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| CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | Agenda Item No. 10 |
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Report of the Director of Governance

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REVIEW OF 2015/2016 AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016/17

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2015/16 by the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee and to approve the draft work programme for 2016/17.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2015/2016 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and approves the draft work programme attached at Appendix 2.

3. REVIEW OF 2015/16

- 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 2015/2016, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information / Update

- Review of 2014/15 and Future Work Programme
- Childrens Services and Safeguarding: Introduction, Overview and Work Programme
- Appointment of a Co-Opted Member

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Service Directors Report for Children and Safeguarding
- Children's (Social Care) Services Statutory Complaints Process (Children act 1989) Annual Report 2014/2015
- Presentation of 2015 KS 4 & KS2 Unvalidated Examination Results
- Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers (report to include assessment of the impact of capping agency fees, website)
- Service Directors Report for Education including Portfolio Progress Report for Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University
- City College Peterborough (including Apprenticeships and NEET)
- Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report (PSCB) 2014/15
- Placement Strategy for Children Looked After and the Implementation of the Fostering Action Plan
- Presentation Of 2015 Final and Validated Assessment Results By Pupil Characteristics for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- Children and Families Joint Commissioning Board Achievement Report
- Supporting The Mental Health Needs Of Care Leavers
- Progress on SEND Reforms

- Ofsted Inspection Report
- Review of Outcomes of Peterborough Self Improvement School Network
- Vulnerable Children In Education including Closing the Gap Strategy / EAL Strategy and Virtual School
- Impact of Early Help (including Connecting Families)
- Service Director And Portfolio Overview Report: Children & Safeguarding

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- Schools Organisation Plan
- Proposal To Develop A Permanency Service In Peterborough
- Skills Strategy
- Outline Child Poverty Strategy
- Alternative Governance
- Joint Scrutiny of the Budget 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Plan – Phase One
- Joint Scrutiny of the Budget 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Plan – Phase Two

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

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

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

4.2 The Committee's remit is:

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| 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 the Single Delivery Plan. |
| Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |

To consider any appeals from petition organisers who are not satisfied with the outcome of the Council's consideration of their petition.

4.3 A draft work programme which shows the items identified for scrutiny at the work programming session held on 13 June 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 15 June, 20 July, 14 September, 16 November, 18 January 2016 and 14 March 2016.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Recommendations made during 2015/2016
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2016/17

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