












## Appendix A: Council Priority Activities with comments

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Position as at 30-Sep-12

Symbol Key				
				
Green - No Issues	Blue - No significant concerns	Red - Significant issue(s)	Not yet started	Missing information

Activity Name	Overall Summary		Comment
	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	
<b>Children &amp; Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>			
<b>Programme</b>			
Raising the Participation Age (RPA)			<p>Progress is to plan. There are a number of national policy and funding changes which are due to be implemented from September 2013 at the same time as RPA is implemented. It is unclear at this stage what impact some of them will have on RPA implementation.</p> <p><b>Scrutiny:</b> The Committee considered a report and presentation on this programme at its meeting on 3 February 2012 to inform the members of the impact of the new legal requirements. An update on the programme was included in the quarter 1 performance report received at the meeting on 7 September 2012. The Committee was satisfied with the progress being made on the programme. The issues around this programme have also been discussed as part of other reports relating to post-16 changes, namely the Strategic Priorities for 16 – 19 (25) education and training for 2013/2014 report at the meeting on 7 September 2012 and the report on Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision in Lincolnshire Action Plan – First Monitoring Update which was considered at the meeting on 19 October 2012.</p>
<b>Project</b>			
Families Working Together			<p>We continue to work with partners to fine-tune the transition from Community Budget pilot to the Troubled Families programme. This includes identifying and prioritising relevant families from data lists, authorisation of information sharing agreements, confirmation of contributions of resources in kind and agreeing the governance of the project. In addition, work has begun with HR regarding the structure of the operational team; and discussions have advanced with senior management to evaluate the financial sustainability of the project over the three-year project.</p> <p><b>Scrutiny:</b> The Committee will consider this project for the first time at its meeting on 1st March 2013.</p>
Implementation of School Support Services Review			<p>Project now complete. A closure report will be produced following a closure workshop to be held in November, this will be circulated to Scrutiny.</p>

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Small Schools Collaboration	●	●	<p>As a result of proposed DfE changes to school funding a major review of the project has had to take place. As the LA will not be allowed to target type or size of school with funding in the new financial year the project will rely on schools agreeing to use their own budgets to collaborate. The majority of conditions linked to funding have now been removed. The role of the LA after this year will be to support and advice schools who wish to be part of a collaboration. It will mean that there will be no financial liabilities for the LA after this financial year but it will be necessary for the funding agreement with schools to be fundamentally reviewed.</p> <p>Business plans and Heads of Agreements continue to be submitted by groups of schools and funding has been released to a small number of the partnerships.</p> <p><b>Scrutiny:</b> The Committee considered two reports on this project at its meetings on 3 February 2012 and 20 July 2012. The Committee strongly supported the proposed project. The proposals for this project were also discussed as part of the reports received at the meetings on 7 September 2012 and 19 October 2012 on School Funding Arrangements for 2013/14. The Committee expressed its disappointment that the project would no longer be able to go ahead.</p>
Youth and Community Development	●	●	<p>The project continues to make good progress. The first youth centre to have reached the stage of final sign off is Gainsborough and the Project Team is currently awaiting comments from Legal Services and Finance regarding the final arrangements prior to the lease being drawn up.</p> <p><b>Scrutiny:</b> The Committee considered two reports on this project at its meetings on 20 April 2012 and 19 October 2012. The Committee were satisfied with the progress being made with the project and requested that the next update sets out what is happening to the youth workers employed at the youth centres, how many young people are engaged and how many activities are taking place.</p>