

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

6.00 PM

Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall

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AGENDA

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Committee Members:

Councillors: Asif Shaheed (Vice Chair), Bisby, Blakemore-Creedon, Geraghty, Hillier, Jenkins, Khan, Warren, Hemraj and Skibsted (Chair)

Substitutes: Councillors: Ray, Dowson, Ann Shaheed, Farid and Farooq

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Charlotte Cameron on telephone 01733 384628 or by email – charlotte.cameron@peterborough.gov.uk

**MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 6.00PM, ON
MONDAY, 15 JULY 2024
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOMS, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Committee Members Present: Skibsted (Chair), Shaheed (Vice-Chair), Bisby, Geraghty, Hemraj, Khan, McNally and Warren.

Youth Councillor: Abigail Adebayo

Youth MP: Danielle Daboh.

Officers Present: Madia Afzal, Democratic Services Officer
John Gregg, Executive Director for Children's Services
Sara Graves, Service Director for Children's Social Care and Targeted Support

Also Present: Councillor Katy Cole: Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Sarah Hillier and Daisy Blakemore-Creedon, Cllr McNally was in attendance as a substitute.

Co-opted Members: Sameena Aziz, Jane Taylor-Pitt and Andrew Read.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

On the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions item, Cllr Bisby declared that some of the decisions pertaining to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee had been made by him in his former role as Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

On the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions item, Cllr Cole declared an interest on the Academy Dining Hall Extension - KEY/03JUNE24/07 decision in that she works for the Academy.

3. MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. CALL-IN OF ANY CABINET, CABINET MEMBER OR KEY OFFICER DECISION

None were received for this meeting.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2024/2025

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to the appointment of Co-opted Members in accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval from the Committee to appoint Parish Councillor Jane Taylor Pitt and Sameena Aziz as Non-Voting Co-opted Members for the municipal year 2024/25 to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee.

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report and explained that the nominations Co-opted Members had been put forward by the Parish Council Liaison Working Group and the appointments were to be reviewed annually.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the appointment of Sameena Aziz as a non-voting Co-opted Member for the municipal year 2024/25. However, the appointment of Parish Councillor Jane Taylor Pitt was deferred to the next meeting of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee as Members decided that it would be best to ask questions of her prior to her formal appointment.

AGREED ACTIONS:

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to:

1. Appoint Sameena Aziz as a Co-opted Member with no voting rights to represent the Muslim Community for the municipal year 2024/2025. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.

6. REVIEW OF 2023/2024 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024/2025

The Democratic Services Officer presented the report which considered the 2023/2024 year in review and looked at the work programme for the new municipal year 2024/25 to determine the Committees priorities. Members also noted the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

- The Committee requested that skills be placed on the Work Programme for 2024/25 as skills within Peterborough hadn't been reviewed or scrutinised by the Committee.
- The Democratic Services Officer referred Members to Section 4 of the Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and confirmed that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee did not cover skills. It was further advised that the responsibility for skills lied with the Executive Director for Place and Economy and that it was a matter for the Growth, Resources and Scrutiny Committee.
- The Committee queried whether the responsibility for colleges and post-16 education lied with the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee. The Committee were advised that certain functions relating to higher education and further education were covered by the Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee.
- In terms of the Committee's query on apprenticeships, Members were advised that clarification would be provided at the Committee's next Group Reps meeting.

AGREED ACTIONS:

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** to

1. Considers items presented to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee during 2023/2024 and make recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
2. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for 2024/2025 attached at Appendix 1.

3. Notes the Terms of Reference for this Committee as set out in Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and in particular paragraph 2.1 item 3, Children and Education Scrutiny Committee and paragraph 3.5 Health Issues as attached at Appendix 2.

7. SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT: TARGET SUPPORT AND SAFEGUARDING - UPDATE ACTIVITY SINCE THE INSPECTION

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to the activity in Children's Services since the ILACS inspection which took place from 27th November to 8th December 2023.

The Service Director for Children's Social Care and Targeted Support introduced the report and key points raised included:

- Some of the key areas within the report were detailed.
- The eight priority areas which Children's Services were required to consider as part of the improvement work were relayed to Members of the Committee.
- Reference was made to the transformation agenda that was overseeing the improvements within the directorate.
- The Committee were advised that the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) had successfully relocated to Sand Martin House.
- Members were updated on the transformation within the Children's Disability Team. It was noted that the Service Director for Children's Social Care and Targeted Support had recently taken on responsibility for the Children's Disability Team to enable the directorate to support and understand children in a more effective manner.
- It was noted that Peterborough was a fast growing and diverse community with a significant number of children and families living in areas of deprivation and that Children's Services leaders were committed to their betterment.
- The significant financial input into Children's Services to better and improve the areas where the need for improvement has been identified was relayed to the Committee.
- Members were advised that the support from stakeholders to date had been crucial and that Children's Services sought to further develop these partnerships on their journey to improvement.

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The Committee queried the capacity within the Safeguarding and Emergency Duty Service Teams and clarification on the improvements within the Care Leaver's Service was sought.
- In terms of the Emergency Duty Team, Members were advised that this was under review and that an options appraisal had been drafted. Members were further advised that the appraisal was being considered by senior managers.
- With respect to Safeguarding, it was noted that Safeguarding was a shared service with Cambridgeshire and that the inspection had highlighted concerns around quality and capacity. However, Members were assured that the decoupling from Cambridgeshire had provided the directorate with an opportunity to reset the relationship on a commissioning basis.
- Members were further advised that the financial investment sought to address

these concerns and the ongoing activity in respect to recruitment was detailed.

- Clarification on the international recruitment within the social work teams was sought with one Member querying the number of new recruits and whether the positions had been filled.
- In response, it was confirmed that the 12 posts had been filled and that the directorate would continue to review the demand and act accordingly.
- The Committee queried why the directorate had opted to recruit from overseas, the country they had recruited from and whether the new recruits possessed the required skillset.
- Members were advised that Children's Services had opted for international recruitment due to the national shortage of good social workers and to support the reduction of caseloads.
- Furthermore, it was confirmed that the 12 international recruits would be joining the service from South Africa, and that Children's Services had opted for this region due to the similarities in their model of social work.
- Moreover, it was emphasized that the solution to the capacity issues lied in a range of options which were to be outlined within a recruitment strategy. It was also acknowledged that the issues would take a number of years to resolve.
- On the development of the fostering service, Officers were pleased to note that the directorate was on track to meet and even exceed set targets as they had already filled 12/15 positions.
- It was advised that it was not possible to prevent other authorities from acquiring the directorate's Newly Qualified Social Workers. However, it was hoped that the support on offer would encourage retention.
- The Executive Director for Children's Services highlighted his vision for Children's Services and the Committee were advised that the directorate sought to transform its social work and management teams and strengthen its learning and development offer.
- The Committee queried where the 12 new recruits would leave the directorate in terms of numbers. In response, it was confirmed that the directorate would be still short by a significant number.
- In terms of the background of the 12 new social workers, members were advised that the new cohort were experienced and not newly qualified social workers.
- Clarification on 'informal soft market testing' and 'good quality, local homes' under 4.14 of the report was sought.
- Members were advised that the Commissioning Team for Children's Services had a range of frameworks which they used for the purchasing of placements for children from the private sector, and that many of the placements were due for renewal, so the team had begun informal soft market testing with local providers.
- Members were further advised that the testing to date had been well received.
- In terms of the query on 'good quality, local homes', the Executive Director for Children's Services recognised the moral imperative to keep children local. However, Members were advised that this was reliant on a healthy and vibrant fostering service.
- With respect to the relocation of the MASH to Sand Martin House and whether this was on target, the Committee were advised that completion was set for the end of July.
- On the actions for home schooled children, Members were advised that these were under review.
- On the support for care leavers under 4.1 of the report, the Committee queried whether the support on offer was on a one-to-one basis.
- In response, it was confirmed that the directorate was offering both one-to-one

and group sessions and that the type of support was dependant on the young person's needs.

- Clarification on 4.17 of the report - specific health resources for care leavers was sought.
- Members were advised that the dental aspect and healthcare costs were under review. Furthermore, Members were updated on the local dental provision for care leavers.

