

ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 16 JULY 2009

7.00 PM

Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall

AGENDA

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Thursday 17 September 2009 at 7pm



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Committee Members:

Councillors: C Burton (Chairman), D Day (Vice-Chairman), R Dobbs, M Fazal, J A Fox, N North and J Wilkinson

Substitutes: Councillors: J Goodwin and C Ash

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON
THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2009 AT THE BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

Present: Councillors P Kreling (Chairman), D Morley (Vice-Chairman), C Day, J A Fox, N North and P Thacker

Also Present: Councillors Fitzgerald, JR Fox and Peach

Officers Present: Paul Phillipson – Executive Director Operations
David Body – Atkins
Mark Speed – Transport and Engineering
Mike Brown – Head of Integrated Waste Management
Amy Brown – Legal Advisor
Louise Tyers – Scrutiny Manager
Martin Whelan – Senior Governance Officer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dobbs.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Whipping Declarations

There were no whipping declarations.

4. Minutes of the meeting held 5 March 2009

The panel approved the minutes of the meeting held 5 March 2009 as a true and accurate record.

5. Long Term Transport Strategy

The panel received a presentation and paper on the Long Term Transport Strategy, which covered projected trends up until 2026.

- Location of Red Brick Farm and Paston/Norwood – *Officers agreed to confirm exact locations in writing.*
- Clarification was requested on the proposed changes to the A15 – *Officers confirmed that the proposals for Hampton had not yet been submitted so it was too early to comment.*
- Will there be any provision for electric vehicles in the city? *The suggestion was noted and officers advised that it was currently too early to comment on the proposals.*

Cllr Judy Fox declared a personal interest of being employee of Baker Perkins at Manor Drive.

A number of suggestions and proposals were noted, and officers agreed to review the suggestions as the process developed;

- Are there are proposals to enhance access to the development to the north of Baker Perkins?
- Are there are any proposals for light rail, trams or similar systems?
- Are there any proposals for additional park and ride facilities?
- Are there any proposals to improve the Crescent Bridge roundabout?

6. **Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group**

The panel received a report from the Head of Integrated Waste Management requesting approval for the creation of a scrutiny task and finish group to focus on waste management.

The panel welcomed the proposals, and endorsed the recommendation. The Scrutiny Manager agreed to write to each group requesting nominations from each political group.

7. **Concessionary Bus Fares**

The panel received a report from the Integrated Passenger Transport Unit on concessionary bus fares. The report covered the implementation of the scheme in other cities and different options for extending the scheme in the city.

The panel made the following comments

- Clarification was request on whether the survey highlighted at a previous meeting had been undertaken. *It was confirmed that the survey had not yet been undertaken, and would have major resource implications if undertaken.*
- The comments of users and the reasons for wishing to travel before 9.30 were presented to the committee. Some members questioned the need for certain groups to be travelling prior to 9.30.
- It was suggested whether it would be possible to mark passes with a “C” symbol to allow companions to travel free. *It was explained that whilst the production costs were significantly reduced, the authority would have to reimburse operators for the cost of the fares.*
- Members asked whether it would be possible to obtain costs from other cities as a comparison. *Officers advised that whilst it may be possible to obtain costs from other cities, it was impossible to compare different public transport systems due to the number of variables.*

The Executive Director – Operations outlined the existing budget situation, and explained the difficulty of implementing any extensions to the schemes. Following a discussion on the financial situation it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the bus companies requesting that they waiver the charges for the companions. Cllr Fox expressed concern that it was not possible to extend the companion scheme.

8. **Forward Plan**

Cllr Fox requested an update on the Food Waste decision. Martin Whelan agreed to provide an update outside of the meeting.

9. **Executive Decisions**

The committee noted the report.

10. **Feedback and Update Report**

The panel noted the report and expressed thanks to the officers for the information.
Officers to clarify the location of the Gunthorpe/Paston scheme for Cllr Thacker.

The meeting began at Time Not Specified and ended at Time Not Specified

CHAIRMAN

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 6 APRIL 2009 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL**

Present: Councillors J Holdich (Chairman), I Walsh (Vice-Chairman), J Goodwin, M Fazal, S Lane, Y Lowndes, N North, N Sandford and M Todd

Officers Present: Louise Tyers, Performance Scrutiny Manager
Alex Daynes, Senior Governance Officer
Paul Phillipson, Executive Director Operations
Helen Edwards, Solicitor to the Council
Mike Kealey, Interim Head of Human Resources
Christina Wells, Programme Director: Performance and Improvement
Mike George, Senior HR Consultant

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Seaton and Maggie Kirkbride.

2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations

Cllr Holdich declared an interest in item 5 as members of the Greater Peterborough Partnership Executive Board. Cllrs Sandford and Walsh declared an interest in item 5 as members of the Greater Peterborough Partnership Board.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2009 were approved as an accurate record.

4. Call In of any Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Officer Key Decisions

Members of the committee expressed concern at the lack of scrutiny opportunity available regarding recent applications for and awards of council funding. Councillors identified up to £3million that could have been spent without proper scrutiny whether through the Growth Area Fund (GAF) or council budget.

Members of the committee commented that it was difficult for Ward Councillors to respond to residents' queries about funding for projects when they were unaware of the funding being allocated.

ACTION AGREED

1. To receive a report on GAF funding at a future meeting.
2. To receive reports on potential GAF spending administered by partners including Opportunity Peterborough.

5. Comprehensive Area Assessment

The committee received a presentation on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). The committee was advised that the Comprehensive Area Assessment was a new approach to assessing the performance of local public services in the area. The CAA would look at how well the council and other local partners were delivering better outcomes and improving the quality of life for local people.

Members were shown the organisational structure and the core aims of the CAA and how the Scrutiny Committee would engage with the reporting process. The reporting officer advised that a briefing session could be set up to increase the committee's understanding of CAA objectives and procedures. Members were advised that the CAA assessed the performance of the partnership arrangements involved in the delivery of the Local Area Authority targets rather than scrutinising the individual partner organisations.

ACTION AGREED

To hold a briefing session for committee members on the Comprehensive Area Assessment.

6. Councillor Call For Action

A report was submitted to the Committee detailing the Councillor Call for Action initiative. Members were advised that best practise guidance would be put in Members' group rooms.

Members were advised that Councillor Call for Action would be split into two categories; Local Government matters and Crime and Disorder matters. The initiative would deal with Ward issues and should be used as a final resort once all other avenues of action had been investigated to resolve persistent issues.

Observations and questions were raised and responses given including:

- This initiative should enhance Ward Councillor participation
- This would not compromise the ability of Ward Councillors to recommend agenda items
- Members of the public can already address committee meetings.

ACTION AGREED

1. to note the requirements of the Councillor Call for Action.
2. that work is continued to develop protocols and necessary amendments to the Constitution.

7. Performance Monitoring 2008/09 - Quarter 3

A report was submitted to the committee to provide Members with information and analysis on the performance of the council between 1 October 2008 and 31 December 2008. Members were asked to note the contents of the report and identify any areas of concern it had.

Members were advised that although the quarter 3 report contained data up to December 2008, the quarter 4 report was similar in its results so far. The reporting officer advised that the report was a summary of the results to allow easier reading. However, because of this, the level of detail previously provided was not available here.

Members were advised of some of the successes in the last quarter including the continued house building projects, the development of the University Centre and the improvements to public transport and environmental services. Observations and questions were raised and responses given including:

- Many new bus shelters were being and had been installed that required less maintenance enabling the reduction in maintenance budget.
- Feedback on all 12 environmental indicators can be provided at a later date.
- A review will be conducted on subsidised bus routes which will involve consultation with Members.
- The Solution Centre is part of the performance framework and is used to resolve ongoing issues through the Council's partnerships work.
- More involvement with schools was being undertaken to tackle teenage pregnancy rates and identify 'at risk' young people.

ACTION AGREED

1. To note the report.
2. To receive a briefing on the Comprehensive Area Assessment at a future meeting.
3. To receive information on the Solution Centre at a future meeting.

8. Human Resources Key Performance Indicators

The committee received a six-monthly HR People report including benchmarking activities and HR Customer Satisfaction Survey results from October 2008. Members were requested to note current and future HR initiatives and key performance indicators which contributed to an efficient and effective Council.

The interim Head of Human resources updated members on the officer redundancies so far that would contribute to the required 400 reduction in staff numbers. The committee was advised that the Trade Unions had been involved throughout the process and had received training with council managers to assist staff in the process.

The committee was advised that 5 members of staff were still going through the job evaluation process that started last year.

Observations and questions were raised and responses given including:

- The council does have a train to gain contract and Peterborough Regional College and Peterborough College of Adult Education are partners in this.
- Funding for NVQ level 2 was provided as some staff already possessed this.
- Schemes are in place to develop existing managers and potential managers and senior managers of the future.
- It is sometimes necessary to bring in outside staff for specific tasks.
- Results of the HR review process should be seen in 12 months and then staff potential and future managers could be identified and training applied accordingly.
- Better communication is needed throughout the organisation.
- Cooperation with the Trade Unions has improved since December 2008 following the resolution of outstanding issues.
- 400 posts would be removed over 18 months, this does not equate to 400 people.
- It is the responsibility of job agencies to carry out immigration checks.
- The use of agency staff is monitored by the procurement team not through HR.
- HR handling of grievances is improving although incidents have not fallen.

ACTION AGREED

1. to receive information on the total number of posts occupied by consultants and interim managers.

2. to receive a report at a future meeting concerning Grievances through HR.

9. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The latest version of the Forward Plan, showing details of the key decisions that the Leader of the Council believed the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would be making over the next four months, was received.

There were no items specific to this Committee to consider.

The committee was advised that the City Council would become responsible for land drainage issues (damns, water courses, dykes etc). It was recommended that a future agenda item should consider the implications of this.

A committee member raised a concern that the Sustainable Communities Act had been rejected for the Council without seeking the recommendation and opinion of the Scrutiny Committee. It was requested to receive a future report on this issue.

ACTION AGREED

1. to note the contents of the Forward Plan.
2. to receive a briefing note on the Sustainable Communities Act.
3. to receive a report on future drainage issues.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.50 pm

CHAIRMAN

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2009 AT THE BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

Present: Councillors J Holdich (Chairman), I Walsh (Vice-Chairman), J Goodwin,
M Fazal, Y Lowndes, N Sandford, D Seaton and M Todd

Also Present: Theresa Nicholl, Planning Services

Officers Present: Louise Tyers, Performance Scrutiny Manager
Helen Edwards, Solicitor to the Council
Alex Daynes, Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr North.

2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations

Cllr Todd declared an interest in item 4 as Chairman of Planning Committee.

Cllr Walsh declared an interest in item 4 as a member of Planning Committee.

3. Call In of any Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Officer Key Decisions

No call-in requests were received.

4. Planning Performance Agreement Charter- Establishment of Working Group

The committee received a report seeking the endorsement of the Scrutiny Committee to establish a working group involving elected members, external/internal officers and other relevant stakeholders to consider the development of a Planning Performance Agreement Charter. The consent of Scrutiny Committee was being sought because the constitution precludes a regulatory committee, Planning Committee, establishing working groups.

ACTION AGREED:

To endorse the proposal to establish a working group involving Members and agreed that each recognised political group will be requested to nominate a member.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting to be Monday, 22 June 2009.

The meeting began at 6.30 pm and ended at 6.40 pm

CHAIRMAN

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ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 5
16 JULY 2009	Public Report

**Report of Richard Wills, Executive Director, Lincolnshire County Council
Advisor to the LGA (Environment Strategic Core Group)**

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FLOODS & WATER MANAGEMENT BILL – the role for local authorities

1. PURPOSE

To advise the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee on the Draft Floods & Water Bill and indicate Lincolnshire’s work to date. To give Committee members an early understanding on what the Councils new responsibilities will be and their possible implications.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider the impact of the Draft Floods and Water Bill on Peterborough City Council.

To identify an officer to work in partnership with others to address any flood risk issues which arise within the new Floods and Water Management Bill.

3. BACKGROUND

The Government’s intentions have been tabled as a draft Bill before it gets into the legislative programme in parliament. It may therefore not become law during the term of the present government.

