

<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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### **DRAFT SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN 2014/15 – 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. It is the second iteration of the School Organisation Plan with the previous version being considered by the committee in April 2013.

#### **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 production of a School Organisation Plan was previously a statutory requirement for Local Authorities to produce to outline how they meet their legal requirement to provide school places. Given the high profile nature of meeting this requirement in Peterborough, this document was revived to support the planning and transparency of school places in Peterborough. It was noted in the Ofsted inspection of School Improvement that Peterborough had effective processes for school place planning.

#### **5. KEY ISSUES**

- 5.1 The updated School Organisation Plan is outlined in 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. The School Organisation Plan sets out the City Council’s strategy for managing the school estate and delivering school places for the next five years. It will be a Supplementary Planning Document to the adopted Core Strategy and will support the process of developer contributions and the Council’s medium term financial strategy.

## **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 continue to 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 2014-2019