The following recommendation was put forward by Cllr Skibsted and seconded by Cllr Bisby:

That Officers present information at each Children and Education Scrutiny Committee this year, of the specific progress mapped to the recommendations from Ofsted, with examples of specific initiatives, how they are being assessed and the progress being made.

AGREED ACTIONS:

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee considered the report and RESOLVED to

1. Notes the contents of the report and agrees to continue to support officers in delivering continuing improvement.
2. Present information at each Children and Education Scrutiny Committee this year, of the specific progress mapped to the recommendations from Ofsted, with examples of specific initiatives, how they are being assessed and the progress being made.

8. FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Chair introduced the report which included the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan of Executive Decisions containing decisions that the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during the forthcoming month. Members were invited to comment on the plan and where appropriate, identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme.

The Committee requested further information on the Healthy Child Commissioning Approach decision - KEY/03JUNE24/03. Members were advised that the decision sought to improve the health outcomes for children across the city with a focus on hearing and sight tests, weight and height for pupils in year 6. Members were further advised that services were commissioned by Public Health and monitored pupil's health through their educational journey.

AGREED ACTIONS:

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee considered the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions and RESOLVED to note the report.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as being the 23rd of September 2024.

CHAIR

Meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 6.55pm

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CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
23 SEPTEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Neil McArthur, Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	
Contact Officer:	Charlotte Cameron, Senior Democratic Services Officer	Tel: 01733 684628

SUPPLEMENTARY APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS 2024/2025

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Parish Councillor Jane Taylor-Pitt as a Co-opted Member with no voting rights to represent the rural area for the municipal year 2024/2025. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Committee appoint Parish Councillor Jane Taylor-Pitt as a Non-Voting Co-opted Member for the municipal year 2024/25 to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions:

Paragraph 4.3 The Scrutiny Committees shall be entitled to co-opt, as non-voting members, up to four external representatives or otherwise invite participation from non-members where this is relevant to their work.

And Paragraph 3 Part 4, Section 8 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules: CO-OPTED MEMBERS

3.1 As well as any statutory co-opted members, Scrutiny Committees can co-opt up to four non-voting members on to the Committee.

3.3 A Scrutiny Committee can co-opt a further three members at its discretion. One of these can be a second parish council member identified by the Parish Council Liaison Committee.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 At the committee's meeting in July 2024, Parish Councillor Taylor-Pitt's appointment was reviewed and deferred to this meeting. The Committee wished to be provided with more information on the experience Parish Councillor Taylor-Pitt had and its relevance to the Committee.

Further information has now been provided and the Committee are asked to reconsider her co-option.

5. Parish Councillor Co-opted Members

5.1 Each Scrutiny committee has the ability to co-opt up to four non-voting co-opted members one of which will be a Parish Councillor representing the rural area to ensure the voice of the rural communities are reflected.

5.2 Parish Councillor co-opted members are nominated through a process which is handled by the Parish Council Liaison Committee working group. Any expressions of interest received are assessed by the working group and final nominations are then put forward to the relevant committee for approval. The Parish Council Liaison Working Group has therefore proposed that Parish Councillor Jane Taylor-Pitt be nominated as the substantive co-opted member to represent the rural area on the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee.

5.3 Parish Councillor Jane Taylor-Pitt

Parish Councillor Taylor-Pitt hold her QTS and her last post was as Assistant Head to a school in Peterborough where she was also the Safeguarding lead and SENCO. She has taught in a range of schools including mainstream and SEND. She hold certificates for mentoring, safeguarding etc and has completed a number of research projects over the years including 'Poverty in Action', set up a community association, used Lottery funding to build a community allotment and helped schools (including my own) write curriculum maps for creative curriculums, achieving Arts Mark Gold.

Statement below:

As Safeguarding Lead and throughout my leadership roles in a range of mainstream and special education schools, I have worked closely alongside a range of professional services to ensure the best outcomes for children and their families. I believe I possess a great deal of knowledge both from the education perspective but also in terms of the Local Authority range of support for children and families not just in Peterborough but in other Local Authorities too. As a SENDCO and as a councillor, I have seen first hand at panel meetings and council meetings how tight funding is and understand with the past Ofsted report there is much to be done!

I have a great deal of experience of the issues of children in many forms of care and experience of how this affects children and their development.

I believe I could be useful on the Scrutiny Panel as a critical friend to analyse what has been put in place and maybe suggest where focus needs to improve.

5.6 NEXT STEPS

If the Committee agree to appoint the above nominations as co-opted members of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee from 23 September 2024, they will be able to attend and take part in all meetings of the Committee and any Task and Finish Groups that the Committee agree that they may be assigned to with no voting rights.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chair, Vice Chair and Group Representatives of the Committee are all aware and support the appointments outlined above.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

7.1 The inclusion of the co-opted members will allow the Committee to have a wider, more diverse input to discussion, drawing on the relevant expertise of the additional members.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

8.1 The recommendation is made to the Scrutiny Committee to formally appoint the Independent Co-opted Members. The Committee are required to approve the appointment before the co-optees can take part as non-voting members of the Committee.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None.

10. IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Financial Implications

Co-opted Members will receive a special responsibility allowance of £250 per annum as stated in the Members' Allowances Scheme.

10.2 Legal Implications

The formal appointment of a co-optee onto a Scrutiny Committee is provided for in the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Committee System) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out the powers of committees, including those of co-opted members

10.3 Equalities Implications

Members are keen to ensure that the Committee membership is as inclusive as possible and provides relevant expertise in accordance with the terms of reference for this committee.

10.4 Rural Implications

10.5 The rural areas of Peterborough are represented through the inclusion of the Parish Council Co-opted Members.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

12. APPENDICES

None.

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CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
23 SEPTEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Neil McArthur, Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	
Contact Officer(s):	Charlotte Cameron, Senior Democratic Services Officer	Tel. 01733 384628

FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee considers the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions included at Appendix 1 and identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme or request further information.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee to enable the Scrutiny Committee to consider the Forward Plan of Executive and consider what action if any should be taken in respect of those decisions by the Scrutiny Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This is a regular report to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee outlining the content of the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph 3.3:

The Scrutiny Committees will:

(f) *Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:*

ii) *By scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions.*

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 The latest version of the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions is attached at Appendix 1. The Forward Plan contains those Executive Decisions which the Leader of the Council believes that the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Member(s) can take and any new key decisions to be taken after **7 October 2024**.

- 4.2 The information in the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions provides the Committee with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these executive decisions, or to request further information.
- 4.3 If the Committee wished to examine any of the executive decisions, consideration would need to be given as to how this could be accommodated within the work programme.
- 4.4 As the Forward Plan is published fortnightly any version of the Forward Plan published after dispatch of this agenda will be tabled at the meeting.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Details of any consultation on individual decisions are contained within the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 After consideration of the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions the Committee may request further information on any Executive Decision that falls within the remit of the Committee.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The report presented allows the Committee to fulfil the requirement to scrutinise Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions in accordance with their terms of reference as set out in Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph 3.3.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

