733 453455 paul.phillipson@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
<p>Sale of Land at Dickens Street Car Park To authorise the Cabinet Member and the Chief Executive to negotiate and conclude the sale of the surplus land</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth	Consultations will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders and ward councillors	Andrew Edwards Head of Peterborough Delivery Partnership Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Real Time Passenger Information - Award of Purchasing and Maintenance Contract To award the contract in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council, Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, and Luton Borough Council.</p>	June 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	Environment Capital	Relevant stakeholders as appropriate.	<p>Amy Wardell Team Manager - Passenger Transport Projects Tel: 01733 317481 amy.wardell@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Peterborough Bridges Refurbishment Programme 2010/11 Nomination of contractor through the HA Midlands Works Framework Contract 4</p>	June 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	Environment Capital	Relevant stakeholders and ward councillors as appropriate.	<p>Richard Cranwell Bridges and Drainage Team Manager richard.cranwell@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Extension to Hampton Hargate School Authority to award a contract for the construction of an extension to Hampton Hargate Primary School</p>	June 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p>	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and ward councillors as appropriate.	<p>Isabel Clark Planning & Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made

<p>Peterborough Local Development Framework - Peterborough District Hospital Site Supplementary Planning Document</p>	June 2010	Cabinet	Sustainable Growth	Cabinet, 4 week public consultation	<p>Richard Kay Strategic Planning Manager</p> <p>richard.kay@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013 City-wide strategy that sets out plans to explore new ways of delivering affordable housing in rural areas.</p>	June 2010	Cabinet	Sustainable Growth, Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities	Scrutiny for Rural Communities, Parish Council Liaison, Rural Working Group	<p>Simon Machen Head of Planning Services Tel: 01733 453475 simon.machen@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Ormiston Bushfield Academy To award a contract to design & build the new Ormiston Bushfield Academy school buildings from the Partnerships for Schools National Framework of Contractors.</p>	June 2010	Chief Executive	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal and external Stakeholders	<p>Brian Howard PFI Project Manager Tel: 01733 863976 brian.howard@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Transport and Engineering Professional Services Contract As a result of negotiations with the current supplier to deliver further savings for the Council over the remainder of the current contract there is a need to put in a place a contract variation that requires a Cabinet Member decision.</p>	<p>June 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Relevant internal stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Matthew Barber Sustainable Travel Officer Tel: 01733 317485 matthew.barber@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>
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JULY

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Joint Service Centre at Hampton To commence the procurement process for a design and build contract for the provision of new leisure and library facilities at Hampton as part of the joint service centre in partnership with NHS Peterborough</p>	July 2010	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning	Strong and Supportive Communities	Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member of Community Services, ward councillors, affected divisions within PCC and potential user groups in Hampton.	Fiona O'Mahony Hampton Joint Service Centre Project Director Tel: 01733 863856 fiona.o'mahony@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made
<p>Passenger Transport Framework Tender Requirements for special educational needs and mainstream school contract.</p>	July 2010	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal stakeholders.	Cathy Summers Team Manager - Passenger Transport Contracts and Planning cathy.summers@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Floating Support Contract: Cross Keys Homes Extension of Contract Extension of contract to provide a generic floating support service for clients with housing support needs.</p>	<p>July 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	<p>Strong and Supportive Communities</p>		<p>Belinda Child Housing Strategic Manager belinda.child@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>
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AUGUST

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Award of Contract - Heltwate School To award the contract for refurbishment of the school</p>	<p>August 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Internal departments as appropriate</p>	<p>Alison Chambers Asset Development Officer alison.chambers@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>

SEPTEMBER

There are currently no key decisions scheduled for September.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

Communications
Strategic Growth and Development Services
Legal and Democratic Services
Policy and Research
Economic and Community Regeneration
Housing Strategy
Drug Intervention Programme and Drug and Alcohol Team
HR Business Relations, Training & Development, Occupational Health & Reward & Policy

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT Nursery Lane, Fengate, Peterborough PE1 5BG

Property Services
Building & Maintenance
Streetscene and Facilities
Finance and Support Services

STRATEGIC RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Director's Office at Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

Finance
Internal Audit
Information Communications Technology (ICT)
Business Transformation
Performance and Programme Management
Strategic Property
Human Resources (HR Support)
Customer Services

CHILDRENS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT Bayard Place, Broadway, PE1 1FB

Families and Communities
Commissioning and Performance
Learning

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT Bridge House, Town Bridge, PE1 1HB

Planning Services (Planning Delivery, Building Control)

Environment Transport and Engineering Services (Infrastructure Planning & Delivery, Network Management, Transport & Sustainable Environment)

City Operations (Resilience, CCTV, Car Parking, Markets, Health & Safety)

Neighbourhood Services (Community Engagement, Community Safety, Business Regulation, Housing)

Operations Business Support (Finance, Economic Participation, Business Support)