Richard Wills has been acting as an advisor to the Local Government Association and has thus been involved in some engagement with DEFRA and the Environment Agency (EA). Local Government generally welcomes the Government’s response to Pitt Report. Amongst the issues that Richard has identified are:

- We do not really know how much money will be required to meet acceptable levels of flood defence so there is concern about the realism of “local authorities’ duties will be fully funded”;
- Local authorities are best placed to determine what is right for local people but we will need to work across boundaries and with others, such as the EA;
- Local authorities should determine policy and undertake commissioning but would not necessarily deliver everything. Internal Drainage Boards and Water Companies might be commissioned under commercial arrangements;
- IDBs would also be expected to be consulted about policy, strategy and commissioning. They may need to evolve into something slightly different to be fit for purpose;
- The Environment Agency should not be seen as only a creature of central Government. Local authorities ought to be able to commission the EA.

The EA and DEFRA appear to be trying to engage more with stakeholders and local government. There is definitely a different mood than there was 12 months ago.

Stakeholders probably need to recognize that the EA can only match their policy to the budgets they are given.

There are some risks of a public backlash if the EA and Natural England are perceived as using EU Directives and statutory duties to justify habitat creation at the expense of property and land. Laws can be changed and if people think that more money is spent on biodiversity than defending people and property, the biodiversity programmes themselves may be put in jeopardy.

4. KEY ISSUES

The Floods and Water Management Bill will give unitary and county councils a number of new powers and duties:

- Local Leadership
 - convening Local Flood Risk Management Group
- Surface Water Management Plans
- Flood Risk Management Work Programmes
- Investigate local flooding incidents
- Adopt & maintain SUDS

The Government, through DEFRA, have consistently said that there will be no net new financial burdens on local government. This is difficult to believe given that no one really knows what all the new powers and duties will cost.

Water is really bad at recognising local authority boundaries. Allocating a particular type of water (rain water, river water or sea water) to a particular organisation might not matter to citizens who have a lounge filled with any of those waters. Partnership working with other local authorities and other “water” organisations seems to be a pre-requisite.

5. IMPLICATIONS

There are too few appropriately skilled people available in the UK at present.

There is likely to be too little money.

Local Government could be held responsible.

6. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Greater awareness of the flood risk issues;
- Despite considerable financial uncertainties, that the new duties and powers are welcomed because it is in the best interest of local citizens to place them with local government rather than with central government;
- The Council recognises it will need to work in partnership with others;
- The Council will encourage and support its own officers.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

1. Draft Flood and Water Management Bill, defra, April 2009
2. “The Pitt Report” – Learning Lessons from the 2007 Floods, Cabinet Office, June 2008
3. Government’s response to Sir Michael Pitt’s Review of the Summer 2007 floods, December 2008

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 6
16 July 2009	Public Report

Report of the Director of Operations

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION

1. PURPOSE

To provide members with an overview of our environmental enforcement and related activity and to identify opportunities and challenges in order to enable an informed debate about future service delivery

2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The work of the Environmental Enforcement teams contributes to the 'Creating the UK's Environmental Capital' outcome of the Local Area Agreement. National Indicators 195 & 196 has a direct impact on making Peterborough Cleaner and Greener.

3. BACKGROUND

As part of the restructure of the Operations Directorate a new Neighbourhoods & Community Empowerment Team will bring the Environmental Enforcement and Neighbourhood Enforcement Teams together. This will enable a focussed delivery of services within localities using a neighbourhood management approach.

The current activity of these teams is

- Recruitment, promotion, training and management of the Street Leaders Scheme (178 street leaders across the city to date)
- Direct community contact within a locality and participation in Community groups and associations
- Public environmental education in recycling and the use of bins.
- Building and sustaining relationships with partners
- Fly tipping (on public land) – Intervention and investigation, arranging removal of waste (through City Services). Interviewing and preparation of documentation for evidence.
- Fly tipping (on private land) – First stage intervention, investigation and preparation of documentation for evidence
- Littering and Fly Posting – Investigation and issuing the relevant Notices, preparation of documentation for evidence
- Duty of Care Offences – Investigation and issuing the relevant Notices, preparation of documentation for evidence
- Court Attendances in prosecution cases
- Active participation in regional and national groups contributing to Peterborough's Environmental Capital aspirations
- Ownership of National Indicator 196 which measures the local authorities performance based on a combination of calculating its year on year change in total incidents of fly-tipping dealt with, compared with its year on year change in enforcement actions taken against fly-tipping.

- Make a main contribution towards National Indicator 195 Improved Street and Environmental Cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting)
- Active participants in project work and campaigns across the Council and with partners

4. KEY ISSUES

- There has previously been some duplication of work across teams
- Economies of scale are often not realised because teams can work in isolation of each other
- Gaps in service delivery have not been easily identified
- Enforcement and education balance could be more effective.

5. OPPORTUNITIES

- Integration of teams will facilitate targeted service delivery eliminating any duplication of work and bridging gaps
- Expanding the role of XFOR to include late night enforcement within the city centre with police partners and/or acting as professional witnesses to aid and increase prosecutions
- An opportunity to increase the level of education work with those who have committed environmental offences instead of imposing a fixed penalty notice or fine

6. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services currently receive in the region of 100 – 160 new environmental enforcement cases per month. The cases take a minimum of one hour each to process ready for court. To meet the objective of all clients legal services are only able to effectively process approximately 50% of these cases resulting in a backlog. Any increase in the number of cases brought to prosecution will increase the demand on legal services further. A variety of options to address this are being considered including

- Out sourcing the cases to a 3rd party which would cost approximately £21K per annum
- A new post (for example Legal Executive or suitably experienced paralegal) is created solely for the purpose of processing environmental enforcement cases.

7. CONSULTATION

None

8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Recommendations for future service delivery

9. NEXT STEPS

Next steps are dependant on the recommendations of the scrutiny committee on service delivery.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

None attached

10. APPENDICES

Enforcement Analysis for 2009/10

ANALYSIS OF FLARE ENFORCEMENT DATA

Code		Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Total YTD
L16	Flytipping Service Requests	849	538											1387
	PSC Investigations (user defined window)	0	0											0
	ENF FLYTIPPING													
701	Investigations	156	104											260
702	Warning letters	18	14											32
703	Statutory Notice	0	0											0
708	Formal Caution	0	0											0
709	Prosecutions	0	0											0
706	Stop and Search	1	4											5
710	Injunction	0	0											0
705	Duty of care visits	31	24											55
		206	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	352
	FPN'S ISSUED													
857	FPN's Flytipping Littering	2	3											5
823	Duty of care commercial FPN issued	3	7											10
824	Duty of Care FPN issued Domestic £300	0	0											0
805	Section 46 FPN	0	1											1
852	Section 47 FPN	1	0											1
	DEFRA FPN REPORTING TOTAL	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	FPN'S PAID													
858	Flytipping Littering FPN's paid	1	2											3
825	Duty of Care FPN Commercial £300 Paid	1	0											1
826	Duty of Care FPN Domestic £300 Paid	0	0											0
866	Duty of Care FPN Commercial £180 paid	0	1											1
809	Section 46 FPN paid	0	0											0
854	Section 47 FPN paid	0	1											1
	TOTAL F/T FPN'S PAID	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	ENF FLYPOSTING													
770	Investigations	17	14											31
830	FPN's issued	2	3											5
782	Flyposting FPN's paid	0	2											2
771	Warning letters	10	6											16
777	Formal Caution	0	0											0
778	Prosecutions	0	0											0
774	Duty of care visits	0	0											0
	ENF LITTERING													
730	Investigations	5	3											8
	Littering FPN's													0
D01	Environmental Enforcement		0											0
D02	PCSO's		0											0
D03	Street Warden		0											0
D04	Dogsthorpe Partnership		0											0
D05	Xfor Officer	293	320											613
829	TOTAL LITTERING FPN'S ISSUED	293	320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	613
	FPN'S PAID													
731	Warning letters	0	0											0
737	Formal Caution	0	0											0
738	Prosecutions	51	49											100
734	Duty of care visits	0	0											0
742	TOTAL LITTERING FPN'S PAID	155	184											339
	ENF VEHICLE LITTERING													
745	Investigations (PCC team only)	3	2											5
831	FPN's issued (incl Xfor)	3	1											4
759	Vehicle Litter FPN's paid	1	1											2
746	Warning letters	0	0											0
752	Formal Caution	0	0											0
753	Prosecutions	52	0											52
749	Duty of care visits	0	0											0
	ENF GRAFFITI													
	Not used	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ENF DOG FOULING													
842	FPN's issued	2	1											3
844	Dog Fouling FPN's paid	2	1											3
845	Prosecutions	1	0											1
	SMOKING													
9C2/9C5	SMOKING FPN'S issued	1	1											2
904	SMOKING FPN'S paid	1	0											1
	TOTAL FPN'S issued	307	337	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	644
	TOTAL FPN'S paid	161	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	353

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ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 7
16 JULY 2009	Public Report

Report of the Director of Operations

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RESPONSE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS - FOOTPATHS

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to give information only with regards to the treatments to roads last winter and a review of how footpaths are dealt with during adverse weather conditions.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Having considered information submitted the Scrutiny Panel to recommend the following to the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture.

- No change is made to existing good practice criteria for priority one city centre and footbridge/underpass routes for winter service precautionary treatments for footpaths.
- Extend priority two footpath City Centre routes for adverse weather conditions.
- A study of the Peterborough City cycle network (including the Green Wheel) should be completed over the coming winter season to identify potential sections with a high strategic value/high use and/or with other physical risks such as steep gradients for consideration for treatment in coming years.

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

Links both with sustainable community strategy and local area agreement. The higher city centre pedestrian trafficked areas would be linked to key car parks, train station and hospital during adverse weather conditions.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Information report on road gritting last winter:

The winter of 2008/09 was the worst in over 18 years with 86 gritting runs taking place as apposed to 54 for 2007/08.

Peterborough City Councils road network is well served by its current precautionary gritting routes that cover 43% of the total network, this figure is slightly above the average 'percentage of the total network treated' when compared to other authorities in the Eastern Region.

Through the Highway Term Maintenance Contract with Ringway who carry out this service using five gritters, which are all used on each of our treatments and which pre-treat 43% of the adopted highway network within the Peterborough area. This is more than many authorities. In addition and unlike many authorities we also treat a strategic network of pedestrian/cycle way routes including prioritised footbridges, city centre pedestrian area, crematorium and our car parks.

The weather has been severe this winter and the public have been quick to show concern about the apparent lack of pre and post treatments on our roads (particularly when we had the heavy snowfall on Wednesday night (4th Feb).

Unfortunately salt is not a magic remedy. It requires many factors for it to be effective. Even when a road is treated weather conditions can make it look as though nothing has been done even within a matter of minutes of a treatment, especially when you get significant deposits of snow as we experienced. Salt is also not very effective at temperatures of minus 5 and below.

Fortunately these types of conditions do not happen very often and pre-treating and gritting does aid the melting process when the snow ceases and when the temperatures rise above minus 5, especially with the presence of traffic movement.

As of the 4th February when we were well into the worst period we had completed 68 runs of our winter service primary route network. To put this in context we completed 31 primary runs the same time last year therefore over double the runs for the same period.

There have been two difficult winter periods this winter, one just before Christmas and the one during February. The later spell of severe weather affected the whole country and put significant pressure on salt providers. All existing salt stocks at this point were allocated and the providers had to ration supply to clients. It would then take some weeks for stocks to be replenished and so even when the weather changes it will be some days before the service could return to normal.

The government intervened at this point setting up an emergency group called "Salt Cell" who was charged with collating stock levels through every authority's resilience teams. They would then instruct deliveries from the salt suppliers to the respective local authorities and Highways Agencies.

As of 4th February we only had approximately 235 Tonnes, the equivalent to 7 runs, left in stock. That week we did however receive 4 loads which includes one which had just arrived giving a further 120 Tonnes which is included in the total above. To aid the salt situation we purchased 3 to 5mm graded grit which when appropriate was being mixed 1 part grit to salt. This aids traction in snow conditions however does have a slight down side as unlike salt which forms into a solution the grit remains which if used excessively would add to the detritus within the drainage systems as well as added sweeping which would potentially be required.