- 9.2 N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

PUBLISHED: 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

PART 1 – FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISIONS FROM 7 OCTOBER 2024								
KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DECISION MAKER	DATE DECISION EXPECTED	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	WARD	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS REPORT AUTHORS	DIRECTORATE	DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE DECISION SUBMITTED TO THE DECISION MAKER INCLUDING EXEMPT ANNEXES
Delivery of Hydro Pool Conversion to SEN classrooms at Heltwate St Georges – KEY/07OCT24/01 - Allow officer decision to award a contract for the delivery of works for the conversion of the hydropool to SEN classrooms for use of the Heltwate St Georges SEN school following a competitive tender process through the Pagabo Medium Works Framework	Cllr Cole, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services	October 2024	Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	Dogsthorpe	None required this is delivery of works. Approval already provided for the decision to convert.	Rachael Hunns - rachael.hunns@peterborough.gov.uk	Corporate Services	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
Visitor Economy Strategy – KEY/07OCT24/02 Requesting approval of a new Peterborough Visitor Economy Strategy.	Cabinet	15 October 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	The strategy was developed in collaboration with members of the Peterborough Tourism Collective	Tom Hennessy, Head of Economic Growth and Development, 07950960108, tom.hennessy@opportunitypeterborough.co.uk	Place and Economy	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DECISION MAKER	DATE DECISION EXPECTED	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	WARD	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	DIRECTORATE	DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE DECISION SUBMITTED TO THE DECISION MAKER INCLUDING EXEMPT ANNEXES
<p>1. CCTV Surveillance System Service - maintenance contract award – KEY/18DEC23/01 - Maintenance contract award by Peterborough City Council following a joint procurement of Peterborough City Council and Fenland District Council's CCTV Surveillance System whereby Fenland District Council delegate the function of this contract to Peterborough City Council to act as lead local authority.</p>	<p>Cllr Thulbourn - Cabinet Member for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>September 2024</p>	<p>Growth, Resources, And Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All wards.</p>	<p>Not required.</p>	<p>Aarron Locks, CCTV Shared Service Manager, Tel: 07894 913503, Email: aarron.locks@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Place and Economy</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
<p>2. To procure a contract for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure - KEY/15JAN24/03 - The Council is working in partnership with the Combined Authority and Cambridgeshire County Council to procure a supplier who will roll out Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure from late 2024/25 onwards. Successful procurement and submission of a business case will also ensure that the Council receives grant funding to support the roll-out of chargers across Peterborough.</p>	<p>Councillor Jamil, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport</p>	<p>September 2024</p>	<p>Growth, Resources, And Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Future public consultation will be undertaken</p>	<p>Lewis banks, Transport & Environment Manager Tel: 01733 317465 Email: lewis.banks@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Place and Economy</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
<p>3. Approval of draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) before public consultation - KEY/08APRIL24/03 - Approval of draft LNRS to allow it to go out for wider public consultation.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>1 November 2024</p>	<p>Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>The draft LNRS will be formed by broad stakeholder consultation across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.</p>	<p>Darren Sharpe, Natural & Historic Environment Manager, darren.sharpe@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Place and Economy</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
<p>4. Delay and Deferral Policy – KEY/20MAY2024/01 - A new policy for delaying or deferring a school place application.</p>	<p>Cllr Cole, Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p>	<p>September 2024</p>	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>This policy will comply with the requirements of the School Admissions Code and all the relevant legislation. External consultation is not required.</p>	<p>Isabel Clark, Interim Head of School Place Planning. Email: isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk Tel : 07711804965</p>	<p>Children and Young People's Service</p>	<p>The Delay and Deferment policy It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
<p>5. Peterborough Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy 2024-2027 - KEY/20MAY2024/02 - There is requirements for Tier 1 Local Authorities to have a Safe Accommodation Strategy for victims of domestic abuse. The Strategy for 2021-2024 requires a refresh and publication. The new Strategy will be 2024/2027</p>	<p>Cllr Alison Jones - Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p>	<p>September 2024</p>	<p>Growth, Resources, And Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership Board - January 2024</p>	<p>Danae Evans, Safe Accommodation Programme Manager, Email: danae.evans@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Place and Economy</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

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6.	Recommissioning of Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Contract – KEY/03JUNE24/04 - To seek approval for the procurement of a new Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Contract for Peterborough for Adults and Children.	Cabinet	15 October 2024	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	Relevant internal and external stakeholders.	Commissioning Team Manager for Substance Misuse.	Public Health	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
7.	Culture and Leisure Contract - Indexation - KEY/17JUNE24/01 -Increase in value due to annual indexation.	Cllr Thulbourn, Cabinet Member for Growth and Regeneration	September 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	City Wide	N/A	Rob Hill; Service Director Housing and Communities; rob.hill@peterborough.gov.uk	Place and Economy	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
8.	Peterborough Economic Strategy - KEY/17JUNE24/02 - To review and approve the Peterborough Economic Strategy.	Cabinet	17 September 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	All	N/A	Tom Hennessy, Head of Economic Growth and Development, tom.hennessy@opportunitypeterborough.co.uk	Place and Economy	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
9.	Draft Local Plan - KEY/17JUNE24/03 -To approve the draft version of the Peterborough Local Plan for public consultation.	Cabinet	17 September 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	All	Six weeks public consultation on the Draft Local Plan to take place in August/September 2024	Gemma Wildman, Principal Strategic Planning Officer Email: gemma.wildman@peterborough.gov.uk, Tel: 01733 863824.	Place and Economy	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
10.	Contract Award to Milestone for construction of Lincoln Road Improvement KEY/29JUL24/01 Award of contract to Milestone for the construction of the Lincoln Road regeneration project.	Cabinet	17 September 2024	Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee	Central	Consultation has been undertaken to inform the scheme design. Any construction specific consultation will take place shortly prior to works being completed.	Amy Petrie, Principal Programme and Project Officer, 452272, amy.petrie@peterborough.gov.uk	Place and Economy	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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11. Education IT System Award - KEY/12AUGUST24/01 - Award of a contract for the provision of an Education IT System.	Cllr Jamil, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance	September 2024 OUT FOR CONSIDERATION	Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	N/A	N/A	Tony Drath, Senior Project Manager ITDS, Tony.Drath@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, 07785 778417	Children and Young People's Service	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
12. Millfield, New England, Eastfield and Embankment Public Spaces Protection Order - KEY/12AUGUST24/02 - Proposal to extend the Millfield, New England, Eastfield and Embankment Public Spaces Protection Order for 3 more years.	Cllr Alison Jones - Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities	13 September 2024 OUT FOR CONSIDERATION	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Central, Park, North and East Wards	Public consultation online and in paper form by request from 8th July 2024 to 4th August 2024. Direct consultation with statutory consultees, ward councillors and key interested parties during the public consultation period.	Laura Kelsey, 07920 160642, laura.kelsey@pet-erborough.gov.uk	Place and Economy	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
13. St Georges Hydro Pool Conversion - KEY/12AUGUST24/04 - To approve the contractor (following a competitive tender process) to deliver the conversion of the St Georges Hydro Pool to classrooms for St Georges SEN school.	Cllr Thulbourn - Cabinet Member for Growth and Regeneration	8 September 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Dogsthorpe	N/A.	rachael.hunns@pet-erborough.gov.uk	Corporate Services	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
14. City Centre Advertising Boards Contract - KEY/12AUGUST24/05 - This is to award a contract for the provision of digital advertising boards in the city centre.	Cllr Thulbourn - Cabinet Member for Growth and Regeneration	September 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Central	N/A.	Amanda Rose - 07572 463889	Corporate Services	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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<p>20</p> <p>15. Approval to Award the Care and Support Contract to the Extra Care Housing Schemes St Edmunds Court and Bishopsfield Court – KEY/26AUG24/01 - Approval to award the care and support contract for two extra care schemes in Peterborough; St Edmunds Court and Bishopsfield Court. The existing contractual arrangements are due to end on 28th February 2025.</p> <p>Agreement is being sought to award for both of the above services for an initial 2 years and 1 month period until 31st March 2027, with the inclusion for a possible extension of the provision for a further 2 years.</p> <p>The initial contract period of 2 years and 1 month ensures that all extra care housing schemes in Peterborough expire on the same date in the same year. This will enable commissioners to retender all five schemes simultaneously, resulting in less resource for commissioning, legal and procurement and the opportunity for providers to achieve economies of scale thus creating efficiencies.</p> <p>The total yearly cost of this contract is £988,856 per annum based on current service utilisation. Considering possible annual uplifts and increases in care, the total estimated contract value across five years is £5,250,000.</p>	Cabinet	15 October 2024	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	Paston and Walton and Hampton Vale	A survey of the residents of the extra care housing schemes will be used to inform the specifications for the tender. In addition, soft market testing was undertaken in August 2023 to understand the market appetite for extra care, and this will still be concurrent enough to inform the method questions for this procurement.	Ruth Miller, Senior Commissioner, ruth.miller@peterborough.gov.uk	Adults	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
<p>16. Award of the Care in the Community Contract – KEY/26AUG24/02 - Approval to award the Care in the Community contract. Total contract value for the whole framework over ten years is £570,899,013.</p> <p>Values over ten years per lot below:</p> <p>Lot 1 – Standard Homecare - £227,082,507</p> <p>Lot 2 – Complex Homecare - £25,231,390</p> <p>Lot 3 – Standard Supported Living - £244,924,736</p> <p>Lot 4 – Complex Supported Living - £27,213,860</p> <p>Lot 5 – Extra Care Housing - £36,446,520</p> <p>Lot 6 – floating Support and Community Outreach - £10,000,000</p>	Cabinet	April 2025	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	All	Provider engagement: forums, events, workshops, surveys, groups. Service users: partnership boards, extensive surveys both online and paper, workshops, 121 sessions, feedback from SWs. Internal operational teams etc.	Ruth Miller, Senior Commissioner, ruth.miller@peterborough.gov.uk	Adults	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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<p>17. Interpretation and Translation Services - Contract Award – KEY/26AUG24/03 - Translation services are part of the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty. The service meets this obligation by ensuring accessibility for people and communities that we serve. For those people who have difficulties communicating in English, whether due to Language barriers or disability, access is enabled through the use of interpretation and translation services.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>12 November 2024</p>	<p>Growth, Resources, And Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>Feedback from some of the services who use the Interpretation and Translation service was gained and taken into consideration when writing this report.</p>	<p>Jo Leggett, Commissioning Manager for Children in Care, Email: joanne.leggett@petborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Corporate Services</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>
<p>18. Cuckoos Hollow Bridges KEY/09SEP24/01 - Approval to award contract up to £600k to Milestone Infrastructure Services for the delivery of Cuckoos Hollow Bridges.</p>	<p>Cllr Thulbourn - Cabinet Member for Growth and Regeneration</p>	<p>30 September 24</p>	<p>Growth, Resources, And Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Werrington and Gunthorpe</p>	<p>There has been ongoing communication with Councillors from both wards and information placed in the public domain when appropriate.</p>	<p>Amy Petrie, Principal Programme and Project Officer, amy.petrie@petborough.gov.uk 01733 452272</p>	<p>Place and Economy</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.</p>

