

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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13 March 2018	Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development / People and Communities	Homelessness Reduction Strategy	<p>1. The Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development contacts (i) the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, (ii) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and (iii) the Local Government Association, seeking their support to amend legislation so that:</p> <p>(a) the Housing Benefit element of welfare benefit payments are paid direct to landlords rather than to tenants, in an attempt to encourage more landlords to offer their properties for homeless households or those at risk of becoming homeless; and,</p>	<p>A letter to the Secretary of State is being drafted for the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development's consideration, with a view to making representation to government on issues of Housing Benefit payment and Section 21 notices identified by the Task and Finish group. This will be given to the Cabinet Member by 6th July for his approval.</p>	Ongoing

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			(b) Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 (<i>Recovery of Possession on Expiry or Termination of Assured Shorthold Tenancy</i>) is reviewed with a view to ending its widespread use, and in its place introduce legislation that provides for greater tenancy security in the private rented sector.		
10 July 2018	Councillor Irene Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities	Integrated Communities Strategy	<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the Peterborough Together Partnership that the work of the Select Committees be carried out in public in an open and inclusive way as much as possible.</p>	<p>Response from the Service Director: Community & Safety:</p> <p>The process to develop proposals for the delivery plan was undertaken by a small number of themed partnership groups, comprising council staff and representatives from key organisations across the public, voluntary and community sectors. Only those ideas which were supported through this approach will be submitted as part of our delivery plan. Although</p>	Complete

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				we described these groups as select committees, this is not the way they operated. However, where it is appropriate, we will be ensuring that project delivery is informed and shaped by communities as part of the implementation phase.	
10 July 2018	Councillor Irene Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities	Integrated Communities Strategy	<p>RECOMMENDATION :</p> <p>The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend that representatives of the following organisations are included on the Board of the Peterborough Together Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peterborough Trades Union Council • Armed Forces Partnership Board • Representatives from opposition parties of the Council • North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust • Peterborough Regional College 	<p>Response from the Service Director: Community & Safety:</p> <p>A formal paper and recommendation will be taken to the next meeting of the Peterborough Together Partnership to increase the membership as per the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.</p>	Ongoing

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10 July 2018	Councillor Irene Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities	9. Environmental Enforcement – Kingdom Review	<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend to Cabinet that those areas of enforcement currently carried out by Kingdom Environmental Services should be brought in-house and operated directly by the Council once the trial period had concluded.</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Communities:</p> <p>We have been pleased with the positive impact the pilot contract with Kingdom has had on our city centre and in the Millfield area. We want to ensure this good work continues, by making this kind of proactive enforcement activity a mainstreamed service. Officers are currently reviewing the most appropriate delivery model to achieve this. This includes considering the benefits of delivering the service in-house. It is too early to update the Committee on the details and outcomes of this work, but we will ensure an update is provided as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, the current arrangement with</p>	Ongoing

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				Kingdom can remain in place until the end of the current financial year if necessary.	

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