During this period the salt suppliers were excavating straight out of the ground directly into lorries for deliveries to authorities. We also checked daily with the other suppliers and they had no stocks available. Other Authorities were in the same or a worst situation than ourselves and the Highways Agency were also having stock problems. This was an extremely difficult period for all concerned and one I feel we managed well considering the circumstances.

4.2 Review of how footpaths are dealt with during adverse weather conditions.

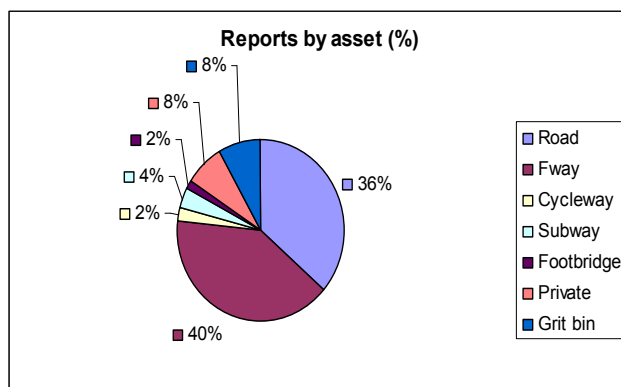
We carried out a survey of customer enquires during the 2008/09 season and our findings have proved very helpful in this review:

4.2.1 Service request data collection

Early in the 2008/09 winter season a decision was made to review all service requests received by the Asset Management Group relating to winter service primarily in order to cope with high volumes of calls but also to properly manage the Team's response during these periods of high pressure. Other verbal reports were received direct by Inspectors and other team members and for the most part these will not have been included in the log but will have been considered for inspection and/or appropriate treatment according to need.

4.2.2 Analysis

The table below and the pie chart to the right shows the number and nature of these recorded service requests received during periods of severe winter weather between 3rd December 2008 and 19th February 2009 (23 days). You will note that the majority of these (40%) relate to footways and footpaths of which the council currently carries out no planned treatment; last winter treatments were organized on an ad-hoc reactionary basis with our Term Maintenance Contractor Ringway being instructed to provide manpower to spot treat locations as required.



Date range	Road	Footway	Cycleway	Subway	Footbridge	Private	Grit bin	Totals	Prevailing weather (description)
3rd Dec 08	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	9	Sleet, freezing rain and light snow combined with freezing temperatures
9th - 12th Dec 08	2	7	0	0	0	2	1	12	Prolonged cold period with heavy frosts. Temperatures down to -4°C
19th Dec 08	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<i>Correspondence relating to previous period</i>
5th - 8th Jan 09	24	31	2	3	3	7	7	77	Prolonged cold period (down to -6°C) with light snow/sleet & ice remaining in shaded areas for days
16th Jan 09	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
2nd - 6th Feb 09	13	8	0	0	0	2	2	25	Heavy and prolonged snowfall (countrywide)
9th - 14th Feb 09	18	18	2	2	0	1	4	45	Continued snow showers compacted snow/ice on roads and footways (down to -8.5°C)
19th Feb 09	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	<i>Correspondence relating to previous period</i>
	62	69	4	6	3	13	14	171	

It should be noted that the periods that caused the highest levels of public concern with regard to footways (and to a lesser extent roads) were periods of continued low temperatures with either successive 'hard' frosts or sleet, snow and freezing rain that led to the formation of ice: During such periods large areas of the footway network would remain in the shade and hence below 0°C for days.

4.2.3 Footway Incidents

Of the 69 footway related reports received and logged: -

- 14 (20%) referred to slips, falls and/or personal injury for caller or other person
- 28 (40%) related to requests for gritting specifically in areas used by the vulnerable/frail/elderly etc. (nursery/infant/primary schools, sheltered housing areas and other areas with high volume of elderly, health center, bus stops)
- 3 (4%) related to requests for gritting of subways not on current schedule (steep gradients)

4.2.4 Carriageway Incidents (for information)

As a comparison the carriageway related reports are broken down as follows: -

- 10 (16%) related to requests on our existing gritted routes
- 30 (48%) related to requests for gritting in cul-de-sacs
- 2 (3%) related to Road Traffic Collision (RTC) reported by the Police
- 4 (6%) referred to alleged accidents caused by icy conditions
- 7 (11%) referred to slope/gradient causing problems

Peterborough City Councils road network is well served by its current precautionary gritting routes that cover 43% of the total network, this figure is slightly above the average 'percentage of the total network treated' when compared to other authorities in the Eastern Region.

4.3 National Standards – Roads Liaison Group Code of Practice

The Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management states – “It is particularly important that both policies and operational planning for Winter Service are developed within the wider context of transport and other policy integration. In this context, issues for consideration should include: -		
	Examples	Risks
Treatment of facilities for walking and cycling	Footways and independent 'off road' Cycle paths	High - Currently PCC only treats the city centre pedestrianised areas and high use footway/cycleway, subways and footbridges. Consideration should be given to the creation of defined post-treatment routes for high risk footways across the city in the event of extended periods of cold weather, snow and/or ice in order to promote network availability.
Treatment of facilities for public transport users	Bus routes	Low - Currently bus routes with a service interval of 10 minutes or less are treated as part of the precautionary network.
Treatment of transport interchanges	Queensgate Bus Centre Routes into the city from car parks and Railway Station	Low – Currently Queensgate bus center is treated alongside the precautionary network High – Currently many footways leading from car parks on the edge of the city centre are not treated. Consideration should be given to expanding the city centre treated pedestrian routes to link with these car parks and the Railway Station.
Treatment of promoted facilities	Green Wheel	Med – Currently no cycle routes are treated although as an authority we heavily promote cycling and other sustainable forms of transport. Consideration should be given to treating strategic sections of the Green Wheel with high use and/or sections with steep gradients.
Extent of priority for emergency and other key facilities	District Hospital Fire Stations	Low – Currently emergency and other facilities are well served/covered by the precautionary network.
Extent of priority for potentially vulnerable users	Sheltered Housing Health Centres Footways in the vicinity of Peterborough District	Med – Currently PCC treats the city centre pedestrianised areas and high use footways. The crematorium and some sheltered housing areas are treated when resources permit through City Services.

	Hospital.	Consideration should be given to the creation of defined post-treatment routes for high risk footways across the city in the event of extended periods of cold weather, snow and/or ice in order to promote network availability.
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5. Conclusions

Peterborough City Councils carriageway gritting route coverage is in-line with, if not better than, other authorities within the Eastern Region. Its public transport network and interchanges are well served by these routes as are emergency and other key facilities.

The highest risk posed to the City is the limited coverage of footway treatments which are currently confined to the city centre shopping streets and pedestrian areas. (Note City Services do carry out treatments to the crematorium and some sheltered housing areas when resources permit). In order to address this potential risk whilst accepting the limited resources available it is recommended that: -

- 5.1 The current city centre treatment routes should be expanded to include routes that link strategic car parks and the Railway Station to the city centre as shown in the plan (Appendix A – Winter Service Pedestrian Routes Plan)
 - Treatment will only be carried out on the Priority 2 footway network when the outlook established from forecasts and other weather information is that the prevailing ice and or snow conditions are likely to continue beyond midday 48 hours after the initial onset and only on a specific instruction from the duty agent.
 - No precautionary salt treatment.
- 5.2 Treatment to be carried out during working hours to fit in with cleansing operations. The current footbridge/Subway route should be retained in line with existing good practice (Appendix B – Footbridge and Subway Route Plan)
- 5.3 A study of the Peterborough City cycle network (including the Green Wheel) should be completed to identify potential sections with a high strategic value/high use and/or with other physical risks such as steep gradients for consideration for treatment in coming years. A word of **caution**, Milton Keynes Council treats a large proportion of its cycle network with specialist vehicles due to the remote nature of the routes; it is assumed that this service comes at a considerable cost.
- 5.4 Defined post-treatment routes are created for high risk footways across the city in the event of extended periods of cold weather, snow and/or ice in order to promote network availability and importantly social inclusion. Criteria can be agreed in order to confine these routes to where the need is greatest and limit the number of treatments to the times when conditions are such that the footway user is exposed to greater risk.

Important Note: All of the above would be dependant on available resources during adverse weather periods as the main priority would be keeping the primary road network open.

6. KEY ISSUES

6.1 Duty

Peterborough City Council as highway authority for the Peterborough area has a duty under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980.

There is also an additional duty under Section 150 of the act to remove snow from the highway. Section 111 of the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 was used to extend Section 41(1) of the Highways Act 1980, to state as follows:

'(1A) In particular, a highway authority are under a duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice'.

This was in response to the case *Goodes v East Sussex*, which caused concerns that local authorities might stop or cut down gritting activities.

7. IMPLICATIONS

No substantial financial impact as Peterborough City Services are providing the labour with no additional charge as when they are not sweeping they can spread the salt. Operations will provide the salt for Peterborough City Services to spread. However an understanding must be made that although saving money on winter service with best use of resources available during these periods their primary litter cleansing function will be delayed.

This report has implications for the whole of the unitary area and is it city-wide.

7.1 Finance

Costs: Labour cost/contribution from Peterborough City Services £108.00 per priority 2 treatment and £172.00 per priority 1 city centre pedestrian route.

Material (Salt) cost from Operations £20.00 per priority 2 treatment and £20.00 per priority 1 city centre pedestrian route.

Note: In an exercise to determine applying the criteria set how many additional treatments this would equate to over an average winter this would be 12.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Consultation with Peterborough City Services has been key in our proposals to extend the priority two routes while bring inline with existing budgets by the use of existing cleansing labour. The only additional cost being that of additional salt used.
- 8.2 Consultation through the East of England Directors of Environment and Transport (EEDT) group has taken place with regards to how other authorities deal with footpaths. This has shown that apart from Milton Keynes who treats their red routes none of the other eastern region authority's currently precautionary treat their respective footway networks.
- 8.3 Peterborough City's carriageway gritting route coverage is in-line with, if not better than, other authorities within the Eastern Region: Its public transport network and interchanges are well served by these routes as are emergency and other key facilities.

9. NEXT STEPS

Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee should consider the proposals made and consider whether the additional funding can be allocated in future years to maintain the proposed level of service.

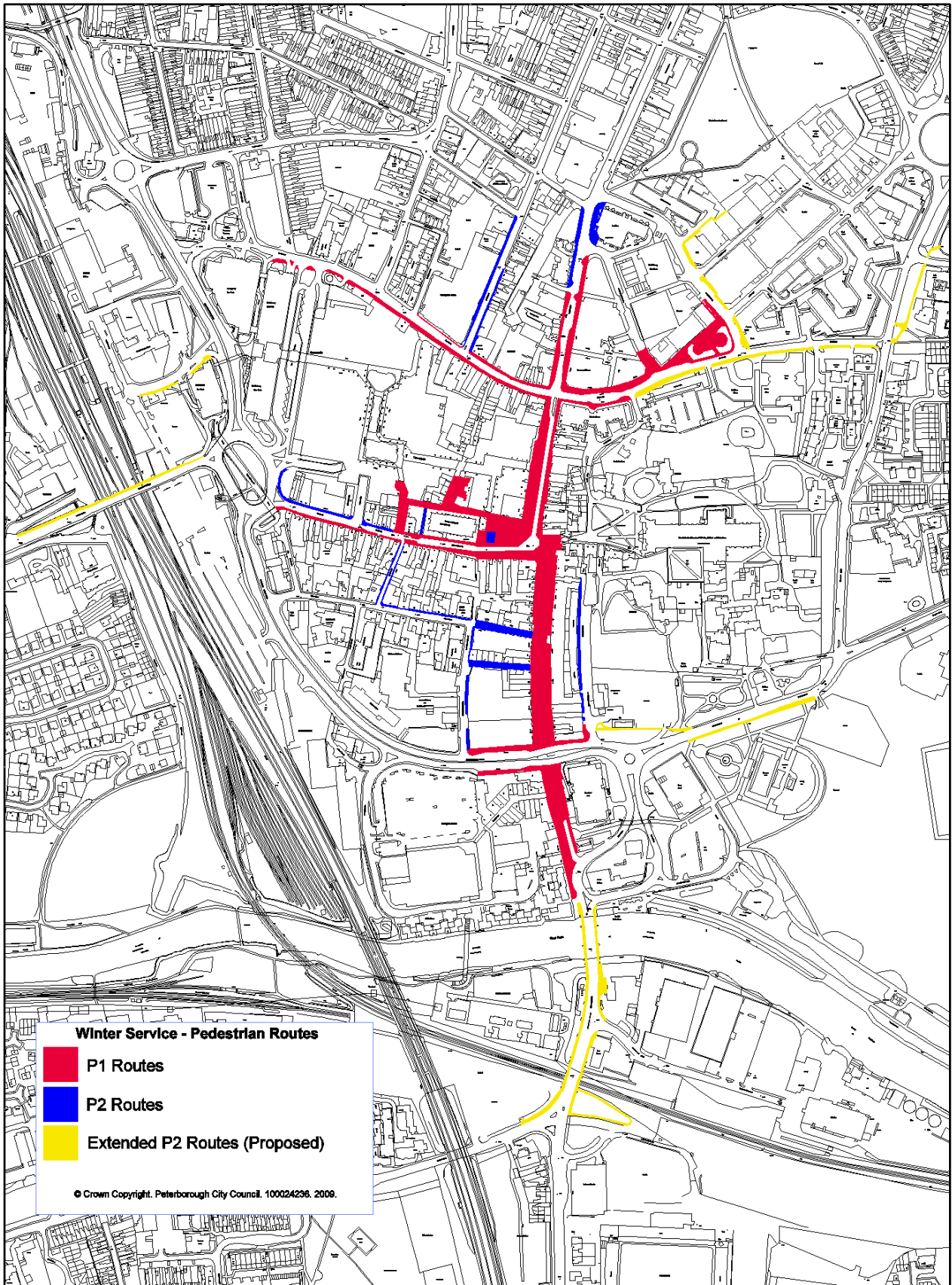
10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Peterborough City Council Winter Service Operational Plan 2008-09