PART 2 – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE DECISIONS IN PRIVATE

DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN IN PRIVATE								
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<p>1. Academy Conversion - The Council has received an academy order for the conversion of Primary School B.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>17 September 2024</p>	<p>Children and Education Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Eye, Thorney and Newborough Ward</p>	<p>No consultation is required other than TUPE consultations.</p>	<p>Isabel Clark, Interim Head of School Place Planning, 07711804965, isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Children and Young People's Service</p>	<p>Paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed. (Relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).</p>
<p>2. Review of Service Delivery KEY/15JUL24/02 To seek authority from Cabinet to review Service Delivery across specific council functions.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>15 October 2024</p>	<p>Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>All Wards</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Adrian Chapman, Executive Director Place and Economy</p>	<p>Place and Economy</p>	<p>This item will be fully exempt. Paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for this information to be disclosed. (Relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).</p>
<p>3. Proposals for Replacement Regional Pool - KEY/12AUGUST24/03 - Approve direction for replacement of Regional Pool.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>15 October 2024</p>	<p>Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Central</p>	<p>Detailed consultation will take with a wide range of internal/external stakeholders once direction for replacement agreed.</p>	<p>Rob Hill - rob.hill@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Place and Economy</p>	<p>Exempt appendices will be submitted for the financial submissions on the contract award prices. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

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<p>4. Healthy Child Programme Recommissioning Approach - KEY/09SEP24/02 - a. To commission a Universal 0-19 Healthy Child Programme including Health Visiting and School Nursing that follows national commissioning guidance, has a focus on improving outcomes and reducing inequalities and allows flexibility to adapt to local needs by working in place-based integrated teams with other Local Authority (Education, Social Care and Community), Public Health and NHS services.</p> <p>b. For Peterborough City Council to enter into a Section 75 Partnering Agreement with Cambridgeshire Community Services for delivery of this service starting on 1st April 2025 for a duration of 2 years with the option to extend for 2+2 years (Total 6 years).</p> <p>c. To agree the annual budget of £4,092,144.00 p.a.</p> <p>d. To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to exercise the option to extend the Section 75 Partnering Agreement after each 2-year period.</p>	Cabinet	17 September 2024	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	Relevant internal and external stakeholder processes	Saurabh Gupta, Public Health Consultant, saurabh.gupta@peterborough.gov.uk, 07950143524	Public Health	<p>Exempt appendices will be submitted for the financial submissions on the contract award prices. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p> <p>PCC Cabinet HCP recommissioning options 02082024 Supporting paper - Detailed options appraisal for recommissioning approach - Healthy Child Programme Legal Advice Healthy Child Programme (exempt appendices - sensitive information) 0-19 services letter to CPFT CEO (23072024) - (exempt appendices - sensitive information) 0-19 services letter to DPHs (12072024) - (exempt appendices - sensitive information) Joint Venture Review - Health Child Programme - November 2023 - (exempt appendices - sensitive information)</p>
<p>5. Fletton Quays Hotel Business Case - KEY/09SEP24/03 - To inform Cabinet of the outcome of the soft market testing of the hotel, and update on the work to inform the costs and process if the council decides to develop the hotel itself.</p>	Cabinet	17 September 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Fletton and Stanground	Soft market testing has taken place	Jill Evans, Service Director- Corporate Finance, jill.evans@peterborough.gov.uk, 01733 453569	Corporate Services	<p>Exempt appendices will be submitted for the financial submissions on the contract award prices. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
<p>6. Disposal of Rural Estate: KEY/23SEPT24/01 Proposed disposal of rural estate as individual holdings and larger scale sale</p>	Cabinet	15 October 2024	Growth, Resources, And Communities Scrutiny Committee	Newborough and Thorney	Previously taken to Cabinet as in principle agreement to dispose of the estate but individual sales to be brought back to Cabinet. Continued consultation with CLT etc	Felicity Paddick - Head of Estates felicity.paddick@peterborough.gov.uk 07801 910971	Corporate Services	<p>Exempt appendices will be submitted for the financial submissions on the contract award prices. By virtue of paragraph 3, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>

PART 3 – NOTIFICATION OF NON-KEY DECISIONS

DECISIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2024								
<i>DECISION REQUIRED</i>	<i>DECISION MAKER</i>	<i>DATE DECISION EXPECTED</i>	<i>RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</i>	<i>WARD</i>	<i>CONSULTATION</i>	<i>CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS</i>	<i>DIRECTORATE</i>	<i>DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE DECISION SUBMITTED TO THE DECISION MAKER INCLUDING EXEMPT ANNEXES</i>
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1. Approval of the Peterborough Sufficiency Strategy Every top tier local authority is required to publish a sufficiency strategy. This must set out how we seek to avoid children coming into care through the provision of family support services and identify steps that we are taking to ensure that we have sufficient placements for children in care in our area, so that as many children and young people in care can live locally, provided that this is in their best interests.	Councillor Qayyum, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health	December 2024	Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	There has been widespread consultation including with children and young people in care.	Helene Carr, Head of Service - Children's Services - P&C Children's Commissioning, helene.carr@peterborough.gov.uk	Adults	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
2. Direct award of Public Health Primary Care Contracts (GP's and Pharmacies) - To directly award primary care contracts in line with the regulations found in the new Provider Selection Regime from 2024/25.	Councillor Qayyum, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health	September 2024	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	All	N/A	Val Thomas, Deputy Director of Public Health, 07884 183374, Val.Thomas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk	Public Health	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
3. Disposal of Surplus Land - Approval to dispose of property for best consideration.	Councillor Jamil, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Corporate Governance	September 2024	Growth, Resources and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Fletton and Stanground	None.	Sarah Cracknell, Principal Estates Manager, 07512 193207 sarah.cracknell@peterborough.gov.uk	Corporate Services	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
4. Peterborough Skills and Employment Strategy - Bringing forward the draft Peterborough skills and employment strategy for members to approve and delegate authority to proceed with the 5-year implementation plan.	Cabinet	17 September 2024	Growth, Resources, And Communities Scrutiny Committee	All	The process to create the skills strategy will have engaged with the Peterborough Skills and Employment Partnership Board, employers, skills providers and the public	Tanya Meadows, Head of Skills and Employment (secondment) - Email: tanya.meadows@peterborough.gov.uk - Tel: 07912763078	Place and Economy	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
5. New Classroom at Academy New classroom at Academy to support additional intake in pupils.	Cllr Katy Cole, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	September 2024	Children And Education Scrutiny Committee	East	N/A	Chris Pike, Principal Development Surveyor	Children And Young People's Service	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

