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Report of the Executive Director of Children’s Services

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DRAFT SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN – DELIVERING LOCAL PLACES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline to the scrutiny committee the proposal around meeting the statutory requirement for school places in Peterborough. The report draws together the latest demographic data, the capital programme and identifies the need for further school places.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The committee is asked to consider the draft plan and ask for any further information or clarification.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 Single Delivery Plan - Programme 1 – Creating jobs through growth and improved skills and education.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The School Organisation Plan used to be a statutory requirement for Local Authorities to produce to outline how they meet their statutory requirement to provide school places. Given the high profile nature of meeting this requirement in Peterborough, this document has been revived to support the planning and transparency of school places in Peterborough.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 See appendix 1.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The School Organisation Plan will outline the application of the capital programme for schools to meet growth. Individual decisions on schemes will be covered through the cabinet member decision notice.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The document is a fluid document which is updated when new information is forthcoming. Alongside the committee, schools will also be consulted on the proposals before being finalised. However, the document will be updated annually to reflect how the pressures are being met.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 Following feedback from the committee and schools, a final response document will be produced to outline the detailed changes proposed.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 – School Organisation Plan 2013-2018