

Council
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QUESTIONS

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	<p>Question from Simon Kail</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments:</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member agree that if we are to encourage people to use public transport it is essential that bus services can be easily accessed from new housing developments from when the first houses are built?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Charles Fenner</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment:</p> <p>With the amount of trees damaging paths, drains and properties in the Bretton area, can the Cabinet Member confirm whether, when the Council adopted the roads from the Peterborough development corporation, this included accepting liability for the inappropriately planted trees that have now self-seeded? What does the Council look to do to rectify this issue, bearing in mind the potential for the Council to be billed for any repair works needed as a result of the close proximity of these trees?</p>
3.	<p>Question from Charles Fenner</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment:</p> <p>Last year in the Bretton area a lot of bushes were overgrown to the point of being dangerous, causing obstructions and potentially harming children. This was of course due to the unusual summer weather meaning growth was abnormally quick. However, the bushes in question have large thorns which are a hazard to children and, once overgrown, can scratch vehicles in parking bays and making it very difficult for those of poor mobility, sight and with prams. These should be cut right back to a point where it would take a while to become overgrown. Unfortunately, this has not happened. Just a small “winter trim” was all that was given. What measures are the Council putting in place to ensure that the bushes are cut back properly, so as not to cause a hazard or obstruction to those in wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or with prams, or damage vehicles after a couple of months of being cut?</p>

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Questions on notice to:

- a) The Mayor
- b) To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet
- c) To the Chair of any Committee or Sub-committee

1.	<p>Question from Councillor Nick Sandford</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments:</p> <p>When cabinet authorised the installation of new LED lights across the city, as well as delivering energy savings we were told that the new lights would include a mechanism for reporting themselves if they go wrong and thus enabling speedy repairs.</p> <p>We were told recently that the programme of installation of the lights is complete, yet I am still coming across instances of new LED lights which have been out of action for considerable periods of time. Does this mean that the new mechanism of self reporting of faults is itself not working for some reason?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz</p> <p>For Councillor Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Recreation:</p> <p>How much social housing are we looking to deliver in the next 24 months?</p>
3.	<p>Question from Councillor James Lillis</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment:</p> <p>Could the relevant Cabinet Member tell me how many successful prosecutions for fly tipping offences in Peterborough were there in 2019?</p>
4.	<p>Question from Councillor Christian Hogg</p> <p>For Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities:</p> <p>The UK Government is moving forward with planning the country's exit from the European Union to be completed on 31st December 2020.</p> <p>In Peterborough, there are around 30,000 residents who have come from the EU, EEA or Switzerland, who will need to apply for settled status before 30 June 2021, or 31 December 2020 if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.</p> <p>Can the relevant cabinet member, please inform council as to what action Peterborough City Council is taking to inform and support our residents in obtaining settled status so that their future in this city is secured?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Chris Ash</p> <p>For Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities:</p> <p>Throughout the city, vehicles are being parked within the curtilage of a property without the benefit of a proper vehicle crossing point (a.k.a dropped kerb) from the highway. Very often this causes damage to the footpath and mud and debris picked up from the</p>

	<p>vehicle leaves a slippery surface on the footpath making this dangerous for all users and especially anyone who is not so good on their feet.</p> <p>It is also a matter of annoyance to those that have gone through and paid for the proper process to have a vehicle crossing point.</p> <p>Is any action being taken, and if so what action against those who drive across the footpath or for that matter leave vehicles parked on the foot path causing an obstruction and danger to those legitimately using the footpath.</p>
6.	<p>Question from Councillor Terri Haynes</p> <p>For Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities:</p> <p>Peterborough is one of five cities taking part in the governments “Integrated Communities” scheme and in August residents across various parts of the city took part in focus groups and we were told that the reports would be produced by University College Peterborough (UCP), who lead the focus groups, within weeks. Five months later and yet another deadline has been set for the report to be completed by the end of January. Can the relevant cabinet member explain the delay, how much UCP have been paid for carrying out this portion of the work, confirm when the report will be completed (if the most recent deadline was not met) and that this lengthy wait has not had any negative impact on our participation or lead to any setbacks on other stages of the scheme.</p>
7.	<p>Question from Councillor Andrew Bond</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments:</p> <p>What is the average length of time it takes between a pothole being reported to it being fixed in Peterborough?</p>
8.	<p>Question from Councillor Nick Sandford</p> <p>For Councillor Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Recreation:</p> <p>Would the relevant cabinet member join with me in recognising the amazing success in recent years of the Peterborough Sports Football Club, who have won three promotions in the last four seasons and are now once again in contention for promotion from the Southern League Premier division. If they do win promotion this year to the National League, they will be only two further promotions away from achieving Football League status.</p> <p>What can the Council do to support and publicise the work of successful local sports clubs such as Peterborough Sports?</p>
9.	<p>Question from Councillor James Lillis</p> <p>For Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities:</p> <p>Could the relevant Cabinet Member tell me how many fines were issues for dog fouling in Peterborough during in 2019?</p>
10.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz</p> <p>For Councillor Holdich, Leader of the Council and Deputy Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority:</p> <p>£7.5m regeneration funding was agreed at full council on 8 March 2017 for Millfield and New England. Three years on, what is the underlying reason for the delay?</p>

