

<b>CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 7</b>
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## Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services

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### PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to share with the Scrutiny Panel the latest version of the school improvement strategy. It outlines the proposed approach the authority has in targeting schools.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The committee is asked to consider the strategy, give comments and suggest areas for further discussion.

#### 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 general duty for local authorities to promote high standards of education is set out under section 13A of the Education Act 1996, as follows: *'Duty to promote high standards and fulfilment of potential*

*(1) A [Local Authority] in England must ensure that their relevant education functions and their relevant training functions are (so far as they are capable of being so exercised) exercised by the authority with a view to—*

*(a) promoting high standards,*

*(b) ensuring fair access to opportunity for education and training, and*

*(c) promoting the fulfilment of learning potential by every person to whom this subsection applies*

- 4.2 Local Authorities support schools in different ways from high level intervention services to a light touch approach. These varying approach are very much based upon knowledge of schools and how they are performing.

#### 5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 As part of fulfilling our duty to promote high standards, we publish a school improvement strategy that outlines how we will undertake this activity – see appendix 1. This strategy provides a framework to enable all schools and the LA to work in partnership to raise standards of achievement and to provide for the delivery of outcomes which result in the highest quality of learning for all learners.

5.2 As resources for school improvement become scarce, the focus around delivering school improvement has very much moved from the Local Authorities into school and the strategy outlines our approach to delivering this. We spend around £550k a year providing school improvement support for schools.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None

## **7. CONSULTATION**

7.1 This document is shared with schools for comment. A further document outlining individual school support is also circulated annually to schools.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

8.1 The School Improvement Strategy will take effect from the start of the new academic year in September

## **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 – Peterborough School Improvement Strategy 2013