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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL SUMMONS TO A MEETING

You are hereby summonsed to attend a meeting of the Peterborough City Council, which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Peterborough on

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2008 at 7.00 pm

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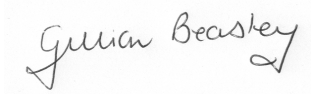
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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2008

The Mayor – Councillor Pat Nash

Present: Councillors Ash, Benton, C Burton, M Burton, Cereste, Collins, Croft, Dalton, C Day, D Day, S Day, Dobbs, Fazal, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Fower, JA Fox, JR Fox, Goldspink, Harrington, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Khan, Kreling, Lane, Lee, Lowndes, Miners, Morley, Murphy, Nawaz, Newton, North, Over, Peach, Saltmarsh, Sanders, Sandford, Seaton, Smith, Swift, Thacker, Todd, Trueman, Walsh, Wilkinson and Winslade.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Elsey, Gilbert, Goodwin, Lamb, Rush, Scott and Sharp.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- Item 5.(iii) Cllr Collins declared that he would leave the Chamber for the questions to the Police Authority as he was an employee of the Police Service.
- Item 10 Cllr Cereste declared a personal and prejudicial interest as Chairman of the PCT and that he would leave the Chamber when the motion was debated.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of Annual Council meeting held on 19 May 2008 were approved as an accurate record.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1 The Mayor's engagements for the period 1 April 2008 to 7 July 2008 were noted.
- 4.2 The Mayor announced that her Mayoress, Trudie Meadows, had stood down due to family reasons and that she would continue as Mayor without the support of a Consort or Mayoress. The Mayor expressed her gratitude for Mrs Meadows' hard work as Deputy Mayoress and Mayoress and sent her best wishes.

5. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

- 5.1 A question was asked by a member of the public about transport links to Hampton.
- 5.2 Questions were asked of Cabinet Members and the Leader of the Council, about the following subjects:-
- The cost of the marquee on election night
 - The future position of councillors
 - Consideration of 20mph limits on some residential streets
 - Proposals to make savings from the Children's Play Centre budget
 - Litter at the Festival
 - The Citizen's Panel

At this point the time limit expired and members were informed that responses to outstanding questions would be sent in writing.

5.4 Members asked questions of Cabinet Members and Committee Chairmen about issues relevant to their wards as follows:

- Demolition of the ex John Mansfield site
- Bretton paddling pool
- The new taxi rank on Park Road
- Youth worker provision in Werrington

A summary of all questions and answers are attached at **Appendix A** to these minutes.

6. PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented to Council:

1. Clearance of rear service lane between Stone Lane and Northfield Road.
2. Save the Charteris Play Centre
3. Thank you for a most enjoyable and wonderful 'Festival Weekend in Central Park' to all city council officers involved.

7. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Council received and noted a report summarising:

- a. Decisions made at the Cabinet meeting held on 7 July 2008
- b. The Council's 'call in' procedure which had not been invoked since the last Council meeting
- c. Special Urgency and Waive of Call-in Provision in relation to the increase in pupil numbers at Arthur Mellows Village College
- d. Cabinet Member decisions made during the period 1 April 2008 to 26 June 2008.

Questions were asked about the following decisions:-

Budget Monitoring Report – Final Outturn 2007/2008

Cllr Sandford if there had been an adverse impact on services due to the imposition of parking charges for the disabled?

Cllrs Peach and Fitzgerald responded that there were proposals to introduce charges for blue badge holders who were provided with parking spaces for ease of access and being treated equally the same because they were not always financially worse off.

City Council Response to 'Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England

Cllr Miners asked if there was any indication where these sites might be located?

Cllr Collins responded that 15 potential pitches were being looked at but no allocation had been made, Council would be informed when decisions had been made.

Write Off Requests

Cllr Trueman asked about the two write off decisions and how this contributed to efficiency when the total write off figure had amounted to £500,000 last year and would there be a review of how the Council recovers this money in the future?

Cllr Peach responded that the decision to write off debts was taken extremely seriously and the utmost effort was made to recover any theft of the public purse. The Auditors had a very good record of recovery and processes were carefully followed and kept under review.

Cllr Sandford asked if the Leader was aware that £500,000 was equivalent to a 1% increase in council tax?

Cllr Peach responded that he took the issue extremely seriously and the council would do anything legally possible to recover the money.

Consultation on National Identity Scheme

Cllr Miners asked if any progress had been made on affiliation to the National ID Organisation.

Cllr Dalton responded that this was still under investigation.

Response to the Government's Sub National Review Consultation Paper

Cllr Sandford asked if the Leader was aware that one of the features was the transfer of strategic planning powers from the regional assembly to the regional development agency and would he endeavour to ensure that maximum powers were given to democratically elected councillors?

Cllrs Peach and Collins responded that they were aware and that the Conservative Group had been making representations for some time and were presenting proposals to form a democratically elected body to replace the regional assembly. Council would be kept informed of progress.

8. EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2008 / 2009 and Health and Safety at Work Law Enforcement Plan 2008 / 2009.

Cabinet had considered the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2008 / 2009 and Health and Safety at Work Law Enforcement Plan 2008 / 2009 at its meeting on 7 July 2008 and endorsed their submission to Council. Cllr Fitzgerald moved the recommendation for adoption of the plans, this was seconded by Cllr Peach.

RESOLVED:

- (i) to adopt the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2008 / 2009;
- (ii) to adopt the Health and Safety at Work Law Enforcement Service Plan 2008 / 2009

8.2 Community Safety Partnership Plan

Cabinet had considered the Community Safety Partnership Plan at its meeting on 7 July 2008 and endorsed the Plan for submission to Council. Cllr Murphy moved the recommendation for adoption of the plan, this was seconded by Cllr Peach.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Community Safety Partnership Plan

9. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no recommendations from committees.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Councillor Swift moved the following motion:

Membership of Cambridgeshire Police Authority

At the recent joint appointment committee on 19 June 2008, of the 9 councillor seats available, 6 were allocated to Conservatives, 2 to Liberal Democrats and 1 to Labour. The Peterborough Independent Forum had nominated Bella Saltmarsh on the basis that Peterborough has not had a female councillor on the Police Authority for a number of years.

7 of the 9 seats go to the County whilst only 2 go to Peterborough. This is a gross under representation for Peterborough.

Of the 6 Conservative seats allocated, 5 were from Cambridgeshire County Council and only 1 Conservative from Peterborough.

This would appear to be grossly unfair to the Peterborough Conservatives, as there are 43 Conservatives on the County Council and 43 Conservatives on Peterborough City Council.

In view of these concerns relating to the allocation of seats, this Council should seek from the Home Secretary an urgent review of the allocation of seats on Cambridgeshire Police Authority, to give proper effect to the political representation across the 2 authorities that make up the Police Authority.

This was seconded by Councillor John Fox and the motion was AGREED.

10.2 Councillor John Fox moved the following motion:

That a review be undertaken of the basis for making appointments to outside bodies to ensure that Members of the Council who perform the difficult dual role of serving on the Cabinet and representing their constituents are not also appointed to serve on bodies such as the Police Authority and Fire Authority. This would also give other capable Members of the Council greater opportunity to serve the City and Council.

This motion was seconded by Councillor Swift. A vote was taken and the motion was DEFEATED.

10.3 Councillor John Fox proposed the following motion:

I would respectfully suggest that the council requests the Leader to consider giving priority to naming any new roads after those people who are true characters of Peterborough, people who although very well known to many Peterborians, have not been fully recognised for the contribution that they gave to this City.

This was seconded by Councillor Swift. A vote was taken and the motion was AGREED with a caveat that families and close friends are consulted and their wishes respected.

Councillor Cereste left the meeting for the following motion.

10.4 Councillor Dalton proposed the following motion:

The Council expresses its strong opposition to Government plans to railroad through the introduction of polyclinics across England.

It notes that Ministers want to replace local GPs surgeries with impersonal super-surgeries, meaning 1700 family doctor surgeries could be closed down – including 8 in the Peterborough area. This appears to be centralisation for the sake of centralisation and pursuing a “one size fits all” approach, regardless of local circumstances.

It is concerned that in London, which is being used as the test bed for these severe cuts, early geographical analysis indicates that the average distance to a GP will increase from half a mile to 1.5 miles once the 150 polyclinics are introduced.

It further notes that extrapolation of the London figures indicates that within the Peterborough City Council area, the average distance to a GP's surgery will increase from 1.2 to 3.9 miles.

The Council believes that without extra ring-fenced monies to support new primary care facilities, reductions in existing services may be unavoidable, and that the Primary Care Trust has confirmed that no discrete budget has yet been identified to support a local polyclinic from March 2009.

The Council deplores the Government's attempt to impose this fundamental change in healthcare provision in a very short timescale and with minimal consultation.

The Council therefore also believes that any cuts to GP services will impact on more deprived areas, will mean a significant increase in inconvenience for patients and will inevitably lead to the breaking down of the valued link between patients and their family doctor and resolves that the Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Health as soon as is practicable to represent the views of the Council and its opposition to these proposals.

This was seconded by Councillor Holdich.

Councillor Sandford proposed amendments to the motion seconded by Cllr Fower as follows:

Delete the last sentence of paragraph 2: 'This appears to be centralisation for the sake of centralisation and pursuing a "one size fits all" approach, regardless of local circumstances.'

Delete paragraph 5 of the motion:

The council believes that without extra ring-fenced monies to support new primary care facilities, reductions in existing services will be unavoidable; and that the Primary Care Trust has confirmed that no new discrete budget has yet been identified to support a local polyclinic from March 2009'

and insert the following paragraphs:

Council notes that since 1997 considerable additional funding has been made available to the NHS and GP salaries have increased significantly. However, according to the document Health Outcomes 2008, "in Peterborough the health of people is significantly worse than the England average and people in Peterborough have a shorter life expectancy than the England average".

Council urges the Government not to impose "one size fits all" solutions but to work with the Primary Care Trusts and consult with local communities to ensure that everyone in Peterborough has access to GP services which are of high quality and with flexible appointment systems to suit the needs and lifestyles of local people.

Following debate, Councillor Dalton accepted the amendments with the proviso that the proposed deletions remained. The substantive motion was AGREED as follows:

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Cllr Cereste re-joined the meeting.

10.5 Councillor Dalton proposed the following motion:

This Council:

Notes the invaluable service provided by West Town, New England and Woodston post offices to their local communities which rely heavily on their post office branches;

Deplores the Government’s current programme of 2,500 closures across the country, including the proposed closures of the West Town, New England and Woodston branches,

Notes the strength of public opinion in favour of saving the aforementioned post offices;

Recognises the needs of the elderly, disabled and the most disadvantaged in West Town, New England and Woodston who rely on their post office branches most.

Finally, this council resolves to call on the Government to stop its latest round of post office closures including the proposed closures of the West Town, New England and Woodston branches;

This was seconded by Councillor Lee.