11.	<p>Question from Councillor Christian Hogg</p> <p>For Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities:</p> <p>Can the relevant cabinet member please inform council on the plan for the Prevention and Enforcement Service now that Kingdom is no longer contracted to the council, will this service remain as it is or will there be an increase in its capacity?</p>
12.	<p>WARD SPECIFIC: Question from Councillor Skibsted</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments:</p> <p>I have been approached by many residents in my ward about the critical state of parking. There is insufficient space for the amount of cars, and no plan to improve this problem for the many residents in Orton Longueville ward. Specifically, I have been asked by residents in Clayton if waste land and a small wall, now unused for any purpose, could be cleared to make way for some extra spaces. This has been done in the first block in Clayton but not the other three. The situation is now quite desperate where often residents have nowhere to park and emergency services cannot access houses.</p> <p>Are the council willing to remove some of the unused areas of wasteland etc to alleviate this issue, and if not, what will they do about this worsening crisis in all areas of the ward?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller's response:</p> <p>Parking is an issue across the city where levels of car ownership continue to increase and whilst the Council appreciates that this may be a difficult issue for people to deal with on a day to day basis it is not in a position to undertake work to introduce new parking provision. We would advise that if a Councillor, or a resident, would like to explore the feasibility of changing the use of a particular area of land then they should contact the Council who will first undertake a land ownership check. More often than not the land is not currently in the ownership of the Highways Team or even the Council. Depending on the results of this proposals could then be developed to look at new provision but this would come at a cost that must be met before any work can progress.</p>

Questions on notice to:

d) The Combined Authority Representatives

1.	None received.
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COUNCIL MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2020

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR AMJAD IQBAL

Amendment from Councillor Seaton to be moved as follows:

“On 5th August 2019 the Indian Government, in a surprise move, abolished Article 370 and 35A of the Indian constitution.

The Kashmiri Community of Peterborough express deep concerns about the ongoing reports of human rights violations, and a communication blockade of over eight million people of Jammu and Kashmir since 5 August 2019 resulting in serious risk to life, liberty and security of persons in Kashmir.

The Peterborough Kashmiri community are concerned that the steps taken by the Indian Government are unconstitutional, unlawful and against the agreed principles of the UN Security Council resolutions which safeguard the rights of the people of Kashmir.

Moreover, the way the Indian government has enforced the abolition of the relevant Articles of the constitution is very alarming and concerning to members of divided families living in Peterborough. Since 5th August 2019, strict curfew has been imposed, a large population has been reportedly imprisoned in their home with no access to telephone, internet and other media and people were reportedly denied offering the rituals of (Eid al Adha) on the 12th August 2019, which is a violation of basic human rights in addition to the aforementioned acts. The people of Kashmir were reportedly not consulted prior to imposing this change.

Peterborough houses thousands of families, who are hardworking taxpayers of this city, and are directly affected by this through their loved ones living under a curfew situation. We owe it to them to ensure their communication at the very least be reinstated.

The Council notes:

- The demonstration organised by the Conservative Muslim Forum, the Joint Council for Mosques and the Friends of Kashmir on 14th August 2019 which had cross-party support;
- The subsequent peoples motion agreed by over 400 residents from across the city;
- The actions taken by Paul Bristow MP who raised Kashmir in his maiden speech in the Houses of Parliament;
- The role Paul Bristow has taken as Vice-Chair with the APPG for Kashmir;
- The Kashmir conference that Paul Bristow chaired at the Houses of Parliament on 4th February 2020 attended by local councillors.

