

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 6
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Report of the Executive Director of Operations

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Citizen Power: Peterborough

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the Committee on progress to induct Members about Citizen Power: Peterborough and in particular the strand there are championing.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 In addition to each Member championing a strand within the programme, what other assistance could the Scrutiny Committee provide to assist in the successful delivery of Citizen Power: Peterborough?

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 3.1 The programme aligns to the following Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA strategic priorities which are relevant to this Committee:

Creating Strong & Supportive Communities

- Empowering local communities
- Making Peterborough safer
- Building community cohesion
- Building pride in Peterborough

Citizen Power: Peterborough also contributes to the following National Indicators which are relevant to this Committee:

- NI 1 - % people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together
- NI 2 - % of people that feel they belong to their neighbourhood
- NI 4 - % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality
- NI 6 - participation in regular volunteering
- NI16 - Serious acquisitive crime rate
- NI17 - Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
- NI 40 - Drug users in effective treatment

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 21 July 2010 it was agreed that each Member would champion a strand of the Citizen Power Programme. Induction sessions with Councillor Todd and Councillor Goldspink are in the process of being arranged. The aim is to deliver these sessions before 15 September which will focus on the Building Recovery Capital and Civic Commons strands.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Given that the individual Councillor induction sessions are in the process of being arranged to ascertain their level of input to the strand they are to champion, the issues and matters for

consideration by the Scrutiny Committee on a collective basis is not clearly quantifiable at this time. It is expected that this part of the Scrutiny Process will evolve as the programme unfolds.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Citizen Power: Peterborough is a city-wide programme and is the City's 'Big Society' project. The overarching aims are to develop sustainable, active citizenship in Peterborough focusing on new ways in which to support local people and communities to take action and make a positive difference in their areas.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Engagement with local people and organisations is key to the success of this programme. Focus groups were an important part of the scoping stage and ongoing local input is planned to ensure the programme truly has a Peterborough focus.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 This report is for the purpose of updating the Scrutiny Committee and as such no further action is required.

Citizen Power: Peterborough will continue until 2012 with different strands being considered at future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 9.1 None.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 None.