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6.	Draft Renewals Policy 2025 to 2027 - Draft of the refreshed Renewals Policy governing the award of Disabled Facility Grants from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2027	Cabinet Member for Adults and Health - Councillor Shabina Qayyum	November 24	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	None	Council Website	Sharon Malia - Housing Programmes Manager	Adults	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
7.	Update on Ken Stimpson	Cabinet	Called in and being reconsidered	Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	Werrington	Called in and being reconsidered	Simon Lewis Service Director Commercial, Property and Asset Management Email: simon.lewis@peterborough.gov.uk	Children And Young People's Service	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.
8.	Operationalisation post separation of the Public Health Directorate between Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council	Cabinet Member for Adults and Health - Councillor Shabina Qayyum	September 2024	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	N/A	CLT, Public Health Directorate etc.	Emily Smith, Consultant in Public Health, emilyr.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk	Public Health	It is not anticipated that there will be any documents other than the report and relevant appendices to be published.

PART 4 – NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURES

<i>DECISION TAKEN</i>	<i>DECISION MAKER</i>	<i>DATE DECISION TAKEN</i>	<i>RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</i>	<i>WARD</i>	<i>CONSULTATION</i>	<i>CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS</i>	<i>DIRECTORATE</i>	<i>DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THE DECISION SUBMITTED TO THE DECISION MAKER INCLUDING EXEMPT ANNEXES</i>
None.								

FORWARD PLAN

PART 1 – KEY DECISIONS

In the period commencing 28 clear days after the date of publication of this Plan, Peterborough City Council's Executive intends to take 'key decisions' on the issues set out below in **Part 1**. 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.

If the decision is to be taken by an individual Cabinet Member, the name of the Cabinet Member is shown against the decision, in addition to details of the Councillor's portfolio. If the decision is to be taken by the Cabinet, this too is shown against the decision and its members are as listed below:

Cllr D Jones (Leader of the Council); Cllr Qayyum; Cllr Cole; Cllr Jamil, Cllr A Jones, Cllr Ellis and Cllr Thulbourn.

This Plan should be seen as an outline of the proposed decisions for the forthcoming month, and it will be updated on a fortnightly basis to reflect new key-decisions. Each new Plan supersedes the previous Plan and items may be carried over into forthcoming Plans. 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 democratic.services@peterborough.gov.uk, Democratic Services. For each decision a public report will be available from the Democratic Services Team one week before the decision is taken.

PART 2 – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE DECISION IN PRIVATE

Whilst most of the Executive's business at the Cabinet meetings listed in this Plan will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information. In these circumstances the meeting may be held in private, and on the rare occasion this applies, notice will be given within **Part 2** of this document, 'notice of intention to hold meeting in private'. A further formal notice of the intention to hold the meeting, or part of it, in private, will also be given 28 clear days in advance of any private meeting in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Council invites members of the public to attend any of the meetings at which these decisions will be discussed (unless a notice of intention to hold the meeting in private has been given).

PART 3 – NOTIFICATION OF NON-KEY DECISIONS

For complete transparency relating to the work of the Executive, this Plan also includes an overview of non-key decisions to be taken by the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members, these decisions are listed at **Part 3** and will be updated on a weekly basis.

You are entitled to view any documents listed on the Plan or obtain extracts from any documents listed or subsequently submitted to the decision maker prior to the decision being made, subject to any restrictions on disclosure. There is no charge for viewing the documents, although charges may be made for photocopying or postage. Documents listed on the notice and relevant documents subsequently being submitted can be requested from Democratic Services at email: democratic.services@peterborough.gov.uk.

All decisions will be posted on the Council's website: www.peterborough.gov.uk/executivedecisions. If you wish to make comments or representations regarding the 'key decisions' outlined in this Plan, please submit them to the Democratic and Constitutional Services Manager using the form attached. For your information, the contact details for the Council's various service departments are incorporated within this Plan.

DIRECTORATE RESPONSIBILITIES

Please note that all Directorates have been colour coded. Each decision will be colour coded in accordance with the below.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Financial and Resources

Internal Audit, Insurance and Investigations

Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership (Business Support, Corporate Procurement, Business Transformation and Strategic Improvement, Customer Services, Shared Transactional Services)

Communications

Commercial & Property

Registration and Bereavement Services

Commercial & Property

Delivery and Transformation

Health & Safety

Human Resources & Workforce Development - (Business Relations, HR Policy and Rewards, Training and Development, Occupational Health and Workforce Development)

Digital, Data Analytics, Risk & IT Services

Transformation and Programme Management Office, Business Intelligence, Commercial, Strategy and Policy, Shared Services

Performance and Information (Performance Management, Systems Support Team)

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Children's Services (Children's Social Care Operations, Children's Social Care Quality Assurance, Child Health, Clare Lodge (Operations), Access to Resources)

Education, (Special Educational Needs and Inclusion, School Improvement, City College Peterborough, Pupil Referral Units, Schools Infrastructure, Early Years and Quality Improvement)

ADULTS Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Adult Services and Communities (Adult Social Care Operations, Adult Social Care and Quality Assurance, Adult Social Care Commissioning, Early Help – Adults, Children and Families, Housing and Health Improvement, Community and Safety Services, Offender Services, Safeguarding Boards – Adults and Children's)

Business Management and Commercial Operations (Commissioning)

LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Corporate Lawyers

Constitutional Services, (Democratic Services, Electoral Services, Executive and Members Services) - (Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG)

Information Governance, (Freedom of Information and Data Protection)

PLACE AND ECONOMY DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Development and Construction (Development Management, Planning Compliance, Building Control)

Planning Growth and Environment (Strategic Planning, Housing Strategy and Affordable Housing, Climate Change and Environment Capital, Natural and Built Environment)

Housing and Homelessness

Highways and Transport (Network Management, Highways Maintenance, Street Naming and Numbering, Street Lighting, Design and Adoption of Roads, Drainage and Flood Risk Management, Transport Policy and Sustainable Transport, Public Transport)

Employment and Skills

Community Safety

Regulatory Services

Emergency Resilience & Planning

(Markets and Street Trading, City Centre Management including Events, Regulatory Services, Parking Services, Vivacity Contract, CCTV and Out of Hours Calls)

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Health Protection, Health Improvements, Healthcare Public Health.

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S CABINET MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Leader of Peterborough City Council is offering everyone a chance to comment or raise queries on the decisions highlighted on the Council's Forward Plan.