Councillor Fower proposed amendments (in bold) to the motion seconded by Cllr Sandford as follows:

Notes the invaluable service provided by West Town, New England and Woodston post offices to their local communities which rely heavily on their post office branches;

Deplores the Government's current programme of 2,500 closures across the country, including the proposed closures of the West Town, New England and Woodston branches, **on top of the previous Conservative governments drastic shutting of 3,500 post offices when they were in office.**

Notes the strength of public opinion in favour of saving the aforementioned post offices; **and the need for clarity in relation to the relocation and support for the city centre post office, by a publicly given date.**

Recognises the needs of the elderly, disabled and the most disadvantaged in West Town, New England and Woodston who rely on their post office branches most.

Finally, this council resolves to formally call on the Government to stop its latest round of post office closures including the proposed closures of the West Town, New England and Woodston branches; **and agrees to act, rather than just talk, by arranging a protest stall (similar to the actions of neighbouring Cambridge City Council), ideally in a unified cross party stance, to be situated in the City Centre aimed at collecting support before the end of the governments consultation period.**

Following debate a vote was taken and the amendment was DEFEATED.

Following debate on the original motion proposed by Cllr Dalton, a recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING
COUNCILLOR ALLEN (Apologies)			
COUNCILLOR ASH	√		
COUNCILLOR BENTON	√		
COUNCILLOR COLIN BURTON	√		
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BURTON	√		
COUNCILLOR CERESTE	√		
COUNCILLOR COLLINS	√		
COUNCILLOR CROFT	√		
COUNCILLOR DALTON	√		
COUNCILLOR CHARLES DAY	√		
COUNCILLOR DAVID DAY	√		
COUNCILLOR SUE DAY	√		
COUNCILLOR DOBBS	√		
COUNCILLOR ELSEY (Apologies)		---	
COUNCILLOR FAZAL	√		
COUNCILLOR FITZGERALD	√		
COUNCILLOR FLETCHER	√		
COUNCILLOR FOWER	√		
COUNCILLOR JR FOX	√		
COUNCILLOR JA FOX	√		
COUNCILLOR GILBERT (Apologies)		---	
COUNCILLOR GOLDSPINK	√		
COUNCILLOR GOODWIN (Apologies)		---	
COUNCILLOR HARRINGTON	√		
COUNCILLOR HILLER	√		
COUNCILLOR HOLDICH	√		
COUNCILLOR HUSSAIN			√

COUNCILLOR KHAN			√
COUNCILLOR MRS KRELING	√		
COUNCILLOR LAMB (Apologies)	---		
COUNCILLOR LANE	√		
COUNCILLOR LEE	√		
COUNCILLOR MRS LOWNDES	√		
COUNCILLOR MINERS	√		
COUNCILLOR MORLEY	√		
COUNCILLOR MURPHY	√		
COUNCILLOR NASH			√
COUNCILLOR NAWAZ	√		
COUNCILLOR NEWTON	√		
COUNCILLOR NORTH	√		
COUNCILLOR OVER	√		
COUNCILLOR PEACH	√		
COUNCILLOR RUSH (Apologies)	---		
COUNCILLOR SALT MARSH	√		
COUNCILLOR D SANDERS	√		
COUNCILLOR SANDFORD	√		
COUNCILLOR SCOTT (Apologies)			
COUNCILLOR SEATON	√		
COUNCILLOR K SHARP (Apologies)			
COUNCILLOR SMITH	√		
COUNCILLOR SWIFT			√
COUNCILLOR THACKER	√		
COUNCILLOR TODD	√		
COUNCILLOR TRUEMAN	√		
COUNCILLOR WALSH	√		
COUNCILLOR WILKINSON	√		
COUNCILLOR WINSLADE	√		
TOTAL:	45	0	4

The motion was AGREED by 45 votes for with 4 abstentions.

11. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROPER OFFICER AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Constitutional Changes

The Standards Committee had updated its terms of reference in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 to delegate its responsibilities to sub committees.

RESOLVED: to approve updating of the Constitution with the revised terms of reference for Standards Committee.

The Mayor
19.00 – 21.28

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON 16 JULY 2008

The following questions have been received:

1 Questions by residents to Cabinet Members, the Leader of the Council and Chairman of Scrutiny Committee and Panels

(i) Mr Charles Keats asked the Cabinet Member for the Environment:

Why did the council allow the railway line on the current building site which borders London Road near Fulpress House in Old Fletton to be taken out when it could have been used for a much needed transport link to Hampton serving Woodston :Old Fletton :Hampton : and possibly Yaxley with an extension?

Cllr Fitzgerald answered:

The council's sustainable transport agenda is being delivered via the travel choice initiative which has recently been awarded beacon status for accessibility and focus's changing peoples' behaviours as well as promoting walking, cycling, bus travel and car sharing. To this end, and in addition to the various promotions, the council has invested in upgrading the cycle network and the road network along this route making it safer and better for all users. The bus service has also been supported and the bus operators have also invested in their services which has been reflected in the growing numbers of passengers. As a consequence it was not required for transport purposes.'

Supplementary Question:

It was only a week before in the Evening Telegraph, that they were saying that we needed a transport link from Hampton because we were getting congestion on the parkway. Within a week that railway line had been taken up, it has bridges which follow through to Yaxley but I just ask the question really why aren't we using that form of transport? It does go all the way down, it is still used that railway line from time to time and it does come down the back of Belsize Avenue etc and would also serve Woodston Industrial from the city which is badly served by buses, as I work there I know there is a lot of people that try to get across town to this part of the world for work and can't get to work on time because they have to get two or three buses, from the city they would be able to take a train or whatever via that link and get to work on time.

Cllr Fitzgerald answered:

It is wrong to say there isn't a transport link, there are a number of transport links. What I think you are referring to is a rail link rather than a transport link which is somewhat different and we, as you probably know, don't control the railways. I am happy to take a detailed question from you as a supplementary and ask Officers along with myself to reply in detail to any particular points regarding the railway link, but as I said to you already we have invested heavily in transport links and indeed that whole area there, down to the A1, including the road network is subject to major works that are up and coming in any way as well as the improved cycle and bus links to that area.

2. **Questions by Members to Cabinet Members, the Leader of the Council and Chairman of Scrutiny Committee and Panels**

(i) **Councillor John Fox asked the Leader of the Council:**

How much did it cost the taxpayers of Peterborough to erect the Marquee outside of the Town Hall on election night and what was its purpose?

Councillor Peach answered:

There actually was a close dialogue between the Returning Officer and the Police on a range of operational matters leading up to the Local Election Count on 1 May. Which I think we'll all agree, led to the smooth running of the election count. Indeed I understand that Peterborough was the 5th fastest Council nationally to announce its results. We consulted the police and on police advice did a risk assessment and also further on police advice it was agreed that we should erect a marquee outside the town hall, because as you may remember in previous years there had been a bit of trouble about the number of people that came in the back of the Town Hall and were on the lower level floor. So it was agreed to provide a marquee as an overflow facility, a shelter audio visual link to the count for the announcements of the results. The costs of providing all these was £4,743.50 the measures adopted ensured that public safety was safeguarded, appropriate security arrangements were put in place so that the ballot boxes could be transferred more quickly and effectively to the count rooms. It is obviously a pity that more people did not use the marquee, perhaps this year unlike other years there was perhaps less interest in the elections, certainly from our point of view it would have been nice to see more people around the back of the town hall and using the marquee particularly as on election night we had so much to gain, so much to celebrate in this Council Chamber, where we gained seats like Councillor Ray Dobbs who gained the Eye and Thorney seat, we welcomed Fran Benton as a new Councillor in Peterborough, also Gavin Elsey is a new Councillor, David Seaton is a new Councillor, we gained a seat in Paston with Councillor David Day and in Walton we gained a seat with Councillor Charles Day and in South Werrington a seat was gained by Councillor Colin Burton and we also welcomed the lovely Samantha Smith in place of Councillor Geoff Ridgeway, so there was an awful lot to celebrate Madam Mayor and it was indeed a pity that more people were not around to see those great victories.

(ii) **Councillor Miners asked the Leader of the Council:**

It is becoming apparent to many that the current thinking at Regional & Central Government level is to take more decision making power away from elected councillors and give it to appointees.

Add this to the massive concentration of financial control in the hands of quangos, over whose appointment we have no control - does the Leader believe the position of a Councillor is in danger of becoming one of social or honorary membership?"

Councillor Peach answered:

Thank you very much. It's difficult to know really why Councillor Miners, has asked me this question, I can't speak for all other Councillors, but speaking for myself, I don't regard the position of being elected a Councillor an honorary position and I believe it is an honour to be elected as a Councillor, I don't believe really that the vast number of Councillors regard it as sort of a social membership as if you are a member of some sort of social club or entertainment society, I think most of the work that we do as Councillors you would hardly regard as social in fact you might regard some of the things we have to do as probably fairly anti-social when you are rung in the middle of the night about someone's drain pipe leaking or something like that, but on the more substantive issue, it is true that perhaps over the last number of years central government have taken more powers away from locally elected authorities and I know that perhaps very belatedly in the day the government is having a re-think on this and I hope that Councillor Miners will support me as I know that the next Conservative Government does want to genuinely put more power and more budget

making decisions in the hand of democratically elected local Councillors rather than quangos, so I would suggest that Councillor Miners when we come to the first Thursday in May 2010, which is likely to be General Election Day, he does the same as I do and that's go into the ballot box and support the Conservative Party.

Supplementary Question:

I thank the leader for the answer and I actually tend to agree with some of it, there is talk in government circles and in political circles about making all Councillors full time, each of us receiving a national average yearly wage. Does the leader believe this is a positive or negative development? He can give his own personal view, not a party view.

Councillor Peach answered:

Personally I don't think it is a good idea to have full time Councillors, I think that you do have to provide perhaps incentives to get the right quality of people, and people with experience in particular aspects of the services the Council runs. Perhaps to stand as candidates and obviously to make life easy once they are elected on the Council, as we indeed do on this Council, to have different types of meetings at different times of the day so that people who are perhaps working all day can come to things in the evening and people that are perhaps either free either in the morning or an afternoon or retired, we have some of our business conducted in the day, so I think you've just got to have a variety of things, but I don't really think that in the interests of democracy you get the right people standing for local government positions if the only incentive you offer them is that of money.

(iii) Councillor Miners asked the Cabinet Member for the Environment:

Thousands of people are killed or maimed each year as they try to negotiate crossing roads. Following the introduction of 20mph zones, recent studies have highlighted a reduction of 50%+ in the number of pedestrians killed or seriously injured, when crossing in such zones. Is it not time for the City Council to give serious consideration to introducing 20mph limits on some selective local residential streets, throughout all areas of the local authority.

These streets to be chosen by their reported & factual history of problems, so we can measure more accurately the impact on local and pedestrian road safety?"