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Winter Service Pedestrian Routes Plan
Appendix B – Footbridge and Subway Route Plan

Appendix A – Winter Service Pedestrian Routes Plan



Appendix B – Footbridge and Subway Route Plan



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CITY COUNCIL'S BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY: PROGRESS REPORT 2008/9

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a) Provide information with respect to progress against the actions and targets contained in the PCC Biodiversity Strategy (2004).
- b) Allow feedback to be given by the Committee with respect to progress against the existing report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the progress made against the City Councils 2004 Biodiversity Strategy and to make any recommendations with regards to the future targets and aims of the Strategy.

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

3.1 The 2004 strategy contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA via the LAA Biodiversity target which is based on National Indicator 197 (improved local biodiversity). It is more generally linked to the Community Strategy and National Indicators via the Cleaner/Greener agenda and sections of these documents. It has been agreed with the Greater Peterborough Partnership that reporting against the PCC Biodiversity Strategy will be used, along with other reporting, to give a more detailed picture of the breadth of the actions taking place for biodiversity under the LAA Biodiversity target.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 This report is submitted to the Committee by the PCC Biodiversity Officer Working Group as a progress report for 2008/9 against the existing PCC Biodiversity Strategy. The Strategy was agreed in 2004 with a requirement for annual reporting on progress against the specific actions and targets of the strategy.

4.2 This progress report is against the 2004 PCC Biodiversity Strategy. An updated Biodiversity Strategy (2009) will shortly be brought to the Committee for consideration. This progress report should give an up to date context for the Committee when considering the proposed update to the existing strategy.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 The key issues which the Committee need to consider are laid out in the appendices. All progress on required actions within the last twelve months have been achieved from within the Council's existing budgets. Future ability to progress against the 2004 strategy will be dependent on some changes to land management and maintaining existing resources where possible.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The 2004 Biodiversity report included consideration of cost and resource implications. It was made clear that the actions set out in the 2004 report would have to be achieved within existing resources and that it was envisaged that biodiversity gain could be made through adjusting rather than completely changing current practices. The adoption of the vision statement by Full Council strongly reinforced this.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation and discussion has been undertaken with the Executive Director of Operations and the City Council's Biodiversity Officer Working Group.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 Feedback from the Committee will be used to inform the future focus of the PCC Biodiversity Officer Working Group.
- 8.2 That the Committee uses the information contained in the progress report as a basis to consider the proposed update to the existing Biodiversity Strategy at one of its forthcoming meetings.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (Section 40).
- Guidance for Local Authorities on Implementing the Biodiversity Duty, Defra, May 2007.
- Peterborough City Council Approach to Biodiversity submitted to the Environment Policy Overview Committee on 2 August 2004.
- Peterborough Sustainable Community Strategy (including Rural Vision Strategy and Environment Capital manifesto).

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix A: Report of progress against actions and targets of Peterborough City Councils Biodiversity Strategy
- 10.2 Appendix B: Full reports from the members of the Biodiversity Officer Working Group

Appendix A: Report of progress against actions and targets of Peterborough City Councils Biodiversity Strategy

	Key Recommendations and Action Points from the biodiversity strategy	Update on Progress/Action underway	Barrier to Progress	Future Action
1	<p>Biodiversity should be incorporated in to all landscape management contracts/SLAs.</p>	<p>Biodiversity already features in a number of landscape management contracts; these include the mowing regimes of protected road verges and management of areas such as the Bluebell community area and Broadway cemetery.</p> <p>The production of biodiversity specifications for consideration at contract renewal continues to be investigated. The need to work within existing resources is however an over-riding factor.</p> <p>A specification with respect to working on watercourses with watervoles was incorporated into the Drainage ditch management contract when it was renewed.</p> <p>Woodland and shelterbelt management is undertaken in a manner to sustain and enhance biodiversity.</p> <p>A specification with respect to the implementation of hedge, shrub and tree works in the bird nesting season is under development via the update of the current biodiversity strategy. Key feedback from RSPB and the British Trust for Ornithology is being pursued in this respect.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Cost element of this has been identified as key. Has to work within existing resources. Pursuit of external funding for this area unlikely to be successful.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Linked to the processes associated with the update of the 2004 biodiversity strategy and also essential feedback from RSPB and BTO.</p>	<p>Support of these efforts continues.</p> <p>Ways in which further biodiversity can be incorporated at no additional cost continue to be sought.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>Secure feedback from RSPB and/or BTO and take updated (2009) biodiversity strategy forward to member processes.</p>

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2	In the short-term reasonably significant areas should be identified for trialling new approaches to landscape management.	A number of trials have been carried out and/or continue These include. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunningdale trial woodland coppice area, which has continued to develop with management and new planting. • Crematorium Wildflower area • Central Park Wildflower strip • Dogsthorpe and Olive Road allotment Initiatives 	This will become clear as management of trial areas progress.	The trial areas approach continues and positive/negative aspects of management investigated. Dependant upon this, expansion of management for biodiversity within a site or to another similar site can then be given informed and realistic consideration.
3	All City Council and contract staff directly involved in the management of open space should be given training and guidance on good management practice to safeguard and promote Biodiversity.	A number of training session have been carried out since the strategy was first adopted these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree and woodland and street care teams have attended a training day tailored to the management functions of these teams. • Land Drainage engineers and contractors have attending training on water voles and how works can be carried out in water vole habitat. • Biodiversity Training sessions have been offered by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership and attended by PCC officers. 	N/A N/A Not all departments were available to attend.	A follow up Peterborough specific training session could be organised following adoption of an updated biodiversity strategy.
4	Production of management plans for open spaces as has been done for Central Park. In this context, where appropriate, incorporate differential grass cutting regimes in parks, verges	This is under investigation by the Officer group much information with respect to site management is already held. It will need to be linked to the trial areas discussed above. Plans would need to be	Linked to trial areas The production of management plans is	Trial areas approach continues. Progress sequentially. Investigate sources of external funding.

	Key Recommendations and Action Points from the biodiversity strategy	Update on Progress/Action underway	Barrier to Progress	Future Action
	and large open spaces.	<p>written sequentially by the relevant officer to that site. It would not be possible to write management plans for all sites concurrently due to the magnitude of this task.</p> <p>The City Councils ancient woodland has been surveyed and widespread consultation undertaken. A management plan that will secure these valuable assets for decades to come has been produced.</p> <p>Part of the works sponsored by Froglife at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve has included the production of a management specification for the site.</p>	<p>potentially a very time consuming process.</p> <p>Any changes to management will need to be achieved within existing resources.</p> <p>Implementation of the plan is reliant on existing resources and accessing external funding.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Ways in which management could be amended at no additional cost continue to be sought/investigated.</p> <p>Potential sources of external funding are identified in the plan that has been produced.</p> <p>Continue works in accordance with specification.</p>
5	Establish measurable annual targets for the creation of new areas of wildlife interest.	<p>A sub group of the Natural Networks Group has been formed to attempt to combine the Natural Environment Audit, BAP targets and Green Grid Targets. This would in effect give a Peterborough Specific Biodiversity Action Plan.</p> <p>An LPSA project bid has been put together which includes the digitisation of the Green Grid Strategy, this would allow the effective monitoring of this strategy by the Natural Networks Group and targeting of effort.</p>	This is a potentially very time consuming process which could divert effort away from practical implementation. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plans are also in the process of being updated.	<p>Continue to work with Natural Networks targets subgroup. Progress as resources allow as the updated County BAP emerges.</p> <p>Await outcome of LPSA bid.</p>
6	Where appropriate, consider gradual replacement of non-native species with native species.	This has been investigated by the Officer Group; the appropriate and gradual nature of this action is viewed as being key. For example non native shrubs could only be replaced once they have reached the end	Cost of early replacement.	Continue current efforts.

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		<p>of their lifespan. There would be a significant cost element to undertaking this in advance of such a time.</p> <p>Planting opportunities in the shelter belts have all been filled with native, and wherever possible locally sourced plants.</p>		
7	<p>Give explicit support for small-scale community wildlife schemes, including encouraging community management of existing landscaping where requested and appropriate.</p>	<p>PCC Tree and Hedge Planting scheme has been reviewed and expanded to a “Natural Environment Project Grant scheme”. Up to 15 community wildlife schemes are supported each year.</p> <p>Support for community projects such as the Bluebell community garden has continued, as has support for projects such as the Dogsthorpe and Olive Road allotments, Broadway Cemetery and Cuckoos Hollow groups.</p> <p>Peterborough Conservation Volunteers continue to undertake conservation tasks for Recreation Services. These have included works at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve as well as Debdale and Basil Green ponds.</p> <p>The probation services also undertake works on semi natural areas and Nature Reserves.</p>	<p>This has been successful in the reporting period; confirmation of funding allocation in the next reporting period is awaited.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Dependant on future funding allocation.</p> <p>Support to these groups continues.</p> <p>Support to this group continues.</p> <p>Support to this group continues</p>
8	<p>Recognise the role of allotments and cemeteries in promoting</p>	<p>This approach has been trialled at the Dogsthorpe allotments site. For example</p>	N/A	<p>This project is continuing to be supported.</p>

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	<p>Biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where there is local support, opportunity should be taken for the utilisation of disused allotments and closed cemeteries for promoting wildlife habitats. Allotments and cemeteries that are in use have a part to play with respect to biodiversity. This is not intended to conflict with their operating requirements. 	<p>young offenders have undertaken a pond creation scheme with the Froglife group. This is contributing to both of the parts of this action point.</p> <p>Where allotment sites are not utilised this is very difficult to achieve.</p> <p>The Allotments Officer has produced a wildlife leaflet for allotment holders.</p> <p>The wildlife value of cemeteries is well recognised. A wild garden of remembrance has been created at the crematorium and the Friends of Broadway Cemetery Group continue to appreciate the wildlife value of this site.</p> <p>A great deal of work to control bramble and scrub at the Broadway Cemetery Site has been undertaken and continued in the last reporting period.</p>	<p>Limited resourcing to bring disused plot back into active use.</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Antisocial usage of this site continues to be a concern.</p>	<p>Recreation services have actively promoted allotments and allotment tenancies are continuing to increase as plots are cleared and brought into active use to meet the demand.</p> <p>Continue existing management and projects.</p> <p>The efforts of Bereavement Services, supported by Officers from other relevant departments and bodies are ongoing.</p>
9	<p>Support initiatives to encourage wildlife friendly gardening, recognising the increasing amount of land devoted to this usage.</p>	<p>Wildlife Gardening has been a strand of the Peterborough in Bloom competition since 2006. Wildlife gardening events have been supported at the Notcutts garden centre.</p> <p>School wildlife projects have also been supported via the Natural Environment Projects Grants Scheme administered by the Natural Environment Team and also the eco schools initiative.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Support of urban wildlife initiatives is continuing both directly and also indirectly such as those with other organisations as Froglife and the Wildlife Trust.</p>

