

<b>ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
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## INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
<b>FROM:</b> Service Director for Communities and Safety	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review and scrutinise the progress to deliver an Integrated Communities pilot programme that benefits our whole population, incorporating the work on Inclusive Cities, and suggest ways to ensure the programme achieves the best possible outcomes within the initial timeframe available.</li> </ol>	

### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is presented at the request of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

### 2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 To provide the Committee with information relating to Peterborough's status as an integration pilot area for the Government's Integrated Communities Strategy, the subsequent progress made to date, and the work programme to March 2020.

2.2 This report is for the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

4. Neighbourhood and Community Support (including cohesion, community safety and youth offending) and;

5. Equalities

2.3 This report links to a number of Corporate priorities, particularly: Keeping all our communities safe, cohesive and healthy.

### 3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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## 4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Following the launch of the Integrated Communities Strategy Green Paper by Government in March 2018, Peterborough was invited to become one of five local 'Integration Areas'. The other four areas are Blackburn with Darwen, Bradford, Walsall, and Waltham Forest. Peterborough was invited to participate in the programme because we have "already demonstrated a keen grasp of the challenges we face and (have) shown a desire to try new things and learn from what works".
- 4.2 As noted in the July 2018 report to Committee on the same subject, Peterborough City Council is also one of six cities taking part in the separate Inclusive Cities programme, which is being led by Compas (Centre on Migration Policy and Society). The other cities in this programme are Glasgow, Cardiff, Liverpool, Bristol and London. The programme is providing an opportunity to share learning and understanding about how cities in the UK and the USA experiencing significant population change as a result of inward migration, develop inclusive and welcoming communities.
- 4.3 The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee considered the early progress made in developing the Integrated Communities Strategy (ICS) and Inclusive Cities programme at its meeting on 10th July 2018. This report brings the Committee up to date with the progress made.
- 4.4 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) requested a delivery plan to test new methods of delivery which can help achieve the outcomes outlined within the Green paper (please see the link in section 10 for details of where to find the Green Paper). The Green Paper follows the Casey Review on integration which was published in 2016, and proposes ambitions in these areas:
1. Strengthening leadership to drive integration in policy development and service delivery
  2. Supporting newly arrived migrants to integrate and improve communities' ability to adapt to migration
  3. Making sure all children and young people are prepared for life in modern Britain and have the opportunity for meaningful social mixing with those from different backgrounds
  4. Boosting English language skills – which are fundamental to being able to take advantage of the opportunities of living in modern Britain such as getting a job, mixing with people and playing a full part in community life
  5. Mitigating residential segregation and supporting people to build strong and integrated communities
  6. Increasing economic opportunity
  7. Challenging the practices that can hinder integration and equal rights
  8. Learning what works in building integrated communities and sharing that learning
- 4.5 Over the summer, a Delivery Plan was developed with many of our key partners and community organisations setting out a number of proposals. This delivery plan incorporates the Inclusive Cities action plan. The plan was submitted to the MHCLG at the beginning of September and we now have confirmation that Government has awarded funding. Peterborough's approach has been to ensure that the whole population benefits from this programme, recognising that integration is for all.
- 4.6 In November 2018, Peterborough was provisionally awarded c.£1.6m over 2018/19 and 2019/20. Of this, £1,013,260 is confirmed for this financial year, (including £83,500 ring fenced for the Department of Work and Pensions locally). The remainder of the funding allocation for 2019/20 is not yet confirmed by Government, due to MHCLG budgetary processes. A decision is expected in January.
- 4.7 The Delivery Plan was led by Peterborough City Council, but co-designed with input from a number of partners including the Department of Work and Pensions, Peterborough City College, University Centre Peterborough, COMPAS (representing Inclusive Cities) and representatives of voluntary, faith and community sector organisations. It is made up of four key themes:

- a. Increasing Economic Opportunity
- b. Bringing Communities Together
- c. Young People
- d. English as a Second Language (ESOL)

Under each of the themes, a number of projects and activities have been identified. The programme focuses on developing a system wide approach to achieving integration. A full list of projects is set out in a draft joint Integration and Inclusive Cities action plan at appendix 1, some highlights of which are:

- Establishing a Time Credits programme in Peterborough. This builds upon a successful volunteering programme nationally, and across Cambridgeshire, where people can earn rewards for volunteering in the local area. Rewards could then be "spent" at organisations either locally or nationally, such as cinemas, leisure centres, theatres etc, or on adult learning classes
- Helping people into work through the Job Smart programme. Commissioned by the Job Centre, this project will provide dedicated support for those people who face multiple barriers to finding work. This will include ESOL for work courses for people who have little or no experience of finding work in the UK. They will be helped to learn English and supported to apply for jobs, develop their CV and develop new skills
- Job and career fairs aimed at showcasing new employment opportunities and putting businesses in touch with people looking to develop a new employment opportunity. Again, these fairs will help people to develop new skills they need, or support them to develop their CV etc
- A community leadership programme that will develop and support both new and existing community leaders so that they can help to increase participation between different communities in civic life. This will create a Peterborough civil society alliance, "Peterborough Citizens", which brings together community groups from across the city to share experiences and develop a common agenda for the good of Peterborough
- Launching a Communities Fund that will offer the opportunity for community groups to bid for funds to deliver projects that can bring people together, promote cohesion and can demonstrate innovative ways of supporting people. We expect the fund to be launched from January 2019

4.8 Projects were originally intended to deliver until March 31st 2020, however given the delays from MHCLG in confirming funding, projects will now deliver into summer 2020. At this stage, there is no further commitment from Government towards any further investment, pending the next Comprehensive Spending Review.

4.9 Whilst this is therefore a short window of programme delivery, our proposals are focussed on looking at system change and developing a greater understanding of integration issues across a number of areas, which impact on our mainstream business. Much of our work will involve research with communities to understand their issues, which in turn will lead to longer term improvements in outcomes as we develop more responsive services. It is important to also note that Peterborough's role in the Inclusive Cities programme provides an opportunity for national and international learning, and access to research material and support, independent of the MHCLG funding. This will support the delivery of the underlying ambitions in our plan.

4.10 Whilst the council are leading the development of the programme, this is a broader area of work involving multiple partners from the public, voluntary and community sectors. As outlined in the previous report to the Committee, the delivery plan will be overseen by the Peterborough Together partnership.

Peterborough Together (PT) is a multi-agency partnership, consisting of representatives from the public sector, local businesses and community/voluntary organisations. It has initially been established to oversee the delivery of the ICS but has the potential to do much more.

The PT has ambitions to work across the city to drive forward a vision that will help to bring

communities together, develop greater pride, volunteering and active citizenship. This work is in the very early stages and will continue to be developed during the next few months.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place throughout the summer with numerous organisations in the private, public, voluntary and faith sectors.

Additionally, there has been input from the Peterborough Together Partnership.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 6.1 Whilst the funding from the MHCLG ceases at the end of March 2020, it is our intention to develop ways of working and system changes that lead to sustainable change within Peterborough, without reliance on additional Government funding. The work through the Integration programme is part of a much bigger piece of work looking at how the whole of the public sector can work differently to empower local communities and reduce demand on services.
- 6.2 This will lead to a more integrated city, where people of all ages and backgrounds mix socially, have reduced economic and health inequalities, and can benefit from greater employment opportunities. If successful, this will ultimately lead to reduced demand for council and other public sector services.

## **7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 As we have a relatively short window to deliver the funded element of the programme, coupled with high ambition to enable sustained system change, the scrutiny applied by the Committee along with advice and guidance on how best to maximise delivery, will help ensure we deliver the best possible outcomes for our communities and residents.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 Not to accept funding to deliver the Integrated Communities Strategy work with Government. This alternative has been rejected, due to the loss of funding and opportunity to test new methods of delivery which will improve outcomes for the city.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

- 9.1 In November 2018, Peterborough was awarded c.£1.6m over 2018/19 and 2019/20. Of this, £1,013,260 is confirmed for this financial year, (including £83,500 ring fenced for the Department of Work and Pensions). The remainder of the funding allocation for 2019/20 is not yet confirmed by Government, due to MHCLG budgetary processes. A decision is expected in January.

The grant received from Government will be monitored and managed in accordance with PCC policy.

### **Legal Implications**

- 9.2 None

### **Equalities Implications**

- 9.3 One of the aims of the programme and its delivery is to reduce inequalities amongst all communities, including those from protected characteristic groups.

## **Rural Implications**

- 9.4 Both the Integrated Communities programme and the Inclusive Cities programme will be delivered in Peterborough with the aim of positively affecting the lives of our whole population, including those living and working in rural areas.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 HM Government Integrated Communities Green Paper  
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/integrated-communities-strategy-green-paper>)

## **11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Appendix 1 - List of projects to be delivered as part of the Integrated Communities and Inclusive City Strategy

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