Councillor Fitzgerald answered:

I have actually discussed the matter in detail with our Highways Officers and basically I can give you the answer as follows. It is perhaps not what you want but it does actually make a lot of sense. The reduction of road traffic casualties is best addressed through an appropriate combination of education, engineering, publicity and enforcement. To achieve a zone and I'll give you an example of say 20 streets which are self-enforcing in terms of speed, would require a costly and it's in the region of half a million pounds per area, in engineering intervention in the form of traffic calming and a notable increase in speed limit signage. This guidance is issued by the Department of Transport and it states that introducing lower speed limits in the absence of accompanying engineering measures will not achieve a reduction in vehicle speeds. Furthermore such signing would be visually intrusive and also conflict with the desire to reduce street clutter.

For information, the average number of pedestrians involved in serious RTA's on all Peterborough's roads over the last three calendar years is 24, we would all agree it's 24 too many but these have been distributed throughout the highway network across the city. It would therefore very difficult to identify a specific location where such a measure would lower the risk of accidents or that could be attributed to the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. I guess in closing, if we ever could identify such an area where it warranted it, we would certainly consider it.

(iv) **Councillor Saltmarsh asked the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services:**

Once again the Conservative Administration is making a proposal which will affect the more vulnerable families in the city who live in some of our most deprived areas. The Children's Play Centres throughout the city are very popular with 90,000 admissions a year and 4.500 children currently on the play centre records. How is it proposed to make £350,000 savings from the Children's Play Centre budget without reducing the service provided to hundreds of families?

Councillor Goldspink answered:

I know that concerns are running high after news of work being done on the Children's Services Budgets was misinterpreted by some officers and was then mischievously leaked (accepting that this is what happens in times of uncertainty).

Firstly, I take issue with the way your question is phrased. "Once again" implies that we have targeted vulnerable families before in a pre-meditated way. I have already asked you Councillor Saltmarsh, because I answered this question a week ago, if you could let me have some evidence to support your implication, and from what I've seen there isn't very much. I know that other authorities are looking jealously at the way we provide services.

We do not generally charge more than anyone else, or charge for more services than anyone else, and yet we have levied very low Council tax rises when other authorities have been both cutting services and raising Council Tax by more than the rate of inflation. And that's why we've got a queue of local authorities coming to Peterborough to learn from us. I am intrigued as to how you know that "more vulnerable families" will be affected if any changes are made to play services, as I am not aware that there is any family financial or deprivation information held by the service, nor a clear view of where the attendees come from, nor how many families send children along. It would appear then that the phrasing of the first sentence of your question is not based in fact and could be regarded by someone less charitable than me as scaremongering for political ends, although I am absolutely sure that was not your intention, and I mean that most sincerely, I know you care about the service, especially in your Ward.

I am not sure where you got your figures from, because the admissions figure I had was 74,000 and I got that from the service. We haven't made any decisions yet on how much money needs to be saved from the children's play centre budgets but I have made it clear with officers that the approach must be taken to any areas that we are looking at is as follows:

I can say that no decisions have yet been made on how much money needs to be saved from the Children's Play Centre Budget, but I have made it clear to officers that the approach that must be taken to any areas where we feel that there is good reason to view service provision is as follows:

1. We need to look at how the particular service contributes to our corporate objectives and the goal of reaching a three star Children's service. If it does not, then why are we providing it?
2. We need to understand the effects that any changes in the service have on our customers.
3. We need to see if the backdrop for the service has changed. In the case of play, we provide elements of this from other directorates, and the growth of school clubs and the development of children's' centres is a significant change to the landscape that needs to be considered.
4. We need to see if there are better ways of providing the same benefits that are currently delivered through a service, or maybe even include more children for lower cost. Many authorities have rejected the style of provision that we currently used, heavily dependant upon buildings, in favour of a "play ranger" approach. I'm not saying that is what we will do, merely that we should consider it. Certainly this administration

does not believe in the phrase “is has always been done like that”, as a defence for anything that we do.

5. We then need to ask the question, what is the best way to achieve the objectives set for this service? And I am quite sure if we were setting up a play service today to meet corporate and departmental objectives, it would not look like the one we have run for the last 20 years in an unchanged format.
6. Finally, where we perceive the service to be “sensitive”, we need to let Members see the results of the research and the proposals that come from it, before proceeding, even though there is clearly delegated authority only to spend at the level in the budget and not to have to keep consulting when working to that budget.

So I am advocating an approach from a budgetary perspective because we did spend £3m more than we should of done last year in children’s services, but the main focus is on understanding what we do, why we do it and whether we can do it better for a lower cost. Perhaps we can’t, but I think we probably can.

Finally, I reject the notion that there is always a link between the amount a Council (or Government) spends and the quality of service provided. Time and again we have shown that we can provide the same, or better, services at a lower cost. I am disappointed that some of our colleagues from across the chamber have steadfastly stuck to the view that increasing or maintaining spending means better services and cutting spending means worse services. This is just not true, as anyone looking at the health service today will testify. We’ve paid the significant extra national taxes – where is the significant improvement in the national services? The link isn’t there.

I have given an undertaking to your colleague Councillor Miners that I will be open and honest about the review, and have already recalled some letters sent out incorrectly and prematurely because there was an incorrect focus on cost alone and I had not agreed the approach. And I stand by my undertaking.

There are other services that are subject to review as well, we’re prepared to look at services in a radical way.

Supplementary Question:

Thank you for your answer Councillor Goldspink, I think we all want to see an improvement in Children’s services but don’t you consider that closing down play centres before replacement facilities are operational may lead to an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour on our streets?

Councillor Goldspink answered:

One of the things I’m very keen to focus on is examining the effects of any changes that we will make, and that’s something I will be focusing on quite heavily, I don’t expect to see officers saying to me that if we make a certain change there will be a change in an increase in anti-social behaviour, or children hanging around on streets or anything like that, and I will work hard to make sure that’s not the case.

(v) Councillor Saltmarsh asked the Cabinet Member for Community Services:

I would like to congratulate the Cabinet Member for Community Services on the success of this years Festival, however once again the organisation of some important details and coordination between departments was lacking.

Most obvious was the amount of litter left at the Festival venues, the lack of litter pickers and the absence of any extra litter bins. The area round the Key Theatre on Saturday morning was disgusting and with a big event planned at 12 noon no attempt had been made to clear the litter from the Embankment.

Did City Services not know there was a Festival going on or realise that some extra staff would be needed over the weekend?

Councillor Lee answered:

Thank you for your kind remarks Councillor Saltmarsh – this year’s Festival had some real highlights. 83 events were enjoyed by, in total, around 37,000 people. My own particular favourite was the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra not only was it a feast of high quality music but a fantastic light show enjoyed by over 5,000 people. However there were also some elements that I would wish to improve, indeed it is my goal that the Festival is improved year by year. The point you raise about litter is one such example of where we need to get better. The number of people attending on Friday evening far exceeded our predicted levels – we were expecting around 400 people and in excess of 3,000 people turned up so in a way we were victims of our own success. I’d like to thank Cllr Sanders’ City Services team for reacting to our requests for extra help once we realised that our existing plans would not meet demand - in short I would like to again invite Councillors this year to a review you will be receiving invitations shortly, and where we will look at the future of the festival.

(vi) **Councillor John Fox asked the Cabinet Member for Customer Focus and Communications:**

I recently received a letter from PCC inviting me to be a member of the Citizens Panel. How much has the Citizen’s Panel cost the taxpayer and what is its main purpose?

Councillor Dalton answered:

The Citizens Panel allows Peterborough’s residents to contribute to the Council’s decision making process. The Panel ensures that we listen to the public and gives us a better understanding of the issues that are important to them. The Panel also helps us measure our Service delivery and whether we are meeting new performance indicators via up to 4 postal surveys a year. In addition, the Citizens Panel provides us with the opportunity to run focus groups on specific issues throughout the year. Recently they have been involved in development of the new look “Your Peterborough”; consultation on sports, leisure and cultural facilities; decision making; and involving young people in the Council.

The Panel is made up of 1,686 members, selected via postal address and a third of members are refreshed every year to ensure they do not become too overly familiar with Council practices which could potentially skew their responses

The Panel is an excellent way for people to contribute to making improvements in the delivery of Council services and I hope that Cllr Fox will accept his invitation and help us ensure that the Council is “doing its job”.

The costs of the Panel for 2008 are £10,565 plus vat, which includes the refresh of a third of the Panel. This is a very competitive rate which compares favourably with Panels run by other authorities.

Supplementary Question:

So what your basically saying is it’s going to be used as a communications and consultation tool, but are you going to listen to what the public say, if 90% of the public say they are for whatever, are you going to listen to what they actually want?

Councillor Dalton answered:

We always listen to the public, so yes Councillor Fox.

The following questions and answers were distributed to all members after the meeting as the time limit for this category of questions had expired.

(vii) Councillor Ash would have asked the Cabinet Member for City Services

I have noted that there have been a number of news items reporting a growth in the demand for allotments. Many see this as a not only a worthwhile method of staying fit but also combating the rising cost of fruit and vegetables. The opportunity can be taken to supply friends and family with a high quality locally grown product. My interpretation from a recent report to the environment committee is that the council needs to be proactive in promoting existing allotment sites, and investigating new opportunities.

Does the cabinet member agree with me that the lead in the GDP (greater Dogsthorpe Partnership) is a model for other parts of the City and is he able to advise of the steps the council will be taking to ensure that is seen to be willing to promote increased use of allotments throughout the city thereby consolidating our leading role as an environmental City

Councillor Sanders would have answered:

We have been actively promoting the take-up of allotments among community groups and individuals across the city and have had great success, apart from in one or two isolated areas where there is very limited local demand. One of these areas was Dogsthorpe and following a request from the Greater Dogsthorpe Partnership, half of the allotment site is being turned over into a community garden rather than leave it as vacant allotment sites. There are a small number of other sites that have low demand and we are working to try to encourage greater usage. However, it is sometimes apparent that the allotments are in the wrong location for local use. Allotments need to be accessible to their users and plot holders do not generally wish to travel significant distances to cultivate their land because of the cost of travel and environmental unsustainability.

Our allotments are now reporting waiting lists in many areas and we are working with housing developers to ensure that when new developments are delivered, that there is an allotment provision sufficient for anticipated local demand.

(viii) CIr Sandford would have asked the Cabinet Member for the Environment:

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment explain why in Peterborough we are able to recycle only a small proportion of plastic materials. Local people get confused and frustrated when they find that plastic items which are marked as recyclable cannot be put in their green wheelie bins for recycling.

Surely with recent dramatic increases in oil prices and plastic being an oil based product, the economics of plastic recycling must have improved quite significantly.

Peterborough has a good record on recycling but we need to improve it still further if we are to avoid using more environmentally damaging forms of waste disposal. Will the cabinet member ensure that increased plastic recycling is investigated as soon as possible ?

Councillor Fitzgerald would have answered:

Councillor Sandford should note that the May meeting of the Members Waste and Recycling Working Group (MWRWG), of which he is a member, discussed a range of issues to become the priority areas for further investigation over the following year.

Item 3 of the minutes show clearly that both Kitchen waste and currently non recyclable plastics are the priority items for inclusion in future improvements to collection schemes, where appropriate, contributing to the aim of 65% plus recycling and composting.