	Key Recommendations and Action Points from the biodiversity strategy	Update on Progress/Action underway	Barrier to Progress	Future Action
10	Give particular emphasis to the protection of ancient and semi-natural habitats through all the City Council's activities.	<p>The protection of these habitats continues to be emphasised in planning for example through the existence and use of local plan policies and formulation of policies and allocation of development sites in the Local Development Framework.</p> <p>The City Councils ancient woodland has been surveyed and a management plan that will secure these valuable assets for decades to come has been produced.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Implementation of the plan is reliant on existing resources and accessing external funding.</p>	<p>Emphasis on the protection of ancient and semi natural habitats is being continued.</p> <p>Potential sources of external funding are identified in the plan that has been produced and are also suggested in the proposed update to the PCC biodiversity Strategy.</p>
11	Investigate and exploit external funding opportunities for creating and enhancing the Biodiversity value of City Council managed land.	<p>All members of the Officer Group now have access to the Funding Database on the BAP partnership web pages.</p> <p>The seeking of external funding would have to be linked to a number of actions outlined above.</p>	N/A at the present time - linked to other actions.	<p>Linked to actions/areas above for which for which external funding could be sought.</p> <p>Additional detail is laid out in this respect in the proposed update to the PCC biodiversity Strategy.</p>
12	Support the proposals to establish a Biological Records Centre for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	The Biological Records Centre is now a reality. A data officer was employed by the BRC Partner organisations in October 2004. A bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund by the County Biodiversity Partnership and BRC partners was successful and allowed the establishment of the BRC from June 2005. The centre is hosted by the Wildlife Trust and based in Cambourne. PCC and	N/A project progressing very well.	Support for the BRC is ongoing.

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		other authorities and organisations in Cambridgeshire continue to support this centre. It has completed the establishment phase funded by HLF and has progressed into a self sustaining operation.		
13	An increasing number of organisations are establishing 'machinery rings' to share the cost of landscape management equipment between organisations.	Detailed consideration has been made by Peterborough City Services with respect to the potential for this type of working. PCS have concluded that the pool of machinery currently held is of a high standard. This is held under constant review. The grounds maintenance team for the Northern/Rural area has access to a very wide ranging pool of specialist grounds maintenance machinery and equipment. Arrangements to loan/inter exchange machinery for specific undertakings with other areas has occurred in the past and can quickly and conveniently put in place within the bounds of current rates/budgets. Other/outside contractors also undertake specific allocated works when this is considered to be advantageous. These sub contractors will mostly have their own specialist machinery/equipment or if required will be provided with machinery to ensure works are completed to the required specification. These contractors tend to be local, readily/conveniently available and are familiar with the highly competitive rates and specifications sought by contract services. PCS are therefore content that at the present time the availability of specialist	N/A	To be reinvestigated if identified as required.

	Key Recommendations and Action Points from the biodiversity strategy	Update on Progress/Action underway	Barrier to Progress	Future Action
		equipment and contractors is well served within current budget considerations.		
14	Continue to review the use of pesticides in the City Council's land management.	COSHH regulations require that this is undertaken and therefore this is ongoing for all users of pesticides.	N/A	N/A

Appendix B: Full reports from the members of the Biodiversity Officer Working Group

1. Bereavement Services

- 1.1 In respect of Broadway Cemetery, a County Wildlife Site, further clearance of unwanted undergrowth, combined with some crown lifting, has significantly improved the visual appearance and opportunities for fauna and especially flora.
- 1.2 The trial Wildflower area at the Crematorium is progressing reasonably well but difficulties exist with public perception in this sensitive and emotional environment.
- 1.3 The Wildflower Area has been supported by selective tree, plant and bulb planting elsewhere within the Crematorium grounds.
- 1.4 The development of the Children's Woodland Memorial Garden is now progressing well with indigenous planting initially completed in the woodland area and appropriate planting currently being undertaken in and around the newly created pond. This project aims to support and improve the adjoining Pocock's Wood, an ancient woodland.
- 1.5 A management plan has been drafted for the Crematorium grounds in connection with the application for Green Flag status.
- 1.6 The Wildlife Trust is to carry out a County Wildlife Site survey at Eastfield Cemetery, during spring/summer, 2009, to assess the condition and management of the site and its continued designation as a County Wildlife Site.
- 1.7 Bereavement Services continue to seek ways of reducing the use of pesticides and has had ongoing discussions with its grounds maintenance contractor, City Services.

2. Children's Services

- 2.1 Children's Services has responsibility for all trees on school sites, enabling officers to regularly visit these and offer advice for school grounds generally, including addition of features which will enhance grounds as wildlife habitats. 35 schools have either registered, participated, or are currently working towards an eco-school award (see below); PECT have their own education officer who assists schools with the scheme.

Awards Available: Bronze, Silver, 1st, 2nd 3rd and Permanent Green flags.

School Name	type of school	Eco School Award	Date awarded/registered	Peterborough in Bloom	school garden but not in other scheme*
Abbotsmede Primary	primary	bronze	01/12/2008	yes	
All Saints C of E Junior School	primary	bronze	01/09/2008	yes	
Arthur Mellows Village College	secondary	-	-	-	
Barnack C of E Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Bishop Creighton Primary School	primary	-	-	yes	
Braybrook Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Brewster Avenue Infant School	infant	-	-	yes	
Bushfields Community College	secondary	bronze	01/01/2008	yes	
Castor C of E Primary School	primary	-	-	-	

School Name	type of school	Eco School Award	Date awarded/registered	Peterborough in Bloom	school garden but not in other scheme*
Discovery Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Dogsthorpe Infant School	infant	registered	01/11/2008	-	
Dogsthorpe Junior School	junior	silver	01/05/2008	yes	
Eye C of E Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Eyrescroft Primary School	primary	bronze	01/12/2006	-	
Fulbridge School	primary	bronze	01/11/2006	yes	
Gladstone Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Gunthorpe Primary School	primary	bronze	01/07/2008	yes	
Hampton College	secondary	registered	01/10/2008	-	
Hampton Hargate Primary School	primary	bronze	01/02/2008	-	
Hampton Vale Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Heltwate School	special	-	-	yes	
Heritage Park Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Highlees Community Primary School	primary	bronze	01/03/2008	yes	
Jack Hunt School	secondary	bronze	06/01/2008	yes	
John Clare Primary School	primary	bronze	01/01/2009	-	
Ken Stimpson Community School	secondary	registered	01/10/2008	-	
Leighton Primary School	primary	silver	01/07/2008	yes	
Longthorpe Primary School	primary	registered	16/03/2006	yes	
Marshfields School	special	-	-	-	
Matley Primary School	primary	-	-	yes	
Middleton Primary School	primary	registered	15/05/2007	-	
Nene Valley Primary School	primary	silver	01/07/2006	yes	
NeneGate School	special	-	-	-	yes - currently being developed
Newark Hill Primary School	primary	registered	01/03/2008	yes	
Newborough C of E Primary School	primary	registered	27/09/2007	yes	
Northborough Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Norwood Primary School	primary	-	-	-	newly constructed outdoor space, veg garden coming soon
Oakdale Primary School	primary	-	-	yes	
Old Fletton Primary School	primary	bronze	07/01/2009	-	
Orton Longueville School	secondary	-	-	-	
Orton Wistow Primary School	primary	registered	29/06/2006	-	
Parnwell Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Paston Ridings Primary School	primary	-	-	-	

School Name	type of school	Eco School Award	Date awarded/registered	Peterborough in Bloom	school garden but not in other scheme*
Peakirk cum Ginton C of E Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Peterborough High School	independent (4-19)	silver	12/03/2009	yes	
Phoenix School	special	-	-	yes	
Queen's Drive Infant School	infant	-	-	-	yes - currently being developed
Ravensthorpe Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Sacred Heart RC Primary School	primary	silver	01/02/2008	yes	
Southfields Infant School	infant	silver	01/09/2006	-	
Southfields Junior School	junior	silver	01/05/2007	yes	
St Augustine's C of E Junior School	junior	3rd Green Flag	01/05/2008	yes	
St Botolph's C of E Primary School	primary	bronze	01/11/2008	yes	
St John Fisher Catholic High School	secondary	-	-	-	
St John's Church School	primary	-	-	-	
St Thomas More RC Primary School	primary	-	-	-	yes
Stanground College	secondary	-	-	-	
Stanground St John's C of E Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
The Beeches Primary School	primary	registered	28/02/2006	-	
The Duke of Bedford Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
The King's School	secondary	silver	01/06/2008	-	
The Thomas Deacon Academy	city academy	registered	01/05/2008	yes	
The Voyager School	secondary	bronze	25/02/2008	-	
Thorpe Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Watergall Primary School	primary	-	-	-	yes
Welbourne Primary School	primary	bronze	01/07/2006	-	
Welland Primary School	primary	-	-	yes	
Werrington Primary School	primary	1st Green Flag	01/02/2009	yes	
West Town Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
William Law Primary School	primary	bronze	01/02/2009	yes	
Winyates Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Wittering Primary School	primary	-	-	-	
Woodston Primary School	primary	-	-	-	yes

2.2 Children's Services, Planning and Development offer advice and assistance with grants for environmental and grounds works, in particular the Tree Council grant, for which St Botolph's Primary School were successful in 2007 and 3 schools and one Pupil Referral Unit received awards in 2006. Tree planting events during National Tree Week promoted awareness and involved pupils in the planting of trees including understanding of native species.

2.3 Children's Services Planning and Development also operate a "landlord's permission"

scheme whereby all schools are required to register works to their premises, this enables monitoring and advice to schools in respect of grounds works, planting schemes, ponds, etc. Occasionally works which are not in accordance with City Council policy or procedure, such as inappropriate felling or pruning of trees, can be intercepted via this scheme.

- 2.4 The PCC in-house school building design team have adopted the sustainability agenda with a passion. Their first project was Newborough Primary School where a sedum roof, passive ventilation, grey water recycling and PV cells were all incorporated. Orton Wistow project included all of these features and a ground sourced heat exchange system. Wherever possible these will become standard items in design. A bid was made to build a zero carbon school (the replacement Welland Primary School) but our bid was rejected, although a smaller sum was offered to incorporate other ideas. This is still being challenged.
- 2.5 Schools are funded mainly from Government grants and all funding is devolved to them to make their own management decisions. Therefore, they do not have to comply with City Council procurement regulations. This means that they can use their own preferred contractors, and are free to specify and order works. There may be occasions where schools are acting outside of the City Council's policies practices for preserving biodiversity, although hopefully this would be quite rare and would be checked via the landlords consent scheme.
- 2.6 All trees on school sites are managed by City Services, Parks, Trees and Open Spaces Department. This enables closer monitoring of school grounds and from this may lead to the acquisition of additional school grounds maintenance contracts, thus ensuring that a greater proportion of schools will be managed in accordance with City Council policy.

3. Environmental Quality

- 3.1 An annual garden competition has been co-ordinated for the last 3 years, 2009 being the forth year, this includes a wildlife friendly category. This receives a steady percentage of entrants and the gardens are judged on a wide variety of elements, all contributing to biodiversity.
- 3.2 During 2008 and again in 2009 we will attend several road-show style events across the city to promote the Peterborough in Bloom campaign, this includes several elements which are quite interactive include planting seeds, different native herbs etc. We get several hundred visitors to the road-shows and they are very effective ways of conveying messages.
- 3.3 Campaigns by the City Council recycling team on composting and growing your own goes alongside the huge rise in uptake of allotments across the city which was also the theme of this years Green festival.
- 3.4 The climate change strategy refresh is currently underway. This is required due to the pace of work in the climate change area which means that parts of the 2006 strategy are now out of date. The new strategy is proposed to be city wide and will encompass work on mitigation and adaption to climate change across many subject areas including biodiversity.
- 3.5 The Green backyard is an exciting new project in the heart of Peterborough which aims to teach people how to reduce their impact upon the environment, this includes growing their own fruit and veg. The project is currently located at the ex allotment site at London Road but a new, longer term home is currently being progressed. In the future the project aims to create a wildlife haven in the city centre, demonstrating how you can make the most of small spaces to grow your own food and provide habitats for local wildlife. The project will also be aiming for organic certification once the final location is agreed.