~~In view of this~~ The Council resolves to call ~~on~~ upon both of Peterborough’s MPs to write to the UK Government:

1. To make urgent representations to the Indian Government, through all available routes, to ensure safeguards against human rights abuses are immediately put in place by restoring telecommunications, allowing full access to international humanitarian aid and human rights observers, releasing all political prisoners and finding a bi-lateral resolution

taking into account the wishes of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the UN charter and resolutions.

2. To Insist that all sides permit unimpeded access for international human rights to be monitored throughout Kashmir;

3. To seek a permanent resolution to the Kashmir dispute which would bring considerable benefits to the people of Kashmir, enhance the overall peace and security of the region, and bring comfort to many British Kashmiris who have family connections there;

4. To seek to protect civilians, promote peace, and work towards a negotiated and democratic solution with the assistance of the United Nations that will allow the people of Kashmir to exercise their right to decide their own future free from coercion and intimidation.

To provide ongoing reassurance to the Peterborian Kashmiri residents that their concerns are being adhered to, Council also resolves to ask the Leader to appoint a Councillor to act as a “Kashmir Champion” for Peterborough to be the first point of communication between the Council, MP and other relevant agencies both in and out of the City.”

COUNCIL MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2020

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR WALSH

Amendment from Councillor Murphy to be moved as follows:

“Peterborough City Council is rightly proud of its efforts to tackle discrimination and hatred in all its forms.

Peterborough City Council expresses concern about the rise in antisemitism, in recent years across the UK. As well as physical manifestations through violence and criminal damage, it has also been seen in the use of antisemitic language and characteristics which criticise Israel. It may be legitimate to criticise the policies and practices of Israel, but not if this involves using language and imagery that is antisemitic.

Peterborough City Council therefore resolves to join with the Government, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Police and Judiciary, as well as other Local Authorities, in signing up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism, which states that:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, towards Jewish Community institutions and religious facilities.”

The IHRA highlight manifestations as including:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extreme view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanising, demonizing or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective – such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other social institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens as being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g. by claiming that the existence of the State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g. claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterise Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for the actions of the state of Israel.

Council resolves to:

1. Adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism as the working model for challenging and confronting incidents of this form of racism
2. Restate its condemnation of **all** forms of racism and hate in all its manifestations
3. Oppose racism and hate.
4. Agree that the IHRA definition should not be used to inhibit the legitimate criticism of the state of Israel or the rights of the Palestinian people.”

COUNCIL MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2020

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR WALSH

Amendment from Councillor Murphy to be moved as follows:

“Peterborough City Council is rightly proud of its efforts to tackle discrimination and hatred in all its forms.

This council ~~acknowledges~~ accepts the work carried out nationally in 2018 and 2019 by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims to create an agreed definition of Islamophobia, and notes that this has not yet been formally adopted by the national Government. The APPG definition is as follows:

“Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.”

This council also acknowledges the intentions of the Government to appoint independent advisors to lead a review into the definition drafted by the All Party Parliamentary Group, and that Imam Qari Asim MBE, Deputy Chair of the Anti-Muslim Hatred Working Group, is the first such adviser to be appointed. We understand that additional advisers will join the Imam in this important task.

Peterborough City Council will therefore debate a Motion at a future Full Council with a view to adopting the official definition of Islamophobia once it has been adopted by national Government, and will, in the meantime, note the All Party Parliamentary Group definition as set out above. We also support the earliest possible ratification and adoption of the official definition by Government.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Note the All Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslim’s definition of Islamophobia as the working definition for challenging and confronting incidents of this form of racism
2. Request that the Chief Executive closely monitors the ongoing national review of the APPG definition, in order to ensure a Motion to adopt the new definition is brought to Full Council at the earliest opportunity
3. Restate its condemnation of **all** forms of racism and hate in all its manifestations
4. Oppose racism and hate against all communities, in keeping with our commitment to eradicate all acts of hatred on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sex or sexual orientation.”

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COUNCIL MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2020

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR QAYYUM

Alteration from Councillor Qayyum to be moved as follows:

~~“My experience as a GP has shown me that t~~The number of young children referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health services as a result of the repercussions that bullying was having on their emotional wellbeing has risen sharply. ~~As part of my work I have explored the anti-bullying policies in place at our local authority run schools.~~

Council resolves to recognise:

- That good mental health within young school going aged children both at the primary and secondary age level is an important factor in their development.
- That a mentally healthy child is able to thrive and progress in educational attainment standards thus contributing to the improvement of educational standards (a current need to be met)
- That an addressing of bullying within schools in a constructive and organised fashion promotes communication skills and acceptance of diversity, and truly places Peterborough in a pivotal position to promote those values of cultural acceptance reflective of its diverse population.