As Cabinet member for Environment I look forward to receiving the MWRWG's recommendation on this and other waste and recycling issues. I can send Cllr Sandford a copy of said minutes for reference.

3. Questions by Members to the Representatives of the Police and Fire Authorities

(i) Councillor John Fox would have asked the Representative of the Police Authority:

Is it true that the Cambridgeshire Constabulary are employing private investigators at a considerable cost to the tax payer, to assist the depleted number of CID officers, per ratio of our population growth within our force area?

Councillor Sanders would have answered:

I have been advised by the Police Authority Trust that it is employing a number of civilian investigators and statement takers to support our CID department. These are funded from the shortfall in officers across the force, therefore the same money is used in a different way. Could we fill these roles with detectives? No, we cannot recruit sufficiently quickly to backfill at this time so are therefore making the most efficient and effective use of the funds. The investigators and statement takers are considerably cheaper than constables.

(ii) Councillor Judy Fox would have asked the Representative of the Police Authority:

What cover is there in Peterborough for the investigation in to Missing from Homes during the weekend period?

Councillor Sanders would have answered:

I have been advised by the Police Authority Trust that 'Missing from Homes' are investigated by response staff who work 24/7.

The following questions were asked and answered at the meeting:

4. Questions by Members to Cabinet Members or Committee Chairman about issues relevant to their ward

(i) Councillor Miners asked the Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement:

Could the Cabinet Member please inform the local Dogsthorpe community when the partial demolition of the ex-John Mansfield School Site, Western Avenue will finally commence and be completed.

Councillor Goldspink answered on behalf of Councillor Scott (who had submitted apologies for absence):

The demolition of the old John Mansfield School is not as straight forward as you would have thought due to issues surrounding the future use of the remaining buildings for the neighbouring Centre.

However a planning notification has been submitted and are we are anticipating a response W/C 21st July. When we are in receipt of this we can give the necessary notices to proceed. Key to this will be an instruction to the various statutory undertakers to realign and divert the various services to meet the future use of the site. This will take between 2 and 3 months. To large extent this timescale will be dictated by the programme of work that these organisations have. This is outside our control.

Following this we will start the demolition works which will involve a soft strip and removal of asbestos. This will take approximately 8 weeks. Demolition of the main structure together with any restoration works will follow. This taking another 8 weeks.

If we assume a start on the overall programme in August then we are looking for completion of all of these works in Feb 09'.

Supplementary Question:

May I thank the Cabinet Member and the Cabinet, for their support and interests in the development of the John Mansfield Centre, could the Cabinet member please ensure that all local Dogsthorpe Councillors are fully briefed and consulted about all developments at this local development site. Thank you very much.

Councillor Goldspink answered:

I am sure Councillor Scott will do her best to keep you informed Councillor Miners.

(ii) Cllr John Fox asked the Cabinet Member for City Services:

Yet another year goes by when there are threats of closing down Bretton Paddling Pool due to a few mindless individuals, can the cabinet member tell me the latest update on the situation and what steps both the PCC or the Police have taken to catch the culprits

Cllr Sanders answered:

The answer would be given in writing.

The Paddling Pool at Bretton has had a troubled history over the past few years. Last year, after preparing the pool and arranging for attendants, it had to be closed because the supervising employees were threatened and abused by local youths on a number of occasions and there were continual problems with glass being thrown into the pool. The location of the facility is far from ideal and its isolation tends to mean that overnight damage has almost become inevitable. There are significant risks to young children even following the most rigorous daily cleaning that shards of glass will remain in the pool which would result in foot and other injuries. For this reason, and following consultation with the ward members and the parish council, we have reluctantly concluded that the paddling pool will not be opened for the coming summer season.

However, local ward members are determined that there should be some type of facility within the Bretton area and are currently investigating options for a water play feature to be acquired and located within the ward. This facility will be funded through the Community Reinvestment Guarantee Fund. Officers and members have visited Luton where a similar facility exists and are working on plans for a similar facility in Bretton. This will provide a water play area which will be far more easily controlled with lower risk than the current open outdoor paddling area but will provide for a far more exciting type of water play than the current paddle only facility.

(iii) Cllr Hussain asked the Cabinet Member for the Environment:

Would you please advise when work will commence on the agreed new Taxi Rank on Park Road and when is it likely to finish?

Cllr Fitzgerald answered:

I am happy to advise you as follows. The taxi rank on Park Road is closely linked to the proposed installation of the rising bollards on Fitzwilliam Street. The project is now progressing quite quickly with the preparation of the quotation documents for pricing and the drafting of the legal orders required. Unfortunately I can't give you a definitive date for the proposed commencement of the works, as there are a number of issues including formal objections to the traffic regulation orders to take account of, they're beyond our direct control, that could result in some delays to the project, and whilst we are aiming to minimise such the likelihood of such eventualities, the best I can estimate, and I can

provide this at the time, and I conveyed this myself to the taxi forum at the last meeting, is sometime in the latter part of September or early October.

Supplementary Question:

My question is, when is it likely to start and when is it likely to finish? And I haven't had the answer to any of those questions.

Councillor Fitzgerald answered:

With respect I did answer that question, I think that I can tell you that I can't give you a definitive date but it's estimated that it's September or October and as for a schedule of works, dependent on the weather and everything else permitting I understand it is about a six week schedule from when it commences.

(iv) Councillor Fox asked the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services:

Can the Cabinet Member for Children's Services reassure me that there will be no reduction in the youth provision within Werrington, that is currently being provided by a highly commendable and enthusiastic Youth Worker. Can he also reassure me that his hours will not be reduced and that he will not be taken away from the area he has done so much good work in already.

Cllr Goldspink answered:

If the Councillor is asking "Can I reassure him that there will be no reduction in the youth provision within Werrington and can I also reassure him that his hours will not be reduced and that he will not be taken away from the area" **EVER**, then the answer is clearly no. Youth provision, services and facilities inevitably change over time and I cannot assure him that they will never, ever change, either by increase or decrease. If he has a different timescale in mind, then I will make enquiries. However, I can confirm that the youth service is undergoing the same type of review applicable to play services and several other services, the detailed factors of and reasons for which were included in my answer to Cllr Saltmarsh.

Supplementary Question:

So you have actually given me no guarantee then, which is very sad because the youth of Werrington are actually coming out of their shells now and doing a lot of good work as well thanks to this youth leader and the rumour is that his hours maybe reduced which is very sad.

Councillor Goldspink answered:

If you had a bit more information and detail I could have answered that, but what I can say is that whatever changes we make in the provisions of service one of the key things will be the effects of those changes and I certainly wouldn't want to see a good provision that's hitting our key drivers taken away nor would I want to see a provision taken away if it was likely to affect adversely anti-social behaviour and crime in the area and I can give reassurance it is a very real thing that we need to look at. However, we do not have a situation where we can leave everything un-changed forever, and we will not be bound by the mantra that it has always been done that way, so yes we may have changes to make, I hope they won't have the sorts of effects that Councillor Fox is talking about. No decisions have been taken, it may be that provisions do change and I have had several other enquiries from members on my own side, so it is not just Councillor Fox whose questioning this, and who's giving me a hard time, I can assure him that I am getting a hard time from my own side as well. But I will do my best to keep you informed and when I've got some information I will of course give it to you.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 4
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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT: FOR INFORMATION

This report is a brief summary of the Mayor's activities on the Council's behalf during the last meetings cycle, together with relevant matters for information.

2. ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION –From 4 July 2008 to 28 September 2008

2.1 Civic Events

- Hosted Civic Reception for Olympian Louis Smith on 23 September 2008

2.2 Visitors to the Mayor's Parlour

- Hosted SmartWater demonstration and promotion in conjunction with Cambridgeshire Police on 7 July 2008
- Hosted visit to Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber by party from Bourges on 18 July 2008
- Chaired Holocaust Memorial planning meeting on 23 July 2008
- Hosted visit by three Scouts from Derby, Connecticut on 1 August 2008
- Hosted visit to Parlour by Crawford Johnston, young Peterborough musician on 20 August 2008
- Hosted Planning meeting in the Mayor's Parlour for RAF Wittering Freedom Parade (Oct) on 27 August 2008
- Meet with new mayor's cadets on 3 September 2008
- Chaired Holocaust Memorial Day planning meeting on 10 September 2008
- Hosted visit to Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber by children from Woodston Primary School on 17 September 2008
- Hosted Remembrance Sunday planning meeting on 25 September 2008

2.3 Charity Events

- Held Charity Committee on 11 July 2008
- Held Charity Committee on 21 August 2008
- Held Charity Committee on 22 September 2008

2.4 Council and Other Events

- Attended a dance performance, a Festival event in Cathedral Square on 5 July 2008.
- Attended Strawberry Tea at The Lindens, Lincoln Road, Peterborough on 5 July 2008.
- Attended RAF Wyton Band in Concert at St Neots Parish Church at invitation of the Mayor of St Neots on 5 July 2008.
- Attended Open Day at Peterborough District Hospital on 6 July 2008.
- Accompanied judges for Anglia in Bloom on 7 July 2008

- Attended Peterborough Young People's Film Awards at the Broadway Theatre, Peterborough on 9 July 2008
- Attended Peterborough Young People's Film Awards at the Broadway Theatre, Peterborough on 10 July 2008
- Attended *Back to the 80s* – Young People's Service musical production at the Cresset on 11 July 2008
- Attended Dogsthorpe Fire Station Open Day on 12 July 2008
- Attended Mayor of Northampton's Civic Service at All Saint's Church, Northampton on 13 July 2008
- Attended Alzheimer's Society Annual General Meeting at Buckles Solicitors, Grant House on 14 July 2008
- Interviewed at Lite FM Radio on 15 July 2008
- Attended Citizenship ceremony in the Town Hall on 15 July 2008
- Attended High Sheriff's reception at Caxton Manor, Cambridge on 15 July 2008
- Attended Full council meeting in the Council Chamber on 16 July 2008
- Visited William Law School, Twelvetree Avenue, Werrington on 17 July 2008
- Performed Topping out ceremony with GKL Group Bridge Street on 17 July 2008
- Attended Peterborough Marriott Hotel 20th anniversary party on 17 July 2008
- Attended 100th anniversary celebration picnic at the Beeches School, Beech Avenue, Peterborough on 18 July 2008
- Opened the Bretton Festival on 19 July 2008
- Attended open garden day at Kestrel court, Bretton on 19 July 2008
- Attended Members' Day at Flag Fen on 19 July 2008
- Attended Civic service and parade at St Neots Parish Church on 20 July 2008
- Attended Peterborough Anglo French Association dinner at the Bull Hotel, Peterborough on 20 July 2008
- Attended Reading Buddies civic reception in the Reception Room, Town Hall on 21 July 2008
- Attended Launch of the Imams Council of Peterborough at the Fezan-e-Madina Mosque, 169-175 Gladstone Street, Peterborough on 22 July 2008
- Attended Funeral of former Mayor, Thomas Gray at Peterborough Crematorium on 23 July 2008
- Visited Mrs Ellen Cummins of Hartwell Court, Westwood on her 100th birthday on 23 July 2008
- Attended Peterborough City Centre Management Consultative Forum in the Broadway Suite, Broadway theatre, Peterborough on 24 July 2008
- Attended RAF Wyton Families Day on 25 July 2008
- Attended South Grove community Association AGM and cheese and wine evening at South Grove Community Centre, Woodston on 25 attended PBSA 7-a-side football tournament at Peterborough Town Sports Club, Bretton Gate on 27 July 2008
- Attended official opening of refurbished St John Ambulance Headquarters at 38 Cowgate, Peterborough on 28 July 2008
- Met with Chief Executive and Peterborough Festival Team at Gaston's, Broadway on 5 August 2008
- Visited Bright Kids Day Nursery at Lynchwood Business Park, Peterborough for cheque presentation to NSPCC on 6 August 2008
- Attended Portrait of Queensgate photo session at the Queensgate Centre on 7 August 2008
- Attended Royal British Legion Annual Service of Thanksgiving for Peace in Central Park, Peterborough on 10 August 2008
- Attended Special Olympics Great Britain Eastern Region Equestrian Team event at Grassland Equestrian Centre, West Street Helpston on 11 August 2008
- Attended Special Olympics Great Britain Eastern Region Equestrian Team event at Grassland Equestrian Centre, West Street Helpston on 12 August 2008