4 Natural Environment Team

The Natural Environment Team by its nature continues to be involved with much biodiversity

activity both within the City Council and in partnership with external partners. A significant proportion of the team's activity is focussed in providing expert advice to the Planning Departments with respect to the development of the Local Development Framework as well as planning applications and the implementation of development within the Unitary Area.

4.1 **Recent/ongoing activities.** These include:

- a) Support to the Peterborough Green Festival for example through Officer support to the planning of this event, provision of activities at the launch of the Festival day in Cathedral Square, as well as during the duration of the rest of the festival.
- b) Administration and support to the Peterborough Tree and Pond Warden Networks. The City Council continued as a full member of the Tree Council and was therefore able to continue to fully support the tree Warden Network.
- c) Continued support for the long standing Peterborough Barn Owl recovery programme. This is now recognised as one of the most successful of these programmes in the UK. Monitoring in the last year has also included additional boxes erected in the previous reporting period which replacement those lost or which had fallen into disrepair over the last 14 years. The data from this ongoing monitoring scheme has proved crucial in the provision of advice to the Planning Department with respect to a number of strategic planning applications for example for major road and wind farm proposals and how they would relate to this key environmental feature of the Unitary Area.
- d) Liaison and advice to officers and departments from across the City Council with respect to Biodiversity. In addition to those specifically represented on the Biodiversity Officer Working Group these also for example include highways and drainage engineers.
- e) Surveys, provision of advice to landowners and activities carried out on behalf on the Natural Environment Team by the Wildlife Trust via a Service Level Agreement.
- f) Continued support for monitoring and habitat management for the rare four spotted moth in Peterborough. This has been particularly valuable in the reporting period in the provision of advice to the planning department with respect to the proposed development of a neighbouring site. The monitoring has also allowed the extension of the neighbouring County Wildlife Site and its assessment as being in positive management which has directly contributed to the National Indicator 197 target included in the Local Area Agreement.
- g) Representation of the City Council with and support to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biological Records Centre which has provided data for a number of PCC projects and reports including those associated with the Local Development Framework, Annual Monitoring Report and National Indicator 197.
- h) Representation of the City Council with and support to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership and its associated projects. The work of the partnership has recently included the provision of grant aid for hedge planting in Ufford Parish which will increase the robustness of associated County Wildlife Sites thereby directly contributing to the achievement of the NI 197 target within the Local Area Agreement. The link between the Biodiversity Partnership and the Natural Networks Partnership was formalised in the reporting period.
- i) Representation of the City Council within and support to the Natural Networks Partnership. The link between the Natural Networks Partnership and the Greater Peterborough Partnership was formalised in the reporting period. This included agreement that reporting by the Natural Networks partnership against the Peterborough Green Grid strategy could be used by GPP to demonstrate the breadth of action taking place with respect to Natural Environment Issues.
- j) Administration and technical support to the City Councils Natural Environmental Grant Scheme which has supported a significant number of projects with schools, Parish Councils and other organisations.
- k) Continued support to the planning department to enable the integration of Biodiversity into new development. This has for example included recent and ongoing developments at, Hempstead, Hampton Leys as well as wind farms road scheme and minerals and waste sites such as Must Farm.

- l) Continued support to the Planning Policy Team with respect to the production of a sustainable and robust Local Development Framework, through both the formulation of policy and the process of allocating sites for development.
- m) Liaison with and support to local conservation organisations such as the Wildlife Trust, Buglife and Froglife and their projects.
- n) Support of “Week of Action” activities organised by the neighbourhood investment team.
- o) Provision of support and guidance to landowners and community groups in relation to biodiversity, this has included for example the groups at Cuckoos Hollow, Broadway Cemetery and Ufford Parish Council.
- p) Provision of biodiversity education via schools liaison, interpretation, guided walks and presentations.
- q) Support to the development of an “Access to Nature” project/s for Peterborough via a partnership project and funding bid for lottery funding via Natural England. This bid is currently under consideration following feedback from Natural England.
- r) Work carried out in Partnership with Froglife and Peterborough City Services at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve. This has included removing significant overshadowing by willows around the ponds in the site and will conclude with excavation of material from the ponds in the autumn. This has directly contributed to the positive management of this site and therefore the achievement of the Biodiversity target under the LAA.
- s) Continued support to Peterborough Conservation Volunteers where their activities have taken place on PCC owned sites.

4.2 **Current activities:** In addition to the continuation of many of the activities listed in 4.1 current activities and projects of note include:

- a) Leading on the update of the City Councils 2004 Biodiversity Strategy, this is now reaching the end of external consultation.
- b) Leading the Biodiversity Officer Working Group with respect to the implementation of the existing biodiversity strategy.
- c) Preparation of a Local Public Service Agreement bid to the Greater Peterborough Partnership. This is for a project in two phases. The first being the capture of the Peterborough Green Grid Strategy as an electronic/live document. This would allow the effective monitoring of the strategy and support the focussing of resources/project bids by the Natural Networks Partnership. A second phase of the project would add further detail to habitat network mapping previously undertaken with the Biological Records Centre which would further refine the level of ecological detail available within the Green Grid strategy.
- d) Continued support to the County Wildlife Sites System. It was recently agreed with the Wildlife Trust that the Natural Environment Team would take over the lead role in Peterborough for this target. As such the Natural Environment Team leader now attends meetings of the Environment Capital group of the Greater Peterborough Partnership.

4.3 **Future Activities:** Where relevant and budgetary approval is received it is planned to continue activities listed in 4.1 and 4.2 such as the Natural Environment Projects Grant. Other planned future activities and projects of note include:

- a) Support with respect to the launch of the new PCC website and production of updated Natural Environment WebPages.
- b) To work with a project group of the Biodiversity Partnership to prepare a project bid for pond restoration across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- c) To continue to work with Ufford Parish Council with respect to Natural Environment issues and the preparation of any funding bid for further hedge planting.
- d) To finalise the updating of the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy and associated member processes.

5.0 Property Design and Maintenance

- 5.1 Local Authorities have an explicit duty to consider biodiversity in the discharge of their functions. In accordance with this duty and the City Councils Environmental Strategy the Property Design and Maintenance division actively champion biodiversity and sustainability in a number of ways, the majority of which are already incorporated into standard practice through the careful specification and monitoring of contracts. For example:
- ensuring trees are adequately protected when development takes place
 - re providing any trees that have to be removed when development takes place,
 - the control of waste and pollution,
 - the sustainable sourcing of materials,
 - the temporary storage of soils that might otherwise be removed from site,
 - good site fencing to ensure that areas damaged by the very disruptive nature of construction activity to a minimum
- 5.2 At a design level specific features within recent developments have included a green roof at Newborough and at Orton Wistow School where there are also ground sourced heat pumps, topsoil mounding, sustainable drainage creating temporary damp areas and rain water harvesting.
- 5.3 Green Roofs are now being included on most major schemes and this includes proposed sedum roofs on extensions at Hampton Hargate and Woodston Junior School as well as on Children’s Centres at Duke of Bedford School, Thorney and Eye Primary School. At Hampton Hargate discussions are in hand with Buglife with a view to upgrading biodiversity value by developing a brown roof to mimic the rapid colonisation found on many brown field sites. Planting schemes at schools and new childrens centres, apart from being wildlife friendly, have also included growing willow structures which provide educational play opportunities.
- 5.4 Procedurally we shall be looking to include a simple biodiversity audit within feasibility studies and the inclusion of appropriate wildlife friendly features within new schemes e.g. nesting features, roosting plates, bat boxes and bricks.
- 5.5 Waste management plans are now a feature of all construction work.
- 5.6 By designing with the ethos of removing the need to consume electrical energy for lighting and ventilation, we seek to make significant reductions on existing and new buildings potential carbon footprint thus having a positive environmental impact in the short and long term.

6.0 PETERBOROUGH CITY SERVICES

BIODIVERSITY SITES – AND/OR ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED 2008/9

Reference	Previous Actions	Current Actions	Planned/Future Actions
6.1	<p>HIGHWAYS DESIGNATED PROTECTED WILD FLOWER VERGES – RURAL</p> <p>Examples: Barnack Drift Wittering Road Bonemills Farm Road The Drift, Sutton Station Road Castor Mill Lane, Castor Marholm Road</p>	<p>The City Council continues to protect the stated verge by only cutting once per year in Sept/Oct and removing the cuttings.</p>	<p>This protection will continue Parish councils, in consultation with Highways, are currently considering areas they may wish to include subject to any grant applications being successful.</p>

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	<p>Helpston Road Ufford/Stamford Road Heath Road</p> <p>In addition to the above – all other rural verges (non-wild flowers) over 1 metre in width are cut back once per year during the Autumn months.</p>	<p>For health and safety reasons, all verges must have 3no. 1.2 metre width cuts, this included all sightlines. These cuts are carried out in the Spring/Summer months.</p>	
6.2	<p>NATURALISED WILD AREAS Examples: Hastings Road Hardings Field, Walton Naturalised roundabout near old Brotherhood site – Lincoln Road/Soke Parkway/Paston Parkway join up point</p>	<p>The City Council continues to protect the naturalised areas where no maintenance is carried out where possible apart from removal of litter and rubbish.</p> <p>In Potters Way, a third of the area has been turned into a natural area.</p> <p>Freston, Paston large play area includes several wildflower mounds</p> <p>Stanley Rec a wildlife area established in conjunction with the Friends of Stanley Rec</p> <p>Summer wildflower area in Itter Park currently maintained by the City Council with the Friends of Itter Park showing an interest.</p>	<p>This protection will continue</p> <p>As part of the new development at the Fengate former sewage works site a new marshland area will be created on land in ownership of both the current developer and the City Council.</p>
6.3	<p>NATURALISED WILD AREAS – PONDS</p> <p>Naturalised Setting Ponds adjacent to Werrington/Glinton A15 Basil Green Pond Holywell Pond Debdale Pond Orton Pond (Cherry Orton) Woodfield Park Pond Eye (Parnwell Way) Roundabout Pond Melrose Drive Settling Ponds</p>	<p>In the area of Holywell Pond wildflower planting has taken place.</p> <p>Work has also been undertaken to improve the condition of the ponds via clearance work. All clearance work undertaken was carried out in such a way as to leave wildlife in situ and replacement pond vegetation undertaken to</p>	<p>The work already undertaken at various ponds will in itself encourage regeneration of both existing and new species.</p> <p>A rolling programme of pond maintenance will be introduced for future years and the involvement of community groups will be encouraged.</p>

Reference	Previous Actions	Current Actions	Planned/Future Actions
	<p>Ponds on various allotments e.g. Westwood Grange allotments, Dogsthorpe allotments</p>	<p>encourage natural regrowth. Any vegetation removed from the water had been left in situ for regeneration and encouragement of wildlife.</p> <p>Peterborough Conservation volunteers have been carrying out work such as coppicing and cutting back of undergrowth which is left on site as habitat piles.</p> <p>Itter Park a wildlife area established in conjunction with the Friends of Itter Park who are currently maintaining this facility.</p>	<p>Wesleyan Road allotments – frog life to establish pond on double plot.</p> <p>Paston Brook – ongoing wildlife observations.</p>
6.4	<p>NATURAL PONDS. LAKES AND WETLAND AREAS</p> <p>Examples: Eye Green Nature Reserve Cuckoos Hollow Boardwalks Holywell Ponds Fletton Lake</p>	<p>As above</p> <p>A number of voluntary groups/organisations have undertaken work on these locations to the benefit of the community.</p> <p>In addition extensive improvement works to Cuckoos Hollow undertaken as a result of joint financing from Environment Agency and PCC.</p> <p>Similar works were also undertaken at Holywell Ponds and Boardwalks.</p>	<p>As above</p> <p>The City Council will encourage voluntary groups/organisations to continue their interest in these facilities.</p> <p>For the Boardwalks, following the negotiations with the Wildlife Officer, Nene Park Trust will provide stakes and willow binders for the laying of the hawthorn hedge which will be carried out by Peterborough Conservation volunteers. In addition Froglife have obtained funding to excavate existing ponds to improve facility and subject to funding extend the existing number of ponds. Other appropriate landscaping works will be considered and undertaken subject to funding and/or City Councils current bio diversity policy.</p>
6.5	<p>WILD FLOWER AREAS</p> <p>Spring Wildflower</p>	<p>The protection offered is where the in-situ grasses</p>	<p>This protection will continue. However to more</p>