Your comments and queries can be submitted to the Council's Governance Team using the form overleaf, or alternatively by telephone or email. The Governance team will then liaise with the appropriate Cabinet Member and ensure that you receive a response. Members of the Cabinet, together with their areas of responsibility, are listed below:

Councillor Dennis Jones	Leader of the Council
Councillor Mohammed Jamil	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance
Councillor Nick Thulbourn	Cabinet Member for Growth and Regeneration
Councillor Shabina Qayyum	Cabinet Member for Adults and Health
Councillor Katy Cole	Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Councillor Alison Jones	Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities
Councillor Angus Ellis	Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS OR QUERIES TO PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S CABINET

Your comment or query:

How can we contact you with a response?
(please include a telephone number, postal and/or e-mail address)

Name

Address

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Tel:

Email:

Who would you like to respond? (if left blank your comments will be referred to the relevant Cabinet Member)

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
23 SEPTEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	John Gregg, Executive Director for Children and Young People	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Katy Cole, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services	
Contact Officer(s):	Sara Graves, Service Director, Targeted Support & Safeguarding	Tel. 07483 351428

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PEER CHALLENGE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Executive Director for Children and Young People	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that Scrutiny Committee reviews the contents of the report and agrees to support officers in delivering the recommendations identified as part of the Local Government Association Peer Challenge.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Scrutiny Committee following their Group Representatives meeting.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the findings from the Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge of Corporate Parenting which took place on the 17th and 18th July 2024. The outcome of this review was a number of recommendations to support the effectiveness of Corporate Parenting in Peterborough City Council.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

- 1. Children’s Services including
 - a) Social Care of Children;
 - b) Safeguarding;
 - c) Children’s Health

2.3 Effective Corporate Parenting arrangements support the delivery of the Children in Care promise and ensures that Peterborough Children and Young People services are able to deliver on the promise providing good quality services to children and families in Peterborough. This includes working to keep children and young people safe, and ensuring that they feel cared about, valued and respected as an individual, supporting them to achieve their goals and reach their potential.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge process is a core part of the LGA's sector support offer for councils and is designed to support continuous improvement by providing insight, guidance and challenge to enable continuous improvement.
- 4.2 The Corporate Parenting Peer Challenge is based on the national Corporate Parenting principles and was conducted by a team with a wide range of experience and knowledge of local government.
- 4.3 The LGA Peer Challenge took place in Peterborough on the 17th and 18th of July 2024 and included the following activity
- Review of the self-assessment
 - LGA peer led diagnostic
 - Observation of a Corporate Parenting meeting
 - Interviews with a number of leaders and managers including Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, Lead Member for Children's Services, Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee, Executive Director of Children and Young People Services and senior leadership team, Head of the Virtual School, Foster Carers and Foster Care Committee Chair, Participation Team, Safeguarding Lead and officers from the Council including managers and social workers.
 - Meeting with groups of children and young people
- 4.4 Overall messages and observations from the peer challenge team identified that there is energy and commitment to improve the lives of Peterborough's children from Members and officers. Whilst significant investment has been made, the team recognised that further work is needed beyond children's services to establish strong corporate parenting across the whole council.
- 4.5 Within Children's Services the peer challenge team highlighted that significant work has been undertaken to lay the foundations for success and shared positive feedback from the staff that they spoke to as part of the review activity.
- 4.6 Key Lines of Enquiry were identified in advance of the visit and established the scope of the peer challenge. These included;
- Observations in the Ofsted report
 - Governance of
 - Foster carers and kinship care
 - Health needs
 - The local offer to care leavers
- Feedback on these areas has now been shared with the Peterborough City Council leaders.
- 4.7 A number of strengths were identified as part of the first key line of enquiry. The challenge team highlighted positive political leadership from both the Council Leader and Lead member for Children's Services. The feedback identified that there is strong leadership both Corporately and within the Children's Services leadership team.
- 4.8 Peterborough is currently undertaking a transformation of our Fostering service, following the separation of the previously shared service with Cambridgeshire County Council. This transformation focuses on both the recruitment and retention of foster carers, and includes an enhanced training offer, remuneration and support, and participation in the Regional Fostering Hub. Substantial investment has been provided by the Council to support the transformation to resource a new service structure, new posts, new branding, and marketing collateral as well as

development of a new website. The challenge team recognised this and highlighted that Fostering Transformation is viewed positively by staff and carers and that investment to address recruitment and further support carers is valued.

- 4.9 The membership and functionality of the Corporate Parenting Committee was highlighted as an area for consideration by the peer challenge team in response to the first two key lines of enquiry. This included a recommendation to broaden the membership to include foster carers.
- 4.10 In relation to the third key line of enquiry, the peer challenge team recognised the revised Local Offer for Care Leavers as a strength in this area. In March 2024, Cabinet made an early commitment phase one of the Revised Local Offer for Care Leavers to enable rapid improvement of the existing local offer including resourcing and support to provide and improve aspects of the local offer that are singularly funded by Peterborough City Council. These improvements evidence Peterborough's corporate parent commitment to remedy the deficits and prioritise the welfare and experience of care leavers. This was acknowledged by the peer challenge team who highlighted the positive developments in this area.
- 4.11 The House Project was also a recognised strength and will support young people leaving care into accommodation and work closely with care leavers to ensure that they have the knowledge and support to live independently.
- 4.12 Some areas for consideration were also identified as part of the review of the local offer for care leavers. This including apprenticeships and work experience opportunities for care experienced young people, and bureaucratic processes inhibiting front line practice.
- 4.13 The peer challenge team observed a Corporate Parenting Committee meeting as part of the schedule of activity and identified strengths including the cross-party attendance and in the aspiration to engage with and hear the voice of children and young people. The challenge team also highlighted a recognition by members that children placed outside of Peterborough may have a different experience.
- 4.14 The format, planning and membership of the Corporate Parenting Committee was highlighted in the feedback as an area for consideration with a number of recommendations about how to strengthen this.
- 4.15 There are twelve recommendations arising from the Corporate Parenting Peer Challenge.
1. Development and embedding of whole council commitment as corporate parents
 2. All member training on corporate parenting
 3. Further development and training of Corporate Parenting Committee members facilitated by the LGA
 4. Mentoring opportunities to be considered
 5. Consideration of corporate parenting training for staff in Housing
 6. Consideration of wider membership at corporate parenting board
 7. Strategic quartet to drive the corporate parenting and wider children's services agenda
 8. Effective pre-meet arrangements to ensure robust governance and impact
 9. Feedback loops to be consistently closed across the partnership
 10. Ensure minutes are action and outcome focused
 11. Encourage constructive challenge at Corporate Parenting Committee
 12. Corporate Parenting Committee to be held in private enabling full discussion and young people's engagement.

- 4.16 An Extraordinary Corporate Parenting Committee will be convened in the Autumn to review the feedback and recommendations from the peer challenge team. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider and propose changes to the format and membership of the Corporate Parenting Committee and agree next steps for further engagement with and support from the LGA.

5. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 5.1 The feedback from the Local Government Associate Corporate Parenting Peer Challenge links to the Corporate Strategy Priorities. Specifically, it links to protecting vulnerable care leavers supporting children in our care helping care leavers into adulthood.

1. *Our Places & Communities*
 - *Lives and Work*
 - *Health and Wellbeing*
2. *Prevention, Independence & Resilience*
 - *Educations and Skills for All*
 - *Children*
3. *Sustainable Future City Council*
 - *How we Serve*
 - *How we Enable*

There is no impact on the carbon emissions of the local authority. The report relates to areas of strength and development in corporate parenting.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant managers and staff in the development of this report. The report will also be taken to the Children's Improvement Board on 18 September and the Corporate Parenting Committee on 25 September 2024.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 7.1 For Scrutiny Committee to review the contents of the report and support any proposed developments or amendments to the membership or form of the Corporate Parenting Committee which are being considered following the recommendations from the peer challenge, the recommendations identified during the two-day formal visit by National Implementation Advisor for Care Leavers and the feedback from the Ofsted Monitoring Visit of care leavers which took place in July 2024.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 As corporate parents, it is critical that Members continue to support the improvement of services for children in Peterborough to ensure that children and young people can achieve better outcomes.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 There are no alternative options for the Committee to consider as it is important for the Scrutiny Committee to be aware of the outcomes of the LGA Peer Challenge.

10. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 10.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

Legal Implications

10.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from the contents of this report

Equalities Implications

10.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not needed because the issues covered are for information purposes only, therefore the Council's full EIA process does not need to be applied.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

11.1 *N/A*

12. APPENDICES

12.1 *N/A*

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CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
23 SEPTEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	John Gregg, Executive Director for Children and Young People	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Katy Cole, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	
Contact Officer(s):	Sara Graves, Service Director, Targeted Support & Safeguarding	Tel. 07483 351428

SERVICE DIRECTOR TARGETED SUPPORT & SAFEGUARDING – OFSTED ACTION PLAN & PROGRESS MONITORING

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Executive Director for Children and Young People	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee reviews the content of the report and agrees to continue to support officers in delivering continuing improvement.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Scrutiny Committee following their Group Representatives meeting.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Scrutiny Committee with a summary and overview of monitoring and progress in respect of Children's Services Ofsted Inspection Action Plan, implemented following the ILACS inspection which took place from 27th November to 8th December 2023. Peterborough Children's Services was graded Inadequate for 'Overall Effectiveness,' and eight key improvement recommendations were identified.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

1.Children's Services including:

- a) *Social Care of Children.*
- b) *Safeguarding; and*
- c) *Children's Health*
- d) *Targeted Youth Support (including youth offending)*

2. How does this report link to the Children in care Promise?

The improvement work being undertaken in Children's Services supports the delivery of the Children in Care promise. It will ensure that Children's Services can provide good quality services to children and families in Peterborough that will keep them safe, ensure that they feel valued and respected, and are involved in decision making about their lives.