- Attended Festival Parade thank you evening at Praise Restaurant, New Rd, Peterborough on 12 August 2008
- Opened the Peterborough Catholic Women's League Garden Party at St Peter and All Souls Church, on 13 August 2008
- Attended Peterborough Young People's Service training programme at Peterborough United Football Club on 13 August 2008
- Opened Kip McGrath Education Centre at 1 Blenheim Court, Peppercorn Close, Peterborough on 16 August 2008
- Attended Peterborough United v Leyton Orient at London Road on 16 August 2008
- Attended British American Football League game at RAF Alconbury – Peterborough Saxons participating team on 17 August 2008
- Coach tour of schools in the city followed by tea in the Town Hall on 20 August 2008
- Joined panel of judges of hanging baskets in Cathedral Square on 21 August 2008
- Attended BMX British Championships at Benyon Grove, Orton Malborne on 24 August 2008
- Attended City of Peterborough Athletics Games at the Athletics Track, Bishops Road on 25 August 2008
- Attended Peterborough Supports Heroes at The Dragon, Hodgson Avenue, Werrington on 25 August 2008
- Attended Enlistment of Junior Soldiers into the Regular Army in the Reception Room and Mayor's Parlour on 26 August 2008
- Received cheque for Mayor's charities 2008 at Peterborough Crematorium – collection from annual memorial service - on 27 August 2008
- Attended University of the Third Age activities day at the Jack Hunt School on 28 August 2008
- Attended South View open day at 1-3 South View, London Rd, Woodston on 29 August 2008
- Attended Age Concern wine-tasting and hog roast at Apethorpe Hall on 29 August 2008
- Opened Arts and Crafts Market in Cathedral Square on 31 August 2008
- Met School Crossing Patrollers at their annual general meeting in the Reception Room and joined them for lunch on 1 September 2008
- Attended Citizenship ceremony in the Council Chamber on 2 September 2008
- Attended Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Community Life Awards 2008 at the Burgess Hall, St Ivo Leisure Centre, St Ives on 2 September 2008
- Attended hand over of gift boxes for overseas troops at Waterbeach Barracks on 3 September 2008
- Visited St Theresa's Day Centre, Manor House Street on 4 September 2008
- Visit and lunch at Burghley Horse Trials on 5 September 2008
- Attended Farewell dinner for Cyril Brown, retiring chairman of Cross Keys Homes at the Great Northern Hotel on 5 September 2008
- Attended Anglia in Bloom results, Gorleston, Norfolk on 9 September 2008.
- Attended The King's School Speech Day, Broadway Theatre, Peterborough 11 September 2008
- Visited Sea Cadet unit at HMS Gildenburgh, Peterborough 12 September 2008
- Attended Peterborough Operatic and Dramatic Society Musical Extravaganza at the Key Theatre, Peterborough on 13 September 2008
- Attended Induction of Father Bruce Burbridge at St Oswald's Parish Church, Lincoln Road, Peterborough on 15 September 2008
- Attended Organic breakfast at the Sacred Heart School, Bretton on 16 September 2008
- Interview at Lite FM on 16 September 2008
- Citizenship ceremony in the Council Chamber on 16 September 2008
- Attended Peterborough Festival de-brief meeting at Peterborough Museum on 16 September 2008

- Attended Roythorne Christmas champagne reception in the Deanery Garden, Peterborough on 16 September 2008
- Attended Peterborough Regional College Graduation Ceremony with reception at the Bull Hotel and procession and ceremony in Peterborough Cathedral on 18 September 2008
- Attended Friary Court fete and open day, Burton Street, Peterborough on 20 September 2008
- Attended Charity dance in aid of Fair View Court and Axiom Homeless Action in Orton Longueville School on 20 September 2008
- Polish Ex-Combatants Association 60th anniversary celebrations at the Polish Club on 21 September 2008
- Attended Battle of Britain – parade followed by service at St John’s Church on 21 September 2008
- Attended Forever Summer Grand Premiere at the John Clare Theatre, Central Library on 22 September 2008
- Attended County forum to mark 100 years of service by the Reserve Forces and Cadet at Coldhams Lane TA Centre, Cambridge on 23 September 2008
- Visited Southfields School, Stanground to present Anglia in Bloom certificates on 26 September 2008
- Attended Peterborough Women’s Centre Macmillan Cancer coffee Morning at PWC, Broadway, Peterborough on 26 September 2008
- Attended Peterborough High School Speech Day in Peterborough Cathedral on 26 September 2008
- Attended Fish, Fiddle and Faith, at Park Road Baptist Church, part of the *Hope in the City* events on 26 September 2008
- Attended Age Concern/Make-a-Wish Foundation Family Fun Day at Sacrewell Farm on 27 September 2008
- Started Phab Heartbeat Meander, Ferry Meadows, Peterborough on 28 September 2008
- Started Royal British Legion Poppy Walk at Ferry Meadows, Peterborough on 28 September 2008
- Attended Songs of Praise at Westgate Church - part of the *Hope in the City* events on 28 September 2008

3. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985)

None.

4. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE

Chief Executive.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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EXECUTIVE DECISIONS – FOR INFORMATION

1. DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETING HELD 15 SEPTEMBER 2008

1.1 CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR 16-19 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Cabinet received a report on the proposed national changes to the commissioning of education and training provision for 16-19 year olds. The report sought agreement to the Council's participation in a formal "sub-regional grouping" to be established for the sub-region.

In Spring 2008 the Government published the White Paper, 'Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver', which proposed radical changes to arrangements for the education and training of 16-19 year-olds and skill development for adults. Since the publication of the White Paper, the Government has pressed ahead with arrangements for implementation of these proposals

In respect of young people the key changes are as follows:

- Subject to the completion of legislation, funding for post-16 education and training will pass from the Learning and Skills Council to Local Authorities, with effect from April 2010.
- From 2010, Local Authorities will commission and fund sixth form (and where it exists, sixth form college) provision directly. With respect to further education provision, Local Authorities are being required to collaborate in formal sub-regional groupings, which will jointly commission further education provision for the sub-region.
- Formal regional groupings will also be established to ensure that the commissioning plans for each of the sub-regional groupings within the region, collectively deliver coherent provision for the region.
- A national Young People's Learning Agency will be established with responsibility for budgetary control and for securing coherence in the event that agreement cannot be reached locally.

CABINET HAS RESOLVED TO:

1. Approve participation in formal sub regional partnerships to enable Local Authorities (LA) in the Eastern Region to work together (with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and Government Office East (GOEast)) to plan, prepare and implement changes to 16-19 education and funding as a result of the White Paper 'Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver'.
2. Endorse the principles underpinning the model of collaboration as outlined in section 4.2.2 of the report.

3. Delegate to the Director of Children's Services a range of consultation exercises and activities to enable smooth transition arrangements and continued, improved learning outcomes for young people.

1.2 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2009/10 TO 2011/12

Cabinet was presented with the Medium Term Financial Plan 2009/10 to 2011/12 for consideration as part of the agreed budget setting process agreed by Council in February 2008. Members were advised that the agreed framework required Cabinet, commencing in September, to consider the Council's budget and financial strategy and to set provisional cash limits for the forthcoming year. The report updated Members on the key figures likely to govern the financial situation of the Council over the next three years and outlined the approach to the budget process and budget consultation.

Cabinet was provided with a summary of the anticipated financial position, showing the gap between spending and likely funding for each year from 2009/10 to 2011/12, with the assumptions underlying these figures. This has been rolled forward from the current Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Increased certainty about the savings achievable through the Business Transformation programme means that it is now reasonable to anticipate that a higher proportion of the programme will be realised in 2009/10 and 2010/11 than was shown in the MTFs. As a result, the key figures no longer show a budget deficit position for 2009/10.

CABINET HAS RESOLVED TO:

1. Endorse the Council's existing four Corporate Plan priorities:
 - To plan and deliver a safe, attractive and environmentally friendly city;
 - To achieve the best possible health and well-being;
 - To make Peterborough a better place in which to live and work; and
 - To provide high quality opportunities for learning and ensure children are healthy and safe.

These strategic priorities are underpinned by a driving principle, to be accessible, efficient and effective. These priorities and principles will form the basis of the refreshed Corporate Plan to 2011/12.

2. Note the Summary Financial Position and its implications for the medium term financial plan.
3. Approve plans to consult with Scrutiny and Stakeholders on the medium term financial plan.
4. Approve the approach that is proposed to the budget process incorporating the medium term financial strategy.
5. Endorse the assumption that there will be a 1.4% increase in Council Tax in each of the three years covered by the plan, as a basis for the initial calculations required for the budget process.
6. Approve the approach to the setting and issuing of control total figures to departments to enable them to begin to prepare a draft budget for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.

1.3 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – PERIOD 4 2008/09

Cabinet has considered a report summarising financial results for revenue and capital to the end of July 2008, noted that the Corporate Management Team (CMT)/Cabinet, individually and collectively continue to take any necessary corrective action to ensure that the adopted outturn cash limits for 2008/09 are achieved and in particular seek to ensure proactive management of the impact of the ‘credit crunch’ on the authority, and noted the current performance on treasury management activities, payment of creditors in services and collection of performance for debtors, local taxation and benefit overpayments.

1.4 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT – QUARTER ONE 2008-2009

Cabinet has noted the latest Performance Monitoring report summarising the Council’s performance against the key priorities contained within the Corporate Performance Plan for the period 1 April 2008 to 30 June 2008 and the new pro-active approach to performance risk management.

1.5 OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

The responses to petitions to Council have been considered as follows:

PETITION – CHARTERIS PLAY CENTRE

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Saltmarsh and requested that the City Council reconsider plans to close the Charteris Play Centre.

