

**CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING 2015-2016**

MEETING DATE / ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	REFERRED TO	RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS
14 September 2015			
Draft School Organisation Plan 2015/20 - Delivering Local Places For Local Children	The Committee endorsed the Draft School Organisation Plan 2015/20 and recommended that the document was submitted to Cabinet for approval.	Councillor Holdich OBE and Jonathan Lewis	Presented and adopted by Cabinet on 25 November 2015, where Cabinet noted and approved the appropriate action was being undertaken to deliver the statutory requirement for school places.
16 November 2015			
Vulnerable Children In Education including Closing the Gap Strategy / EAL Strategy and Virtual School	The Committee recommended that the Leader of the Council - Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University considered and carefully monitored the underfunding position for the Virtual Schools team.	Councillor Holdich OBE and Terry Reynolds.	<p>There is currently a piece of work underway to develop a new model for the delivery of the Council's education function. This is based on consultation with schools (Head teachers and governors) and will include the VS, leading to a proposed new structure in due course (probably in April).</p> <p>In addition, the VS is currently in the process of recruiting an additional member of staff for post-16 CiC. Response provided by Terry Reynolds.</p>
18 January 2016			
City College Peterborough (including Apprenticeships and NEET)	The Committee recommended that the Cabinet Member for Growth Planning, Housing and Economic Development hold a meeting with the Peterborough City College Access Champions and Peterborough bus companies to discuss ideas with the aim to formulate an access improvement plan for	Cllr North, Pat Carrington and Peter Tebb	<p>Initial meeting held with Access Champions and Richard Mayes. A demonstration of the Traveline GB app was presented to the group and work on an improvement plan for disabled users will be explored further.</p> <p>In addition to the ongoing work of the access improvement plan the group will include accessibility options of walking</p>

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	disabled users to encourage independent travel in the City.		and cycle routes. Response provided by Richard Mayes.
14 March 2016			
Skills Strategy	The Committee endorsed the Skills Strategy for approval by Cabinet and recommended that there was more involvement in consulting with local businesses going forward to undertake the actions included in the Skills Strategy.	Cabinet and Wendi Ogle-Welbourn	Cabinet Members were advised at the meeting held on 21 March 2016 that engagement with employers would be wide and it would include 'Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs)'.