TIMESCALES

3.	Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Peterborough City Council received notification in November 2023 that a standard ILACS inspection would commence with immediate effect. Inspectors were on site at Sand Martin House from 27th November to 8th December 2023 following a week of offsite evidence gathering to inform key lines of enquiry.

4.2 Following an Inadequate outcome, a Local Authority receives monitoring visits every six months. These focus on the areas where the need for improvement has been identified and will ensure that performance in other areas has not declined. Peterborough Children’s Services received the first monitoring visit on the 30th & 31st July 2024.

4.3 This two-day monitoring visit focused on the support and provision for care leavers aged 18 to 25 - an area identified as most in need of improvement following the full inspection of Children’s Services in November 2023. Feedback demonstrates that the significant activity to establish the foundations and building blocks of improvement is starting to make a difference but there is more work to do.

The report from the monitoring visit highlighted the following:

- A determined attention from senior leaders to deliver the improvements that will ensure better outcomes for our care leavers; senior leaders have worked alongside staff and care leavers to refocus the service.
- A recognition of the financial and infrastructure investment that has been committed to Children’s Services, to increase the desired capacity and resources needed for improvement. Management and Personal Adviser complement in the Leaving Care service has been increased and some positive impact of this for young people is evident.
- The local offer improvements and the significant input from care leavers has provided tangible benefits for young people, but some areas lack clarity and there is further endeavour needed to take this forward.
- Progress is visible from the activity and resources being developed in respect of the House Project – this will offer a base for care leavers to access services and there are some early signs of improvement, with young people beginning to benefit.
- Inspectors particularly noted the examples of positive practice and improved persistence they had seen, of Personal Advisers and their dedication to the young people they are working with – reaching out and encouraging them to accept the help and support available. For those young people who are responding well to this approach, their situations are improving as a result.
- Whilst many of the plans for improvement are advancing, not all are in place yet or yet making the difference needed for young people – there is work to do to ensure this is consistent for all our young people and that the improvements to date are sustained.
- To achieve this, commitment and collaboration is required from all the stake holding Corporate Parents for children and young people across the system including housing, corporate services and partner agencies.

- 4.4 There are eight key improvement recommendations arising from the ILACS inspection, which have been incorporated into the Local Authority's Ofsted improvement plan and is overseen by Children's Services Improvement Board.
- The quality of support, advice, and guidance for care leavers, including those with additional vulnerabilities, to ensure that this is timely, consistent, and responsive to levels of need.
 - Social work support for disabled children in need of help and protection.
 - The identification and response to increased vulnerability when children are electively home educated or missing from education.
 - The consistency in quality of social work assessments.
 - The sufficiency of suitable placements that can meet children and young people's assessed needs.
 - The consistency of support for children who go missing from care.
 - The quality of supervision, so that social workers are supported to think through complex situations, to help children make progress.
 - Service capacity, particularly in the safeguarding teams, care leaver service and emergency duty service.
- 4.5 As noted in the Monitoring Visit overview at 4.4 above, additional financial investment in Children Services has been made available, and is enabling additional capacity in the social work teams to help drive the improvement agenda. This demonstrates Peterborough City Council's clear commitment to improve the lives of children, young people, and care leavers in the City.
- 4.6 Sector led improvement work (SLIP) with Leeds Relational Practice Centre (LRPC) and Hertfordshire is progressing with plans of work in place/begun following a joint launch event on the 15th of July 2024. This programme has been developed in response to the eight key Ofsted ILACS recommendations and will ensure a clear focus on practice improvement and Children's Services, making Peterborough an area where children and families can thrive. Hertfordshire have been engaged to help reinvigorate the previously successful multiagency Family Safeguarding Teams whilst the partnership with Leeds has wider aims – the implementation of Family Valued. This is a whole system approach to transforming outcomes for children, and centres on developing practice, leadership and culture with children and families, partners and the organisation, to be more restorative and relational - building the relationships needed to support change. Family Valued is about a central focus on the child and their experience – underpinned by a belief in strengths in families and supporting them to find solutions.
- 4.7 The Children and Young People's Transformation Portfolio Board continues to oversee the transformation agenda that supports Children's Services journey of improvement through five key workstreams.
- International Recruitment
 - Social Work Academy
 - House Project
 - Step-Into
 - Fostering
- 4.8 International recruitment is a key part of the improvement plan and will provide key capacity and resilience in social work teams in direct response to the areas for improvement identified by Ofsted following the ILACS inspection. Ten International Social Workers will commence in post on the 2nd of October 2024 with a further five scheduled to start at the beginning of January 2025. This will have a positive impact directly for children and will support the reduction of caseloads in teams across the service.
- 4.9 Aligned to the timeline for International recruitment is the development of the Social Work Academy. This now has an experienced Team Manager in post and Senior Practitioner to support the first cohort of Newly Qualified Social Workers (NQSWS) and internal social work

apprenticeships scheduled to start on the 16th of September 2024.

- 4.10 The House Project implementation is on track to support young people leaving care into accommodation and ensure they have the knowledge and support to live independently. The House Project Lead is in post and a city centre base has been identified and confirmed. Recruitment for Project Facilitator posts will take place W/B 9th September 2024 and partners are working together to identify the young people to be part of the project.
- 4.11 Development of the Fostering service is a key part of Peterborough's strategy to ensure the sufficiency of suitable placements for children and young people. The impact of transformation work to date is seeing some initial progress within the target for the number of new fostering households approved over 24/25 alongside those in assessment as well as enquiries and applications. The 'step into fostering' project is progressing with realistic alternative care and placement plans now in place to provide support to several young people living in residential homes to move into an in-house foster home over September 2024.
- 4.12 As well as the broad Transformation agenda, Children's Services leaders have prioritised improvement across the service with a focus on the offer for care leavers, the consistency of relocation of services including MASH and children with disabilities team, social work assessments, and children who are electively home educated.
- 4.13 In addition to the feedback from the Monitoring Visit regarding the care leaver's local offer (4.4 above), further progress updates include:
- Support is in place for Personal Advisers to ensure they are familiar with and knowledgeable of all aspects of the new local offer to enable full accessibility, equity and consistency for all care leavers.
 - In consultation with young people, the website has been updated to host the new local offer and a draft local offer handbook is in place. Further work is taking place with Peterborough Care Leaders over September and October 24 to finalise.
 - Launch event planned for Care Leavers week – October 24.
 - To increase the number of care leavers engaged in suitable employment, education and training, plans are being developed and implemented with internal and external council partners to increase the options available. This includes the creation of a careers and aspiration post within the Virtual School and grant funded support secured for mentoring provision and access and inclusion courses. In addition, Care Leaver Local Offer Lead Officer role is being readvertised in September 24, following unsuccessful recruitment in July.
- 4.14 A phase two proposal to further extend and improve the local offer is underway. This includes developing and implementing training flats and developing specific health resources for our care leavers. This phase will be defined and co-produced with our care leavers and demonstrate our commitment to becoming the best corporate parents for care leavers in Peterborough.
- 4.15 Successful progress has been made with Peterborough now having its own Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The move was finalised in August 24 with the teams finding the dedicated space at Sand Martin House positive. Relationships with partners are being re-established - some joined/are joining in September 24 with plans for others to join subsequently. This will support and promote strong and effective partnership working to improve services for children and families in Peterborough.
- 4.16 The Children with Disabilities (CwD) team (0-18), transitioned into Children's Services on the 1st of July 2024 and this move ensures ongoing improvements in our offer for children with disabilities. Practice and improvement resources are available to support improved performance and outcomes for children, young people, and their families.
- 4.17 The consistency in quality of social work assessments continues to be a focus for improvement and remains a key consideration as part of all monthly service audits; the quality of supervision is reviewed as part of monthly dip sample activity. Feedback has been provided to team

managers (July/August 24) around the quality of supervision and a peer review approach has helped them to further identify strengths and areas for development. A workshop around the use of risk assessment tools has been delivered and this is now considered and reviewed as part of the quality assurance of all assessments by team managers. The work with Leeds will provide key training and development for managers which will include a focus on Management Oversight and Reflective Supervision to support managers to improve the quality and consistency of supervision. Assessment training and guidance for practitioners and managers will progress following commencement in post of the new Service Director for Practice – from November 24 onwards.