Reference	Previous Actions	Current Actions	Planned/Future Actions
	<p>verges Examples: Both sides of cycle way Foxcovert Walk, Werrington Stanground roundabout slip road onto Frank Perkins Parkway (Cowslips)</p> <p>Summer Wildflower open spaces Examples: Hastings Road/Hardings Field, Walton Cuckoos Hollow, Werrington Castor High Street Verges Central Park Hartwell Way</p>	<p>and broadleaf species are cut and cleared once per year in June/July</p> <p>The protection offered is where the in-situ grasses and broadleaf species are cut and cleared once per year in Sept/Oct. New areas are being introduced this year to highway land adjacent to Soke Parkway (rear PC World), Itter Park around the trees near the tennis courts and the old filled in recreation bark pit are adjacent to Ambleside Gardens/Baron Court Gunthorpe, Werrington</p> <p>The Westwood and Ravensthorpe development trust have taken over the development and maintenance of the Hartwell Way summer wildflower area at present.</p>	<p>fully develop wildflower areas consideration needs to be given as to how we continue to maintain these areas in the future.</p> <p>This protection will continue. However to more fully develop wildflower areas consideration needs to be given as to how we continue to maintain these areas in the future.</p>
6.6	<p>SHRUB CUTTING BACK All the City Council's shrubbed areas together with hedges both formal and natural are generally only cut back once per year between 1 September and end of February so as to comply with legislation in respect of nesting birds. Shrub prunings etc are recycled back into the shrub beds – reduces the use of chemicals and increases ground life habitat.</p>	<p>The City Council is required to have a mind to health & safety, whilst at the same time comply with the bird nesting legislation. Accordingly all sight lines and overhanging vegetation will be cut back as and when required and in accordance with the legislation above.</p>	<p>The City Council is committed to replacing all its shrubs over a 90-year programme. This replacement programme will place emphasis on the requirement to use shrubs more suitable to each residential area.</p> <p>In addition consideration will be given to removal of shrubs in certain areas, e.g. sightlines, with replacement back to grassed areas.</p>
6.7	<p>TREES</p> <p>The green infrastructure is a network of interlinked spaces in and around the city, and between urban and rural areas. Trees and woods are a very important part of this, and playing a vital role in defining Peterborough as an "Environment City".</p>		

Reference	Previous Actions	Current Actions	Planned/Future Actions
	<p>Trees and woodland, especially old tree and ancient woods, are amongst our richest habitats. The highest levels of biodiversity are often found in woods that are actively and sensitively managed. Their diversity is even greater when they form part of a mixed landscape with proximity and access to other features such as ponds and lakes, grassland and even residential gardens.</p> <p>The challenge in the future will be to maintain and enhance diversity. Planning and management needs to be conscious of providing a natural environment which is resilient to climate change.</p> <p>We can expect to see change in the natural range of native wild plants and animals, which will alter the character of our woods. Some wildlife, particularly invasive, non-native species will need to be managed if they are not to have a detrimental effect on our woods.</p> <p>Protecting water from pollution, by intercepting it before it reaches watercourses is a key element of landscape management. Strategically planted woods and trees (such as Peterborough's urban woods and street trees) can intercept air pollutants.</p> <p>As part of an integrated and multi-functional land use will require close working across the City Council and with external partners and multiple landowners as we consider the impact and benefits to surrounding land use.</p>		
6.7.1	<p>TREE BELTS, WOODLAND AREAS All tree prunings etc are recycled back into tree belts and woodland areas to reduce the use of chemicals and increase ground life habitat.</p>	<p>The City Council continues to expand its trees and woodlands areas and, in particular, Crichtons Wood has again been expanded by 1,500 oak trees, 22 trees on Belvoir Way, 28 trees in Woodfield Park, 12 at Pickle Copse, 15 at Welland Rec, 10 at Westwood Grange allotments, 14 at Orton Wistow, 10 in Werrington North, 20 at Bishops Road</p> <p>Where the City Council has to remove any tree, it currently replaces that one tree with two.</p> <p>Action plan for Spinney Wood in place.</p> <p>During 2008 Westwood and Ravensthorpe Development Trust have created a number of footways through Spinney Wood, completed clearance of litter etc and replaced a number of trees with plans to continue with</p>	<p>Planting at Crichtons Wood – discussions on-going with a view to further expand on the initiatives already taken.</p> <p>Review the open space within Thorpe Meadow and create small woodland copses, with walkways designed so as to provide maximum accessibility and enjoyment of natural wooded areas with a greater emphasis on indigenous trees.</p> <p>Look to implement the City Council's proposed Trees and Woodland Strategy in respect of a programme of works for proper woodland management with particular emphasis on regeneration arising from coppicing to develop the trees in situ, which will improve the natural habitat within these areas. Consider additional planting of hedging such as hawthorn to provide wind barriers to the shelter belts.</p>

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		<p>this particular activity.</p> <p>A managed programme of works to tree belts etc to improve sight lines, reduce encroachments and encourage bio diversity in the under storey.</p>	<p>This is evident on Boongate</p>
6.7.2	<p>TREES – STREET TREES</p> <p>All tree prunings from street trees are removed and recycled into tree belts throughout the city where possible</p>	<p>In the last six months a programme of tree works has commenced which provides for a 2 metre crown raising and removal of epicormic growth on all street trees throughout the city.</p> <p>During the financial year 2008/09 an additional 240 trees were planted</p>	<p>Review the species of trees being specified in future planning applications so as to ensure the trees being provided are appropriate for its purpose and are planted in suitable locations so as to allow for their natural development.</p> <p>A two-year programme of tree works will be undertaken which provides for a 2 metre crown raising and removal of epicormic growth on all street trees throughout the city.</p>
6.7.3	<p>TREES – GREEN OPEN SPACES</p> <p>All tree prunings from street trees are removed and recycled into tree belts throughout the city where possible.</p> <p>These are areas where community initiatives are actively encouraged and a number of community grants have been awarded.</p>	<p>In the last six months a programme of tree works has commenced which provides for a 2 metre crown raising and removal of epicormic growth on all trees in green open spaces throughout the city.</p> <p>On the Embankment (Pickles Copse) has been created and will be developed over future years. The local Sea Cadets have applied for funding to develop this initiative.</p>	<p>Review the species of trees being specified in future planning applications so as to ensure the trees being provided are appropriate for its purpose and are planted in suitable locations so as to allow for their natural development.</p> <p>A two-year programme of tree works will be undertaken which provides for a 2 metre crown raising and removal of epicormic growth on all trees in green open spaces throughout the city.</p>
6.8	<p>PARKS & OPEN SPACES</p> <p>At each of the following parks bio-diversity activity is undertaken according to its size, location and use. These are areas where community initiatives</p>	<p>The City Council now has Green Flag awards on its two main parks – Central Park and Itter Park.</p> <p>Educational activities with local schools and the</p>	<p>From the lessons learnt in Central Park, additional nesting boxes for small birds, owls and bats, will be installed throughout other parks and recreation areas via community groups and</p>

Reference	Previous Actions	Current Actions	Planned/Future Actions
	<p>are actively encouraged and a number of community grants have been awarded.</p> <p>Examples: Central Park Itter Park Bretton Park Bretton Park Composting facility Fletton Rec Woodfield Park Embankment</p> <p>Recreation Grounds Sycamore Avenue Rec Stanley Rec</p>	<p>Wildlife Trust are undertaken and encouraged. During wildlife events, regular net sweeping activities are undertaken which shows that the natural wildlife in these areas is increasing.</p> <p>With the exception of the fine turfed areas (bowling greens etc) all weeding activity is undertaken manually and no chemicals are used. Compost from the City Council's composting facility at Bretton Park is used on the bedding areas.</p>	<p>schools.</p> <p>In addition, we will be looking to develop natural habitat areas to encourage a greater diversity of wildlife.</p> <p>In Itter Park new wildflower areas will be created together with a Sensory garden, working with the Voyager School and particularly the visually impaired division. This will include art sculptures etc. The 'Friends of Itter Park' are hoping, with the assistance of the City Council and funds they have raised, to create several wildlife areas</p>
6.9	<p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>The management of the City Council's allotments encourages the allotment holders to encourage bio-diversity. The City Council provides compost from its composting facility in Bretton Park. Tree chippings are also provided to allotment holders for footpaths etc.</p>	<p>Continuing to encourage the use of composted and recycled materials for allotment holders to collect rainwater, build composting facilities.</p> <p>Also looking at alternative use for allotment sites where there is no demand.</p> <p>During 2008 plots have been developed to encourage participation by disadvantaged groups particularly disabled groups. A number of organisations have been actively involved with the City Council in particular Froglife, Orton Cubs, Nacro, Bridgegate Services, NHS,</p>	<p>The City Council no longer carries out any spraying activities in the general areas and vacant plots within allotment sites and is now looking to implement a policy to discourage the use of any chemicals by allotment holders.</p> <p>Arrangements are well advanced with a view to leasing one acre of vacant allotment land to the Greater Dogsthorpe Environmental Forum for the development of a community garden initiative.</p> <p>Allotment Association is developing plans for a community orchard at Paston.</p> <p>Orton Goldhay have a wildlife area which they have established on site.</p> <p>Olive Branch Community Group are trying to establish a community garden on the Olive Road Allotment site.</p>

Reference	Previous Actions	Current Actions	Planned/Future Actions
			Developing plans to improve re use and recycling on the allotments.
6.10	<p>GRASS</p> <p>The City Council maintains a substantial amount of grass areas:</p> <p>G25 - 3,654,216 sq.m G50 – 1,391,311 sq.m G100 – 101,879 sq.m</p> <p>and needs to balance its grass cutting operations between the wishes of some who like to see nicely manicured lawns throughout the city and others who like to see a balance of well cut grass through to grassed areas to encourage wildlife.</p> <p>Within these categories the City Council have a non spraying policy which will mean there will be a broad leaf species content. (all grass areas on these 3 categories the grass is flown and not collected.)</p>	<p>The City Council now maintains this balanced view by the following cuts:</p> <p>G25 – minimum cut 25mm-75mm G50 – minimum cut 50mm-100mm G100 – minimum 100mm-300mm</p> <p>In some cases all three categories will be used on a specific open space, e.g. Hodgson Avenue/David’s Lane.</p> <p>We now only allow fine turf cuts (below 25mm) to specialised areas so as to comply with particular sporting requirements, e.g. bowling green, tennis courts etc.</p>	<p>A review will be undertaken over the next few years to ascertain whether or not any of the current categories of grass would be more suited to being changed to natural areas. It is unlikely that these areas will be close to residential locations as previous pilots have proved to be unsuccessful.</p>

ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 9
16 JULY 2009	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

Report Author – Louise Tyers, Scrutiny Manager

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MEMBERS WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks the Committee's agreement to the reconstitution of the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group which was established under the previous scrutiny structure.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees to the reconstitution of the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In April 2009 the then Environment Scrutiny Panel agreed to the establishment of a Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group. The terms of reference of the task and finish group are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Following the introduction of a new scrutiny structure, the task and finish group now needs to be reconstituted reporting to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 The current membership of the Group is Councillors Ash, Kreling and Sandford and they have indicated that they are happy to continue as members of the Group.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The establishment of the task and finish group and the terms of reference were agreed by the former Environment Scrutiny Panel in April 2009.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Panel held on 16 April 2009.

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference of the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group

APPENDIX 1

MEMBERS WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

PURPOSE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose of the Group

The Group will provide a channel of advice and feedback to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

In undertaking this, the Group will:-

1. play an integral role in the monitoring of the delivery of the Council's Waste 2020 Strategy as resolved by Council on 28th February 2007 actioned by the Leader's decision made on 17th January 2008 and other relevant waste/environmental management functions associated with the Waste Collection and Disposal Authority (WCA and WDA);
2. investigate, consider and evaluate further options for achieving the waste reduction and recycling targets set by legislation;
3. assist officers in preparing reports on waste collection and service delivery options for different materials for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet;
4. consider waste minimisation campaigns and promotions that will reduce waste arisings and maximise waste recycling and recovery and make recommendations on these options for consideration as detailed in 2 above; and
5. be consulted by the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture and the Waste Programme Board (Waste 2020 Steering Group) during the implementation of the integrated solution for waste management (Waste 2020 Programme).