The Council’s Assistant Director of Children’s Services (Family and Children’s Division), has responded and advised that the City Council’s play service is currently under review for a variety of reasons, one of which being the allocation of £1.1 ‘Playbuilder’ funding for new sites. There is a need to ensure that such funds are allocated in the most appropriate way and a review has therefore been instigated. However, at the present time a range of options are under consideration and no decisions have been made. A consultation exercise will be carried out in respect of the play service as a whole in due course in order to provide an opportunity for the public and other stakeholders to respond to proposals prior to decisions being made.

PETITION – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN STONE LANE/NORTHFIELD ROAD

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Lowndes on behalf of residents of Stone Lane and Northfield Road. The petition requested that action be taken to address incidents of anti-social behaviour, and associated problems, in the area.

The Council’s Drug and Alcohol Action Team Strategy Manager has investigated and confirmed that a number of agencies, including Council officers, Community Protection Officers and the Neighbourhood Policing Team are involved in joint work to address the matter. Action has been taken to clear the site (where drug users were congregating) in order to make it safe from drug-related litter and officers will be visiting the site on a regular basis to engage with users and assist them to move into treatment services. In addition, residents’ concerns with regard to the off-licence in the area have been passed to the relevant Council and Police licensing teams who will work together to monitor the issues stemming from the off-licence and to establish whether there is sufficient evidence to review its licence.

1.6. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED

- (i) Cabinet Member updates.

2. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Council's call-in mechanism has not been invoked since the last update to full Council on 16 July 2008.

3. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVE OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS

Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13.1 and Executive Procedure Rule 7 require any instances where the Council's special urgency provisions have been invoked, and/or the call-in mechanism was not applied, to be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with reasons for urgency.

Since the last report to Council, there have been no instances where the special urgency measures have been invoked or the call-in mechanism suspended.

4. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION	DECISION TAKEN
2 July 2008 Councillor Goldspink	Appointment of LEA Governors: 1. Heltwate School – Mr Brian Wolohan – nominated by the governing body; 2. Hampton Hargate Primary School – Councillor David Seaton – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling; 3. Braybrook Primary School – Mr Stephen Jenkins – nominated by the local authority.
3 July 2008 Councillor Scott	Supporting People Resettlement/Floating Support Contract To authorise the award of the resettlement/floating support contract (supporting people services for vulnerable people) to Axiom Housing Association Limited. Such contract to be for the period of 3 years from 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2011 with an option to extend the contract for a further year from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012 and then a further year from 1 August 2012 to 31 July 2013. The option to award the contract for a maximum two further years will be at the discretion of the Supporting People Commissioning body after reviewing the performance of the contractor.
4 July 2008 Councillor Scott	Corporate Hardware Contract To award the Corporate Hardware Contract to Dell UK for a term of three years commencing on 14 July 2008 and ending on 31 May 2010 for the provision of Hardware (PCs, Laptops, Servers, etc) and associated services to

	<p>Peterborough City Council. The services offered will include pre-imaging asset tagging and delivery and set up at desk of PCs, laptops, servers along with such other like equipment that the Council may require from time to time.</p>
<p>14 July 2008 Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Award of Street Lighting Maintenance Contract 2008-2012</p> <p>To amend an earlier decision made on 29 May 2008 to award Street Lighting, Maintenance, Repair and Installation contract to Mechanical and Electrical Works Services Limited (MEWS) by amending the end date of the contract to 31 March 2012.</p>
<p>25 July 2008 Councillor Goldspink</p>	<p>Delivering Sustainable Development – Southbank Phase 1 – Carbon Challenge Site</p> <p>To authorise the Chief Executive, (in consultation with the Head of Strategic Property (as Corporate Property Officer), Head of Strategic Growth and Development, Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement (in liaison with the Leader of the Council) and Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Development, to :</p> <p>(a) Negotiate and conclude terms for the Council to enter into a Tri Partite Partnership Agreement with public partners East of England Development Agency (EEDA), English Partnerships (EP) and the preferred developer, together with a formal Agreement with Opportunity Peterborough (OP), who will provide local project management expertise throughout the project .</p> <p>(b) Agree that the Council can dispose of the land at less than the unencumbered OMV (Open Market Value). It is proposed that net receipts from the disposal of the land to a Third Party Developer, appointed by way of a two stage Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) Procedure, reflect the Code for Sustainable Homes (the Code) level requirement on this site.</p> <p>(c) To accept the principles of "English Partnerships - Best Practice Note 28 - Land Sales with obligations", by which it is intended that (via the OJEU process) the land will be disposed of by the public bodies with certain development obligations attached to and running with the land.</p> <p>(d) This agreement will commit the Council contractually to the Land assembly, development route and timetable of actions for delivery, the basis upon which Sites are being released and the ultimate split of any enabling costs and Land receipts which are produced by the Development.</p> <p>(e) The disposal is conditional upon the developer securing full planning consent for their proposed development and on third party funding being available. As a result of the</p>

	ongoing collaboration between project partners, developers and Planning Services, no significant obstacles to securing planning consent are anticipated at this time.
28 July 2008 Councillor Scott	<p>Request for Approval to use the Midlands Works Framework Contract 3, (2008 - 2010)</p> <p>Authority for the Council to use the Highways Agency's Midlands Framework 3 Contract to procure a number of major highway and regeneration / public realm schemes which are estimated to have an aggregate value of around £ 28,000,000 for the following schemes:-</p> <p>Major highways schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junction 8 access - Nene Bridge - Bourges Boulevard & Crescent Bridge <p>Public Realm works in partnership with Opportunity Peterborough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cathedral Square - Bridge Street - St John's Square <p>Subject to authority being given, further Cabinet Member decisions will be sought before the award of any contract is made to any contractor under the provisions of the said Framework. This decision is also subject to a separate joint decision by the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Development; in relation to the allocation of Growth Area Funding Round3 2008 -11, for the works detailed above.</p>
28 July 2008 Councillor Goldspink	<p>Appointment of LEA Governors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parnwell Primary School – Councillor Stephen Goldspink – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling 2. Welland Primary School – Mrs Maria Goldspink – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling
29 July 2008 Councillor Murphy	<p>Affordable Housing Fund Allocation for Woodston</p> <p>To approve the allocation of £90,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund to Cross Keys Homes in response to a bid for the provision of 9 shared ownership units.</p>
30 July 2008 Councillors Goldspink and Murphy	<p>Growth Area Funds 2008-2011</p> <p>To allocate the Growth Area Funding Round 3 (2008-2011) money to the proposed projects identified within the GAF 3 Programme of Development. Opportunity Peterborough and Peterborough City Council submitted a bid to the department of Communities and Local</p>

	<p>Government (CLG) for Growth Area Funding (GAF) Round 3, on 1 October 2007 for a total of £75.5 m. In late December 2007, Peterborough City Council was awarded £17.5m (23% of requested funding), split as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ £7.8 m awarded for year 2008/9 (£7.5m capital and £0.3m revenue) □ £9.6 m (indicative) for years 2009/10 and 2010/11 (£9.2m capital and £0.4m revenue) <p>The GAF 3 Programme Executive Group, which includes key lead Council and Opportunity Peterborough officers, have used a range of criteria to prioritise the allocation of funds. This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ the ability to deliver growth (or contribute to sustainable growth) □ the security of the project delivery □ the ability to secure non-public sector (or other partner) support <p>As only the first year funding is definite, the group have assumed additional funding will be available for 2009 to 2011.</p>
<p>1 August 2008 Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Professional Services Partnership</p> <p>To award the Professional Services Partnership contract to Amtec Consulting Plc for the agreed rates subject to satisfactory contractual terms and conditions being agreed between both parties for a four year contract subject to a quarterly review of the Business Transformation Programme to commence on 1 September 2008. The Director of Strategic Resources to award all call off arrangements within the scope of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Professional Services Partnership to Amtec Consulting Plc for projects to the value of the Business Transformation Budget currently £9.5 million. Projects to be awarded in accordance with officer delegated powers under Contract Regulations.</p>
<p>5 August 2008 Councillor Goldspink</p>	<p>Appointment of LEA Governors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Phoenix School – Mrs Julie Skipworth – nominated by the school 2. Marshfields School – Councillor Colin Burton – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling
<p>7 August 2008 Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Provision and Management of Sports Facilities at Bretton Park</p> <p>To authorise the waiver of delegated authority 3.20.3 (b) & (k) to permit the Head of Strategic Property in consultation with Chief Executive, Director of Strategic Resources and Solicitor to the Council to enter into negotiations with</p>

	<p>Peterborough Lions Limited and to grant:</p> <p>(a) temporary use of the sports facilities (subject to certain works being carried out) for a period not exceeding 12 months whilst the main project is being developed;</p> <p>(b) within the 12 month temporary use period an agreement to lease for a period not exceeding 5 years for the development to take place; and</p> <p>(c) superseded by 60 year lease to commence on completion of construction works (within the 5 year period of the agreement to lease). All subject to terms and planning permission being granted by the Local Planning Authority:</p> <p>For the provision and management of sports facilities at Bretton Park in accordance with the principles of Best Value and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services.</p>
<p>18 August 2008</p> <p>Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Refurbishment and Enhancement of Clare Lodge, Glinton, Phase 3</p> <p>Authority (i) for an exemption under Contract Regulations to negotiate with Peterborough City Services for the delivery of the third phase relating to refurbishment and enhancement of Clare Lodge Secure Unit and (ii) Authority for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of strategic Resources and the Solicitor to the Council, to award the contract for the refurbishment and enhancement of Clare Lodge Secure Unit to Peterborough City Services, subject to:</p> <p>(a) the satisfactory outcome of findings from a report undertaken by an independent consultant that value for money will be achieved by Peterborough City Services submission .</p> <p>(b) the value of the phase three contract does not exceed the value indicated within the exempt annex to the report.</p>

18 August 2008

Councillor Peach

Peterborough City Council Lottery Grants

To approve applications for grant funding from the City Council Lottery Grants Fund for the following grants:

- 1. Start Up Grants: To approve payment (up to the maximum) of £150 each for the groups below:**
 - **Eye Junior Football Club - £148.49:** Stationery and website design
 - **Societa Sportiva PIO - £150:** Room hire for committee meetings, website design to create PR identity
 - **Zimbabwe Peterborough Community - £150:** Website design and launch of website
- 2. Special Project Grants: To approve payment (up to the maximum) of £300 each for the groups below:**
 - **Peterborough & District Football League - £222.20:** hire of hall and supplying refreshments for AGM
 - **Societa Sportiva PIO - £300:** to hold a 'get into football' festival to learn and develop football skills
 - **Zimbabwe Peterborough Community - £300:** to host a social and cultural event to promote Zimbabwean heritage
- 3. Capital Grants: To approve payment (up to the maximum) of £500 each for the groups below:**
 - **Eye Community Social Carpet Bowls Club - £500:** to replace old bowls carpet and storage bag
 - **Eye Junior Football Club - £500:** Football kit and training equipment
 - **Millfield and New England Regeneration Partnership - £500:** office equipment i.e. printer, filing cabinet, suspension files, presenter/display board
 - **Orton Bridge Club - £494.09:** to replace old equipment i.e. bid boxes, bridge tables
 - **Peterborough & District Football League - £499.97:** to replace computer
 - **Peterborough Football Association Youth & Community Centre - £500:** to have football pitches 'verti-drained' to improve drainage
 - **Societa Sportiva PIO - £500:** to purchase PC and printer
 - **Zimbabwe Peterborough Community - £483.50:** to purchase PC and printer