- 4.18 Improvements in the identification and response to increased vulnerability when children are electively home educated or missing from education have been progressed through training and development for staff and increasing staffing capacity in CME and EHE teams. Sessions have been held with staff and actions identified to review processes and contact with families. QA activity planned for September 24 will provide insight into the impact of improvement work undertaken so far and inform further learning and development moving forwards.
- 4.19 The fast growing, mobile and diverse community of Peterborough, with significant levels of deprivation experienced by many children and families living in the area, is a challenging climate to deliver good outcomes for children and young people. Children’s Services leaders are assured that they have identified the key issues and have prioritised improvement with a broad programme of transformation. It is positive that there is evidence of impact to date in several identified areas for improvement, and leaders are confident that with continued strong corporate parenting support, and collaborative working between members, stakeholders, and officers, we will be able to further achieve the desired better outcomes for children and young people.

5. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 5.1 The updates covered throughout this report for committee contribute to the Corporate Strategy and Priorities. Specifically, protecting and supporting vulnerable children in care.
1. Our Places & Communities
 - Lives and Work
 - Health and Wellbeing
 2. Prevention, Independence, and Resilience
 - Education and Skills for All
 - Children
 3. Sustainable Future City Council
 - How we Serve

There is no impact on the carbon emissions of the local authority. The report relates to updates on improvement work in the service.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant managers and staff in the development of this report.

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 7.1 For Scrutiny Committee to review the contents of the report and continue to support the Children’s Services journey of improvement.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 As corporate parents, it is critical that Members continue to support the improvement of services for children in Peterborough to ensure that children and young people can achieve best outcomes.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 There are no alternative options for the Committee to consider as it is important for the Committee to monitor the service's progress against the action plan

10. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

10.1 There has been significant Corporate financial investment into Children's Services to support the improvement activities referenced in this report.

Legal Implications

10.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from the contents of this report.

Equalities Implications

10.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not needed because the issues covered are for information purposes only, therefore the Council's full EIA process does not need to be applied.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

11.1 N/A

12. APPENDICES

12.1 N/A

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
23 SEPTEMBER 2024	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Neil McArthur, Director Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)	
Contact Officer(s):	Charlotte Cameron, Senior Democratic Services Officer	Tel. 01733 684628

MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Director Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee considers the responses from Cabinet Members and Officers to recommendations made at previous meetings as attached in Appendix 1 to the report and provides feedback including whether further monitoring of each recommendation is required.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 In accordance with the constitution Scrutiny Committees may make reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or full Council and/or any Committee in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions. This report is therefore provided as part of this process to ensure the monitoring of any recommendations which have been made by this committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The report enables the Scrutiny Committee to monitor and track progress of recommendations made to the Executive or Officers at previous meetings.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. *Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph 3.3:*

The Scrutiny Committees will:

- a) *Review and scrutinise the Executive, Committee and officer decisions and performance in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions.*
- b) *Review and scrutinise the Council's performance in meeting the aims of its policies and performance targets and/or particular service areas;*
- c) *Question Members of the Executive, Committees and senior officers about their decisions and performance of the Council, both generally and in relation to particular decisions or projects;*
- d) *Make recommendations to the Executive and the Council as a result of the scrutiny process.*

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 Appendix 1 of the report sets out the recommendations made to Cabinet Members or Officers at previous meetings of the Scrutiny Committee. It also contains summaries of any action taken by Cabinet Members or Officers in response to the recommendations.
- 4.2 The progress status for each recommendation is indicated and if the Scrutiny Committee confirms acceptance of the items marked as completed, they will be removed from the list. In cases where action on the recommendation is outstanding or the Committee does not accept the matter has been adequately completed it will be kept on the list and reported back to the next meeting of the Committee. It will remain on the list until such time as the Committee accepts the recommendation as completed.

5. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 5.1 Timelier monitoring of recommendations made will assist the Scrutiny Committee in assessing the impact and consequence of the recommendations.

6. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 To assist the Committee in assessing the impact and consequence of recommendations made at previous meetings.

7. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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- 7.1 Minutes of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 July 2024.

8. **APPENDICES**

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Monitoring Scrutiny Recommendations Report

APPENDIX 1 - RECOMMENDATION MONITORING REPORT 2024/25

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Updated: 13/09/2024

Meeting date Recommendations Made	Portfolio Holder / Directorate Responsible	Agenda Item Title	Recommendation Made	Action Taken	Progress Status
15/07/24	Sara Graves, Service Director, Targeted Support & Safeguarding	Service Director Targeted Support and Safeguarding - Update Activity Since The Last Inspection Report	<i>That Officers present information at each Children and Education Scrutiny Committee this year, of the specific progress mapped to the recommendations from Ofsted, with examples of specific initiatives, how they are being assessed and the progress being made.</i>	Officers to present the information at each meeting.	Ongoing

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Children and Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2024/25

Updated: 13/09/2024

Meeting Date	Item	Comments
Meeting date: 15 July 2024 Draft report deadline: 26 June 24 Final report deadline: 03 July 24	Appointment of Co-opted Members 2024/25 Contact Officer: Madia Afzal	
	Review of 2023/2024 and Work Programme 2024/2025 Contact Officer: Madia Afzal	
	Service Director Targeted Support & Safeguarding - Update activity since the Inspection Contact Officer: Sara Graves/Charlotte Edwards	
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions Contact Officer: Madia Afzal	
Meeting date: 23 September 2024 Draft report deadline: 04 Sep 24 Final report deadline: 11 Sep 24	Supplementary Appointment of Co-opted Member 2024/25 Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
	LGA Peer Review Contact Officer: John Gregg	
	Ofsted: Action Plan and Progress Monitoring Contact Officer: John Gregg	Standing item
	Monitoring Scrutiny Recommendations Report Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	

Meeting Date	Item	Comments
	Work Programme 2024/2025 Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
Meeting date: 11 November 2024 Draft report deadline: 23 October 24 Final report deadline: 30 October 24	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
	Ofsted: Action Plan and Progress Monitoring Contact Officer: John Gregg	Standing item
	School Spaces Contact Officer: John Gregg	
	Work Programme 2024/2025 Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
Meeting date: 29 January 2025 Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees - Budget		
Meeting date: 27 January 2025 Draft report deadline: 08 Jan 25 Final report deadline: 15 Jan 25	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
	Annual Report of Peterborough Virtual School for Children in Care Contact Officer: Zoe Lattimer	
	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2024-25 Contact Officer: TBC	

Meeting Date	Item	Comments
	SEND Update Report Contact Officer: James Bird	
	Ofsted: Action Plan and Progress Monitoring Contact Officer: John Gregg	Standing item
	Key Stage 4 Exam Data: Contact Officer: John Gregg	
	Annual Children's Services Complaints Report 2024-25 Contact Officer: Belinda Evans	
	Work Programme 2024/2025 Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
Meeting date: 17 March 2025 Draft report deadline: 26 Feb 25 Final report deadline: 05 March 25	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions Contact Officer: Charlotte Cameron	
	Corporate Parenting Annual Report 2024-25 Contact Officer: Sara Graves	
	Cabinet Member for Children's Services Progress Report Contact Officer: John Gregg	
	Ofsted: Action Plan and Progress Monitoring Contact Officer: John Gregg	Standing item
	Send Update Report Contact Officer:	

Meeting Date	Item	Comments
	EHCP, Quality Assurances Contact Officer: John Gregg	