

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 9
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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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REVIEW OF 2012/2013 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013/14

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2012/13 and to develop a work programme for 2013/14.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2012/2013 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and develops a work programme for the forthcoming year.

3. REVIEW OF 2012/13

- 3.1 The Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2012/2013, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information / Update

- Overview of Children's Services
- Review of 2011/12 and Future Work Programme
- The Changing Role of Local Authorities in Education
- Inspire Peterborough Overview
- Respite and Home Support Unit – Children with Disabilities (Cherry Lodge)

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Children's Services Improvement Plan – Progress Report
- Children's (Social Care) Services Statutory Complaints Process (Children act 1989) Annual Report 2011
- Children's Centres Update
- Portfolio Progress report from Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University
- Presentation of 2012 Unvalidated Examination Results
- Portfolio Progress report from Cabinet Member for Children's Services
- Improving Outcomes for Children with SEN
- Outcome of Ofsted Inspection
- Presentation of 2012 Validated Examination Results

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- Poverty Reduction Strategy and Action Plan
- Fostering - Action Plan
- Children's Joint Commissioning Board
- Revision To Corporate Parenting Group

- Prevention and Intervention Strategy
- The Vision for Education in Peterborough
- Presentation of Refreshed Improvement Delivery Plan
- Budget 2013/14 and Medium Term Financial Plan
- Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2011-2012
- Appointment of Co-opted Member
- Draft School Organisation Plan 2013-2018 – Delivering Local Places for Local Children

No Call-in's were received by this Committee during 2012/2013.

3.2 For the information of the Committee, copies of the recommendations made during the year are attached at Appendix 1.

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

4.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for setting its own programme in line with the Council's key priorities and the Committee's remit.

4.2 The Committee's remit is:

To review and scrutinise the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of creating opportunities, tackling inequalities. This will include reviewing and scrutinising the performance of other public bodies in their activities and performance in the delivery of Single Delivery Plan targets.

Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:

- by exercising the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or key decisions which have been delegated to an officer.
- by scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan
- by scrutinising Executive decisions after they have been implemented, as part of a wider policy review.

To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:

- Adult Learning and Skills
- Children's Services
- Education
- Safeguarding Children

To assist and advise the Council and the Executive in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues in relation to the terms of reference of the committee.

Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.

Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on a time-limited basis.

4.3 A draft work programme which shows the items which are currently scheduled along with items carried over from last year is attached at Appendix 2.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

5.1 Minutes of the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee held on 11 June, 23 July, 10 September, 12 November 2012 and 7 January, 6 February, 11 March and 22

April 2013.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Recommendations made during 2012/2013
- Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2013/14

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