Council resolves to propose:

- That the Council requires its maintained schools to review their anti-bullying policies annual and requires logs to be held of all incidents of bullying cases within each school. A child case file should be opened for those who are subjected to bullying and a bullying care plan put in place to follow up their progress, including any action to be taken (which should be communicated to families), any contributing social factors, and how these factors can be mitigated or have support provided for.
- That anti-bullying policies are made available on the Peterborough city council website, similar to the strategy already adopted by Central Bedfordshire Council, and which are deemed to be useful (source: https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/3/schools_and_education/532/virtual_school/4).

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COUNCIL MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2020

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR QAYYUM

Amendment from Councillor Haynes to be moved as follows:

“My experience as a GP has shown me that the number of young children referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health services as a result of the repercussions that bullying was having on their emotional wellbeing has risen sharply. As part of my work I have explored the anti-bullying policies in place at our local authority run schools.

Council resolves to recognise:

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• To refer the issue of anti-bullying policies and their implementation to the Education and Scrutiny Committee for review.

• That anti-bullying policies are made available on the Peterborough city council website, similar to the strategy already adopted by Central Bedfordshire Council, and which are deemed to be useful (source:

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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES JUNE 2020 - MAY 2021													
MEETING	TIME	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
COUNCIL (Wednesday)	6pm	17	29			21		9	27		3		
Annual Council (Monday)	6pm												17
Cabinet (Monday)	10am	15			21		16		11	1	15		
Cabinet Budget Meeting (Monday)	10am					26	30			22			
Shareholder Cabinet Committee (Monday)	10am	22			14		7				1		
SCRUTINY COMMITTEES													
Health Scrutiny Committee (Tuesday)	7pm		7		15		3		12		15		
Adults & Communities Scrutiny Committee (Tuesday)	7pm		14		8		17		19		2		
Growth, Environment & Resources Scrutiny Committee (Wednesday)	7pm		8		2		4		13		10		
Children & Education Scrutiny Committee (Thursday)	7pm		16		10		5		21		4		
Scrutiny of the Budget	6pm						11			10			
COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL													
Appeals and Planning Review Committee (Monday)	7pm										8		
Audit Committee (Monday)	5pm		13		14		16		25		22		
Planning & Env. Protection Committee (Tuesday)	1.30pm	9 + 30	21		1 + 22	13	3 + 24	15	26	16	9 + 30	20	
Licensing & Licensing Act 2003 Committee (Thursday)	7pm	11	9			8		3		11		15	
Employment Committee (Thursday)	5pm	18			17		19		14		18		
Constitution and Ethics Committee (Monday)	6pm		6			12	23			8			
Corporate Parenting Committee (Wednesday) (Informal @ 5:30pm)	6pm	10	22		23		25		20		17		
Health and Wellbeing Board (Monday)	1pm	22						7					
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Whole System Joint Sub-Committee													
Health and Wellbeing Board 'Core' Joint Sub-Committee													
OTHER BODIES													
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board (10.30)	-	3 & 24	29		30	28	25		27	24	31	28	26
Combined Fire Authority	2pm												
Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	2pm												
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel (Wednesday)	2pm	24*	1		10	7	25			1	24		
PARTNERSHIP AND LIAISON MEETINGS													
Safer Peterborough Partnership (Wednesday)	12pm				2		25			24			26
Parish Council Liaison (Wednesday)	6.30pm		1		16			2		3		21	
Children and Families Joint Commissioning Board	1.30pm												
Adults Joint Commissioning Boards	2:45pm												
WORKING GROUPS													
All Party Policy (Thursday)	6pm	25	23		24	29	26		28	25	25		
Cabinet Policy Forum	5.30pm												
CONFERENCES													
Conservative Party	-					4 to 7							
Labour Party Annual Conference	-				19 to 23								
Liberal Democrats Autumn Conference	-				26 to 29								
Local Government Association Annual Conference	-	30	1 to 2										
Green Party	-												

COUNCIL MEETING 5 FEBRUARY 2020

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2020/21

Amendment from Councillor Sandford to be moved as follows:

It is recommended that Council approves, in principle, the draft programme of meetings for 2020/21 (attached in the additional information pack). subject to the inclusion of a Full Council meeting in every month apart from April and August (ten in total).

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