4. Sport, Individual and Team Sponsorship:

Individual Sponsorship: To approve payment of £300 each for the following persons

- **Alex Boxall - £300 :** to participate in Hockey training days in UK

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Corr - £300 : to participate in a Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal • Adam Fox - £300: to participate in the National Rowing Championships in Nottingham • James Fox - £300: to participate in the National Rowing Championships in Nottingham • Correy Irvine - £300: to participate in Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal • Louie Irvine - £300: to participate in Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal • Oscar Smith- £300 : Represent England in a Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal <p><u>Total Allocation: £7,348.25</u></p>
<p>20 August 2008</p> <p>Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Eastern Regional Term Maintenance Framework Contract</p> <p>Authority to award individual contracts for Term Maintenance (general building, electrical and mechanical maintenance) for Council buildings in the Peterborough Area within the Eastern Regional Term Maintenance Framework Contract, to the following contractors.</p> <p>Building Maintenance and Installations L Garfield Builders Ltd Peterborough City Services Bull and Company Ltd Kier Building Services Engineers</p> <p>Electrical and Mechanical Maintenance and Installations A G Aylward EMS Ltd Princebuild Ltd Kier Building Services Engineers</p> <p>Contracts will commence on 1 September 2008 and expire on 31 August 2012.</p> <p>Authority to extend the existing interim Term Maintenance contract arrangements to 31 August 2008 under the current terms and conditions. Interim contracts with the incumbent contractors to cover the Council's requirements were previously approved by the Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement.</p>
<p>4 September</p> <p>Councillor Goldspink</p>	<p>Appointment of LEA Governors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paston Ridings Primary School – Councillor Sue Day – nominated by ward councillor 2. St Botolph’s Primary School – Mr Mark Phillips – nominated by the School Governor One Stop Shop 3. Welbourne Primary School – Mrs Jean Crouchman – nominated by Councillor Stephen Lane

<p>8 September</p> <p>Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Contract for the Provision of Specialist Family Assessment Services</p> <p>Authority to:-</p> <p>(i) Negotiate with a specialist local provider to deliver a range of specialist family assessment services (residential and community based)</p> <p>(ii) Delegate the award of contract to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Strategic Resources and the Solicitor to Council, subject to the successful completion of negotiations for a period of 3 years (September 2008 – October 2011) for sum outlined in the Exempt Annex to the Decision Notice.</p>

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
8 OCTOBER 2008	PUBLIC REPORT

EXECUTIVE REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS

1. STREETS, SQUARES AND SPACES STRATEGY

- 1.1 Following a referral from the Community Development Scrutiny Panel Cabinet at its meeting on 15 September 2008 considered the Streets, Squares and Spaces Strategy (previously known as the Public Realm Strategy).
- 1.2 The strategy examines the background and context to the city centre’s public realm; sets out strategic aims and objectives; identifies different character areas and the design principles that should apply to each one; establishes principles for the use of materials and detailing; and makes proposals for management and maintenance.
- 1.3 If agreed by Council the strategy will form part of the Council’s Major Policy Framework as a strategy to improve/redevelop an area of the city.
- 1.4 There are 10 principles underlying the strategy:
- The re-attachment of the railway station to the historic core
 - The re-attachment of the river to the city centre
 - A fine grain - small units and many doors
 - A vibrant place in the evening as well as in the day
 - Residents in the city centre
 - A city centre designed for cyclists and walkers
 - Places to sit and places to eat
 - Public spaces as informal arenas
 - Public spaces as arenas for festivals and events
 - A public realm that is distinctively Peterborough
- 1.5 The strategy will take into account the issue of accessibility which was raised by a number of consultees during the consultation process, and a foreword will be added to the strategy to make reference to this. There will also be references added to the strategy regarding the importance of recognising and preserving the historic core of the city centre.
- 1.6 Cabinet has approved the strategy prior to its submission to Council.
- 1.7 The Cabinet report is attached as Appendix A to this report. Copies of the associated annexes (A – C) to the Cabinet report have already been made available to Members, however further copies can be obtained upon request.**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council:

- (i) Agrees the Streets, Squares and Spaces Strategy as the Authority’s overall strategy for improvements to the public realm of Peterborough city centre
- (ii) Agrees that the Street, Squares and Spaces Strategy form part of the Council’s Major Policy Framework.

2. REFRESHED CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (JMWMS)

- 2.1 Cabinet at its meeting on 15 September 2008 considered the refreshed Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The original strategy was agreed by Council in 2002. The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) guidance, on Municipal Waste Strategies states that strategies should be reviewed and refreshed every five years so that they reflect national, regional and local policies, legislation and targets.
- 2.2 The refreshed strategy will see partner authorities working towards the following voluntary targets:-
- 45 - 50% of waste by 2010/11
 - 50 - 55% of waste by 2015/16
 - 55 – 60% of waste by 2020/21 (it should be noted that Peterborough is striving for 65% plus in this target year).
- 2.3 The revised document combines and builds on the original principles of the 2002 document and incorporates new themes that have emerged over the last five years. Two extensive public consultations in 2005 and 2007 have informed these. The nine key themes are:
- Underlying Strategic Principles for the Waste Strategy;
 - Joint Working, Partnership;
 - Climate Change;
 - Environmental Protection;
 - Waste Prevention & Reuse;
 - Recycling & composting;
 - Management of Residual Waste;
 - Wider Waste Role; and
 - Stakeholder Engagement.
- 2.4 Cabinet has endorsed the strategy, prior to its submission to full Council.
- 2.5 **The Cabinet report is attached as Appendix B to this report. The refreshed Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy document has been available in all Group Rooms since Cabinet papers were published on 5 September 2008 and a copy of the document can be made available to Members upon request.**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council:

- (i) Adopts the refreshed Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 5.1
15 SEPTEMBER 2008	PUBLIC REPORT

Cabinet Member responsible:	Councillor G Murphy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Development)	
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PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Community Development Scrutiny Panel	Deadline date : 8 October 2008
That Cabinet is asked to agree the Peterborough Public Realm Strategy as the Authority's overall strategy for improvements to the public realm of Peterborough city centre, and recommend the approach to full Council.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following Community Development Scrutiny Panel (18 June 2008).

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to enable Cabinet to consider and recommend to Council a Public Realm Strategy for the city centre of Peterborough. If agreed by Council, the Peterborough Public Realm Strategy will become part of the Council's Major Policy Framework as a strategy to improve/redevelop an area of the city.
- 2.2 A copy of the Public Realm Strategy is attached at Annex A and has been placed in each of the Group Rooms.
- 2.3 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.9 of part 3 of the Constitution 'To commission reviews by and determine any changes of policy proposed by the Scrutiny Committee and Panels making recommendations to Council about proposed changes to the Council's major policy and budget framework'.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	YES	If Yes, date for relevant Council Meeting	8 October 2008
		Date for submission to Government Dept	N/A

4. PETERBOROUGH PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

Introduction

- 4.1 A key objective, and priority, of the City Council and its partner organisation, Opportunity Peterborough, is to regenerate the city centre of Peterborough – to create a vibrant, mixed-use centre that is alive during the day and at night. A fundamental element of that objective is to improve the public realm – the streets, paths, roads, squares, spaces and riverbanks that are essential to the character of the place.
- 4.2 In 2007, the Council and Opportunity Peterborough commissioned a local consultancy, LDA Design, to produce a strategy for improvements to the public realm. Following publication of the consultants' recommended strategy, Opportunity Peterborough led a period of public consultation. The results of that consultation have been taken into account, and the Public Realm Strategy is now presented to Cabinet for recommendation to Council.
- 4.3 It is stressed that the document now presented to Cabinet is, indeed, a strategy. It analyses the character of different areas within the city centre, establishes design principles, themes and overall concepts, but it does not, in itself, commit any party to a particular scheme. It does not, in itself, commit any expenditure nor carry a budget.
- 4.4 If the Strategy is agreed, individual schemes and projects will be brought forward by Opportunity Peterborough, the Council and/or other interested parties over the course of the coming years and each one will be subject to its own approval process, as appropriate. In agreeing the strategy, therefore, the Council would be committing itself to certain principles, but not to any specific individual scheme.

The Strategy

- 4.5 The strategy examines the background and context to the city centre's public realm; sets out strategic aims and objectives; identifies different character areas and the design principles that should apply to each one; establishes principles for the use of materials and detailing; and makes proposals for management and maintenance.
- 4.6 The **vision** is for a well-connected network of beautiful streets and spaces. These will be the lifeblood of a sustainable city centre where people live, work and play; a public realm which is alive during the day and evening. New pieces of city will be seamlessly knitted into the fabric of the existing city centre forming clear, legible, active and attractive walking and cycling routes. The public realm will have a strong sense of it being 'distinctively Peterborough', stitching together all the key buildings and spaces that enrich its character and using materials and design languages that relate strongly to the place.
- 4.7 There are 10 principles underlying the strategy:
- Principle 1 - The re-attachment of the railway station to the historic core
 - Principle 2 - The re-attachment of the river to the city centre
 - Principle 3 - A fine grain - small units and many doors
 - Principle 4 - A vibrant place in the evening as well as in the day
 - Principle 5 – Residents in the city centre
 - Principle 6 – A city centre designed for cyclists and walkers
 - Principle 7 – Places to sit and places to eat
 - Principle 8 – Public spaces as informal arenas
 - Principle 9 – Public spaces as arenas for festivals and events
 - Principle 10 – A public realm that is distinctively Peterborough
- 4.8 The Strategy identifies an underlying conceptual framework of a Stone Axis which connects many of the city's most impressive stone buildings in an east-west direction from the Museum to the Cathedral; and a Green Axis which extends in a north-south direction

from Central Park to the river. These align with the emerging concepts of a Heritage Axis and an Arts and Cultural Axis in the City Centre Area Action Plan.

- 4.9 Six different character areas are identified – the Historic Core, Riverside (including Rivergate and Fengate), Midgate, Queensgate and North Westgate, the Station Quarter (including the Hospital Quarter), and the City Centre Residential Area. For each one, design objectives, principles and components are put forward. A high priority is given to implementation of schemes to improve Cathedral Square, Bridge Street, Long Causeway, Cowgate and Westgate, including the creation of an attractive new public space (St John's Square) on the site of the existing Corn Exchange building (Norwich Union House). Concept design sketches indicate possible design solutions based on the principles of the Strategy.
- 4.10 Landscape architecture and engineering practices will create the detailed designs for Cathedral Square and the area surrounding St John the Baptist Church, using principles within the Strategy, which will be the subject of further public consultation. Cathedral Square should be redesigned so that it becomes a piece of public art in its own right. Transformation of the Square could be completed by the summer of 2009.
- 4.11 The Strategy makes proposals for paving and other surfacing materials according to location and function; for drainage and utility services covers; street furniture; lighting; signage; water features; soft landscaping and public art. Issues of maintenance and management are addressed.
- 4.12 It will be important that the design and implementation of all works follows the principles of environmental sustainability, as this will help to achieve a 'distinctively Peterborough' public realm. A further important consideration will be design solutions that are inclusive, with ease of access for all.