Authority

The Group will work in an advisory/scrutiny/over-viewing capacity and make recommendations to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the relevant Cabinet Member(s), the Leader of the Council and/or Cabinet.

In particular, the Group has –

- no decision-making powers; or
- no policy making powers.

Membership

The Group is made up of at least one representative from each of the recognised political groups with the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture attending in an advisory/consultative capacity.

The Group will normally have a quorum of three elected Members. However, if less than three are able to attend, the Head of Integrated Waste Strategy will have discretion to determine whether the meeting goes ahead or is re-scheduled.

Chairman

The Group will be chaired by the Head of Integrated Waste Strategy.

ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 10
16 JULY 2009	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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FORWARD PLAN – JULY TO OCTOBER 2009

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This is a regular report to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee outlining the content of the Council's Forward Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The latest version of the Forward Plan is attached at Appendix 1. The Plan contains those key decisions, which the Leader of the Council believes that the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Member(s) will be making over the next four months.
- 3.2 The information in the Forward Plan provides the Committee with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these key decisions, or to request further information.
- 3.3 If the Committee wished to examine any of the key decisions, consideration would need to be given as to how this could be accommodated within the work programme.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Details of any consultation on individual decisions are contained within the Forward Plan.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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None

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

1 JULY 2009 TO 31 OCTOBER 2009

APPENDIX 1



FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS – 1 JULY 2009 TO 31 OCTOBER 2009

During the period from 1 July 2009 to 31 October 2009 Peterborough City Council's Executive intends to take 'key decisions' on the issues set out below. Key decisions relate to those executive decisions which are likely to result in the Council spending or saving money in excess of £500,000 and/or have a significant impact on two or more wards in Peterborough.

This Forward Plan should be seen as an outline of the proposed decisions and it will be updated on a monthly basis. The dates detailed within the Plan are subject to change and those items amended or identified for decision more than one month in advance will be carried over to forthcoming plans. Each new plan supersedes the previous plan. Any questions on specific issues included on the Plan should be included on the form which appears at the back of the Plan and submitted to Lindsay Tomlinson, Senior Governance Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, Bridge Street, PE1 1HG (fax 01733 452483). Alternatively, you can submit your views via e-mail to lindsay.tomlinson@peterborough.gov.uk or by telephone on 01733 452238.

The Council invites members of the public to attend any of the meetings at which these decisions will be discussed and the papers listed on the Plan can be viewed free of charge although there will be a postage and photocopying charge for any copies made. All decisions will be posted on the Council's website: www.peterborough.gov.uk. If you wish to make comments or representations regarding the 'key decisions' outlined in this Plan, please submit them to the Senior Governance Officer using the form attached. For your information, the contact details for the Council's various service departments are incorporated within this plan.

NEW ITEMS THIS MONTH:

- Review of Council Subsidised Bus Services
- Leisure and Culture Trust
- Cash Collection and Key Holding Services
- Stationery Contract
- Furniture Contract

JULY - KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Review of Council Subsidised Bus Services</p> <p>To approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cessation of operation of some services • Retender of some services <p>To undertake a further review to identify further savings and give delegated authority to the Executive Director, Operations to authorise the cessation of subsidise and operation of any services following the review</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Monitoring of passenger numbers and bus services has been undertaken. All ward councillors will be consulted along with employees and trade unions as appropriate.</p>	<p>Teresa Wood Group Manager – Accessibility and Travel Tel: 01733 317451 teresa.wood@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

<p>Leisure and Culture Trust To give authority to commence the process of establishing a not-for-profit distributing organisation (a 'trust') to deliver a range of cultural services, and subject to the successful creation of the trust, to authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture and other officers as appropriate, to enter into a legal agreement with the trust to deliver the services</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Kevin Tighe Head of Culture Tel: 01733 863784 kevin.tighe@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Growth Area Bids To delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to bid for sites which become available, within the area covered by the City Centre Area Action Plan, or sites which are otherwise considered necessary for the Council to achieve its Growth agenda.</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Leader of the Council, Councillor Cereste</p>	<p>Internal departments and relevant stakeholders as appropriate plus ward members</p>	<p>Gillian Beasley Chief Executive Tel: 01733 452390 gillian.beasley@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Arthur Mellows Village College Gym and Innovation Centre Authority to award the contract for the construction of the gym and innovation centre at AMVC</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Leader of the Council, Councillor Cereste</p>	<p>Ward councillors and relevant stakeholders</p>	<p>Isabel Clark Planning and Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

<p>Midland Highway Alliance - Junction 8 Roundabout Improvements and Welland Road Traffic Mitigation Projects To appoint a contractor for the works</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development, Councillor Hiller</p>	<p>Internal stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Stuart Mounfield Senior Engineer Tel: 01733 453598 stuart.mounfield@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Proposed Bushfield Academy – Procurement Processes To approve processes and delegations for the procurement of the new Bushfield Academy in accordance with Partnerships for Schools guidance</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Councillor Holdich</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with the Cabinet Member for Resources, local ward councillors and internal departments as appropriate</p>	<p>Brian Howard Secondary Schools Phase 2 Project Manager Tel: 01733 863976 brian.howard@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Joint Service Centre at Hampton To commence the procurement process for a design and build contract for the provision of new leisure and library facilities at Hampton as part of the joint service centre in partnership with NHS Peterborough.</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture, Councillor Lee</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member for Community Services, ward councillors, affected internal divisions within PCC and potential user groups in Hampton.</p>	<p>Fiona O'Mahony Project Director JSC Hampton Tel: 01733 863856 fiona.o'mahony@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

<p>Thorney and Eye Children's Centre To give authority to award the contract for the construction of Eye and Thorney Children's Centre</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with local stakeholders including local schools and governing bodies, voluntary sector childcare providers and private childcare providers in Eye and with ward councillors.</p>	<p>Pam Setterfield Assistant Head of Children and Families Services Tel: 01733 863897 pam.setterfield@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Lady Lodge Arts Centre Options for the future use of the Lady Lodge Arts Centre site</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will be carried out with relevant ward councillors</p>	<p>Andrew Edwards Head of Strategic Property Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Legal Chambers Service To approve the re-tendering for the provision of external legal services</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with all internal stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Lisa Osborne Project Manager Tel: 01733 452276 lisa.osborne@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Debt Collection To give authority to award the contract for the authority's debt collection</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with relevant departments.</p>	<p>Helen Edwards Solicitor to the Council Tel: 01733 452539 helen.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

<p>Sale of Surplus Former Allotment Land at Westwood Grange (South of Atherstone Avenue and Portman Close, West of Grange Road and North of Mayors Walk, Peterborough) To authorise the Chief Executive, Executive Director of Resources and Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement to negotiate and conclude the sale of this surplus Council asset based on best consideration principles.</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders including ward councillors</p>	<p>Andrew Edwards Head of Strategic Property Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Sale of Surplus Former Allotment Land off Itter Crescent To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director Resources, Head of Strategic Property and the Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement, to negotiate and conclude the sale of surplus land at Itter Crescent</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member, Ward councillors, relevant internal departments & external stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Andrew Edwards Head of Strategic Property Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

<p>Sale of Surplus Land at Matley Road, Orton Brimbles To negotiate and conclude terms for the disposal of this asset by private treaty.</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with relevant ward councillors</p>	<p>Richard Hodgson Head of Strategic Projects Tel: 01733 742230 richard.hodgson@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Sale of Surplus Land and Buildings at Peterborough Professional Development Centre (PPDC), Cottesmore Close, Netherton, Peterborough To negotiate and conclude terms for the disposal of this asset by private treaty</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with relevant ward councillors</p>	<p>Richard Hodgson Head of Strategic Projects Tel: 01733 742230 richard.hodgson@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>ICT Managed Service To select a partner to deliver ICT services to the Council</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Internal stakeholders as appropriate: ICT staff, HR; Finance; Legal Services; Departmental Representatives</p>	<p>Elaine Alexander Programme Manager – Business Transformation Tel: 01733 317984 elaine.alexander@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Cash Collection and Key Holding Services Authorisation of extension to the current contract for cash collection and key holding services until March 2010</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation is being undertaken with all stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Lisa Osborne Category Manager Tel: 01733 452276 lisa.osborne@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

AUGUST - KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Real Time Passenger Information Partnership Agreement</p> <p>Authority to enter into a partnership agreement with Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedford Borough Council and Luton Borough Council to implement real time passenger information</p>	August 2009	<p>Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development, Councillor Hiller</p>	<p>Consultation will be carried out with relevant internal departments as appropriate</p>	<p>Amy Wardell Team Manager, Passenger Transport Projects Tel: 01733 317481 amy.wardell@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

SEPTEMBER - KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
Older People's Accommodation Strategy To agree the next phase of implementation of the Older People's Accommodation Strategy	September 2009	Cabinet	Consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders as appropriate	Denise Radley Director of Adult Social Services and Performance Tel: 01733 758444 denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
Extension to Woodston Primary School Authority to award the contract for the construction of an extension to Woodston Primary School	September 2009	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Councillor Holdich	Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and ward councillors as appropriate	Isabel Clark Planning and Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
Extension to Hampton Hargate School Authority to award the contract for the construction of an extension to Hampton Hargate Primary School	September 2009	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Councillor Holdich	Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and ward councillors as appropriate	Isabel Clark Planning and Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
Stationery Contract Authorisation to award the contract for stationery to the successful supplier following the procurement exercise	September 2009	Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton	Consultation will be undertaken with Heads of Service and other users of the contract	Lisa Osborne Category Manager Tel: 01733 452276 lisa.osborne@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made

<p>Furniture Contract Authorisation to award the contract for furniture to the successful supplier following the procurement exercise</p>	<p>September 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with Heads of Service and other users of the contract</p>	<p>Lisa Osborne Category Manager Tel: 01733 452276 lisa.osborne@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
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OCTOBER - KEY DECISIONS

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO DECISIONS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER

**ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10**

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
16 July 2009 (Papers to be despatched on 8 July)	New Drainage Responsibilities To consider the new drainage responsibilities and the implications for the Council. Contact Officer: Richard Wills, Lincolnshire County Council	
	Environmental Enforcement and Education To consider and comment on the future arrangements for environmental enforcement. Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson	
	Response to Adverse Weather Conditions – Footpaths To consider and comment on the response to adverse weather conditions, specifically footpaths. Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson/Andy Tatt	
	Biodiversity Strategy – Progress Report To consider and comment on the progress of the current Biodiversity Strategy. Contact Officer: Brian Armstrong	
	Members Waste and Recycling Working Group To reconstitute the Members Waste and Recycling Group. Contact Officer: Louise Tyers	

<p>17 September 2009 (Papers to be despatched on 9 Sept)</p>	<p>Environment Capital Work Programme To consider and comment on the work programme for the LAA priority of Creating the UK's Environment Capital. Contact Officer: Trevor Gibson</p> <p>Climate Change Strategy To consider and comment on the draft Climate Change Strategy. Contact Officer: Charlotte Palmer</p> <p>Review of the Biodiversity Strategy To consider and make recommendations on the revised Biodiversity Strategy. Contact Officer: Brian Armstrong</p> <p>Budget and Financial Strategy To consider the budget and financial strategy for the forthcoming year and the medium term financial plan. Contact Officer: John Harrison</p> <p>Performance Monitoring 2009/10 – Quarter 1 To consider and comment on the performance report for Quarter 1. Contact Officer: Jo Proud</p>
<p>12 November 2009 (Papers to be despatched on 4 Nov)</p>	<p>Performance Monitoring 2009/10 – Quarter 2 To consider and comment on the performance report for Quarter 2. Contact Officer: Jo Proud</p>

<p>14 January 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 6 Jan)</p>	<p>Budget 2010/11 To consider and comment on the draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan. Contact Officer: John Harrison</p>	
<p>11 March 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 3 March)</p>	<p>Performance Monitoring 2009/10 – Quarter 3 To consider and comment on the performance report for Quarter 3. Contact Officer: Jo Proud</p>	

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