CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING 2013-2014

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9 September 2013				
Establishment of a Task and Finish Group for Improving the Educational outcomes for Children and Young People in Peterborough	The Committee recommended and approved: 1. The establishment of a Task and Finish Group for improving the educational outcomes for children and young people in Peterborough. 2. The Terms of Reference as set out in the report with the addition of how Pupil Premium was being used within schools. 3. The Membership of the Group and any additional members that might be nominated by Group Secretaries.	Jonathan Lewis	The Task and Finish Group for improving Educational Outcomes had their first meeting on 29 October 2013. A final report will be presented at the 14 July 2014 meeting of the Committee.	
11 November 2013	11 November 2013			
Tackling Poverty Strategy and Action Plan	The Committee endorsed the Tackling Poverty Strategy and Action Plan and recommended it to Cabinet for approval.	Jawaid Khan	New Cabinet member to endorse the revised strategy.	
3 December 2014				
Request for Call-In of an Executive Decision: Early	The request for Call-in of the decision made by Cabinet on 18 November 2013, regarding the Early Years Services	Cabinet	The decision was implemented by Cabinet and the Consultation continued.	

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Years Services Including Childrens Centes - NOV/CAB/094	Including Children's Centres – NOV/CAB/094 was considered by the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee. Following discussion and questions raised on each of the reasons stated on the request for call-in, the Committee did not agree to the call-in of this decision on any of the reasons stated.		
	It was therefore recommended that under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution (Part 4, Section 8, and paragraph 13), implementation of the decision would take immediate effect.		
6 January 2014			
New Vision for Early Years Services including Children's Centres in Peterborough	The Committee recommend that the Cabinet member for Children's Services and the Director of Communities provide the following information in the report being presented to Cabinet on 20 January for their consideration:	Wendi Ogle- Welbourn Cllr Sheila Scott	The revised report was presented to Cabinet on 3 February 2014.
	a) Include a detailed financial analysis to clearly show where the proposed cost savings are to be made and clarify how the		

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	figure of £1.28M was arrived at. b) To include within the report to Cabinet a copy of the full Equality Impact Assessment report.		
	c) To identify clearly within the report which recommendations have been added to (or revised within) the proposal as a result of feedback gathered during the consultation process.		
	d) To reflect within the report to Cabinet on the potential deferred/future costs that may be generated as a result of the proposal, and identify where the funding would be sourced to meet these. For example, the costs for local school or community provision of facilities, impacts on early years learning etc.		
	That Cabinet defer any decision making on the proposal until further alternatives and proposals have been thoroughly explored and considered.		

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17 February 2014			
Request for Call In of an Executive Decision: The Future Direction of Children's Centres Delivery – FEB14/CAB/09.	Following discussion and questions raised on the reasons stated on the request for call-in, the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee AGREED to Call-In the decision and to refer it to Full Council for consideration and debate. Under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution (Part 4, Section 8, and paragraph 13), implementation of this decision remains suspended until further notice.	Full Council	The Called in decision was heard at an Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council on 26 February 2014. Council did not agree to call in the decision and it was therefore implemented.
17 March 2014			
Children's Improvement Programme Task and Finish Group Final Report	Recommendation 1 Continue Councillor visits to Children's Services departments across PCC on a regular basis to continue to get first hand validation on progress and issues remaining. This also has a positive impact on staff morale and hopefully provides reassurance that their opinions are genuinely important. The invitation should be extended to Members of the Corporate	Sue Westcott	The recommendations will be monitored by the Committee during 2014-2015.

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	Parenting Panel.		
	Recommendation 2 To continue to receive a progress report on the Improvement Programme at each meeting of the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee - this to include a detailed section on progress being made with the Liquidlogic system.		
	Recommendation 3 Circulate an electronic copy of the monthly monitoring report to members of the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee each month so that individual questions can be raised on a 1:1 basis electronically with the relevant officer. This is to be extended to Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel.		
	Recommendation 4 To consider Children's Services as a possible candidate for a Scrutiny in a day event. What the department covers, all of the feeder agencies, the challenges (Adoption vs Fostering, Child Protection, Looked after Children etc, social worker		

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	recruitment). Recommendation 5 The Scrutiny Committee to hold a review meeting in 6 months where the committee can have a single agenda topic to review progress on the Children's Services Improvement Programme.		
Scrutiny in a Day Overview Report	 To explore the impact of welfare reform on young people and their attainment in mainstream education. To identify barriers to work and explore how early years provision, support and related services can help parents into employment. To understand the impact and needs arising from welfare reform and ensure that initiatives such as Connecting Families can meet these needs. 	Sue Westcott	Recommendations to be taken forward as part of the Commission's Work Programme during 2014-2015.