Costs and Risks

- 4.13 The Strategy itself does not commit the Council or any other party to any expenditure, but there will be costs associated with each separate project. Budget estimates based upon the strategy have identified that the overall cost for the five phases of public realm implementation is expected to reach £11 - £13M. Compared to other public realms, such as the Streets and Spaces Scheme in Leicester at a cost of £16M for a similar sized area, Peterborough could be considered good value for money. So far, funding streams for the capital projects have been identified as predominantly GAF 3 (£4M), although there is the potential for strong partnership funding from EEDA, the Arts Council and the Council's growth fund. Once the project becomes live, the continuing management and maintenance requirements will be a revenue cost to the Council and the implications (i.e. whether there are revenue savings or revenue costs compared to the current situation) will need to be considered on a scheme-by-scheme basis.
- 4.14 There will be scope to negotiate for funds through planning obligations, where a proposed city centre development would have some impact on the public realm including, in particular changes to pedestrian, cycle or vehicular movements, or as part of the pooling of s106 monies, should an appropriate way of achieving this be agreed. However, there can be no certainty over the level of funding from this source, as it depends on the level of developer activity in the centre over the coming years.
- 4.15 The main risks to the project include unforeseen issues over statutory undertakers/utilities equipment and materials sourcing issues. Both have been addressed within the Strategy and will be taken forward in the implementation phase. Mitigation of these risks is possible through forward planning, having a clear delivery plan and undertaking comprehensive survey work.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Strategy was considered by Community Development Scrutiny Panel on 18 June 2008. Following discussions and questions, the Panel noted the report, agreed that it wished to be engaged with the project as it progressed and welcomed the opportunity to consider detailed designs and timescales in due course.
- 5.2 Throughout the project, consultation with stakeholders has occurred. To support and advise on the development of the Strategy, a delivery team consisting of PCC officers, Opportunity Peterborough staff and the consultants was engaged. From December to January consultation on the issues and opportunities for Peterborough was carried out as part of the evidence gathering stage of the project. Full public and stakeholder consultation on the strategy took place in May, and this included meetings with key bodies, such as the Peterborough Civic Society, Local Access Forum, St John the Baptist Church, the Peterborough Cycling Forum etc., as well as a public session at Queensgate. A presentation with question and answer session was held for a wide range of stakeholders, including local businesses, developers, environmental groups etc.
- 5.3 Attached at Annex B are the results of the public questionnaire on the Strategy. Attached at Annex C is a list of comments made along with responses. The great majority of the comments relate to potential individual schemes or the way in which public spaces could be used following implementation, and so do not necessitate any change to the overall strategy.
- 5.4 The Council Departments with a key interest in the fabric of the city centre public realm have been given a further separate opportunity to comment on the Strategy and no concerns have been raised. The Director of Environment and Community Services comments that sustainability needs to run through the scheme, from the type of materials used, to how it is lit and public art opportunities. The work should showcase our environment credentials so that it is clear to visitors. There should be lots of interesting and iconic public art. The corridors to and from the new Cathedral Square need to be upgraded as part of the scheme. This should include attractive, safe feeling corridors guiding walkers from car parks and the bus station to the heart of the city. If fountains are to be incorporated, we need to take into account water usage/wastage and power use. Comments from the Head of Culture have been incorporated into this report.
- 5.5 The city centre area extends across four wards (Central, East, West and Fletton). Councillors from these wards have been invited to comment on this report but no comments have been received.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 6.1 It is anticipated that Cabinet will recommend the Strategy to Council for approval. Schemes for enhancement of the public realm in accordance with the overall Strategy will then be progressed on an individual basis.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Strategy is recommended for approval as part of the package of measures which contribute to two of the Council's strategic priorities – to plan and deliver a safe, attractive and environmentally friendly city; and to make Peterborough a better place in which to live and work. It will contribute to the priority outcome of the Sustainable Community Strategy – Creating a safe, vibrant city centre and sustainable neighbourhood centres. Improvements to the public realm have also been demonstrated to contribute to the economic growth of cities, with measurable impact on surrounding property values.¹

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

¹ CABE 'Paved with gold – the real value of street design' June 2007

- 8.1 The alternative option is not to produce and approve a Public Realm Strategy. This was rejected because, if there was no strategy, the state of the public realm would continue to deteriorate; the quality of the environment in comparison to that of neighbouring cities would deter shoppers, tourists, visitors and businesses; individual works in the public realm would be carried out in an ad hoc fashion, producing an incoherent city centre; and the potential to capture contributions to public realm improvements through planning obligations would be reduced.

9. IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The Public Realm Strategy will have implications for all sectors of society who use or would like to use publicly accessible places in the city centre. Consultations have taken place with organisations representing people with disabilities and with the Council's Access Officer, and this engagement will continue through specific delivery.
- 9.2 Legal Implications: There are no immediate legal implications flowing from the Peterborough Public Realm Strategy. However, the individual plans and detailed schemes will need to meet all legal requirements in terms of sustainable development, obtaining planning permissions, and managing any land transfers and contracts. It is envisaged that detailed legal analysis of each individual scheme will be required at an early stage, to include an analysis of title, legal restrictions and covenants, legal rights to be retained or established, planning status and the planning application procedures, contracts and agreements required to establish the schemes.
- 9.3 Financial Implications: There are no immediate financial implications flowing from the approval of the Peterborough Public Realm Strategy. The detailed financial implications of the projects contained within it will be assessed as individual schemes develop, and these will be incorporated into the Council's Capital and Revenue financial planning processes.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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Peterborough Public Realm Strategy, LDA Design, May 2008

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CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 5.2
15 SEPTEMBER 2008	PUBLIC REPORT

Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor W Fitzgerald, Cabinet Member for Environment	
Contact Officer(s):	Mike Brown, Strategic Resources Paul Pace, Section Head, Environmental Quality & Enforcement	Tel. 453527 Tel. 453594

REFRESHED CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (JMWMS)

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
1. To seek approval for the ‘refreshed’ Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (available in the members lounge) prior to its adoption by Full Council on the 8 October 2008.

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy was agreed by full council in 2002. The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) guidance, on Municipal Waste Strategies states that strategies should be reviewed and refreshed every five years so that they reflect national, regional and local policies, legislation and targets.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The Joint Waste Partnership of Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council together with the five district council's submitted its Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) to Defra in 2002. Peterborough City Council and all the other partner authorities adopted and published this strategy the same year.

2.2 The Defra guidance on Municipal Waste Strategies states that strategies should be reviewed and refreshed every five years so that they reflect national, regional and local policies, legislation and targets. The refreshed document combines the original principles of the 2002 document and incorporates nine new themes that have emerged over the last five years.

2.3 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference. 3.2.1 ‘to take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategic Executive functions within the Council’s Major Policy Framework and Budget Framework and lead the Council’s overall improvement programmes to deliver excellent services’.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	YES	If Yes, date for relevant Full Council Meeting	8 October 2008
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4. BACKGROUND

4.1 The refreshed strategy will see partner authorities working towards voluntary targets set out below:-

- 45 - 50% of waste by 2010/11
- 50 - 55% of waste by 2015/16
- 55 – 60% of waste by 2020/21 (it should be noted that Peterborough is striving for 65% plus in this target year).

4.2 Peterborough as a waste disposal authority has achieved a very impressive recycling and composting rate of 46.15% for 2007/08. Peterborough continues, for the third year running, to be the highest recycling performing unitary council in the country. The overall performance of the Recap partnership has seen the 2010/11 target been achieved three years ahead of time.

4.3 The RECAP partnership has proven to be an exemplary in waste management, which has been recognised by Defra. As a high performing authority/partnership, the council is exempt from conforming to Defra's requirements for a municipal waste strategy. However it was felt that as the requirements for a Waste Management Strategy constitutes principles of best practice and therefore they should be followed. The requirements stipulate that a clear action plan for achieving targets should be evident and this is now part of the new strategy document.

4.4 The revised document combines and builds on the original principles of the 2002 document and incorporates new themes that have emerged over the last five years. Two extensive public consultations in 2005 and 2007 have informed these. The nine key themes are outlined below.

- Underlying Strategic Principles for the Waste Strategy;
- Joint Working, Partnership;
- Climate Change;
- Environmental Protection;
- Waste Prevention & Reuse;
- Recycling & composting;
- Management of Residual Waste;
- Wider Waste Role; and
- Stakeholder Engagement.

4.5 The strategy covers arrangements for the sustainable management of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) controlled by the RECAP partners and is the framework for addressing waste prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery in line with the waste hierarchy. It also covers collection, treatment and disposal of MSW. The strategy is a forward thinking document which clearly identifies the links between waste management and climate change. It continues to direct the way forward for waste management within the area and reconciles the twin aspirations of customer satisfaction whilst achieving the national and European waste diversion targets.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Cabinet is asked to comment and approve the refreshed Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (available in the members lounge) prior to its adoption by Full Council on the 8 October 2008.

5.2 The development and approval of the Strategy ensures that the council continues to lead from the front, demonstrating best practice and setting clear outcomes for the Partnership.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 As a high performing partnership which includes Peterborough City Council, we are exempt from conforming to Defra's requirements for a municipal waste strategy, however it was felt that as the requirements of developing a strategy and clear action plan for municipal waste management are regarded as best practice, then it should be followed.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Where appropriate certain outcomes and actions identified within the strategy have been incorporated into the council's Service Plan for 2008/09 to 2010/11.
- 7.2 Any staffing implications which will be required in the delivery of this strategy will be highlighted through the resource and budget setting process for future years.
- 7.3 An equality impact assessment will be carried out through the RECAP partnership.
- 7.4 The strategy recognises the impact waste collections and treatment have on the environment and identifies the need to constantly improve this aspect of managing waste in a sustainable way.
- 7.5 The need to protect the community as well as the environment is inherent in the document and addresses such issues as the safe disposal of all waste including hazardous waste e.g. refrigerators, freezers and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment.

In presenting this report officers have considered the various implications as follows:

7.6 Risk Management Implications

- (i) Members are advised of the following **key** risk management implications arising from this report. A position of not adopting the refreshed Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy carries the key risks shown below:
- a) The Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS), which controls the ability of WDAs to reduce their waste to landfill, can impose fines of up to £150 per tonne for each tonne of waste landfilled above the allowance for that year.
 - b) The City Council is charged a tax of £32 for each tonne of waste sent to landfill. This Landfill Tax is currently increasing at a rate of £8 per tonne per year and is not likely to reduce over time.
 - c) The Growth Agenda is bringing in a larger population to the area and with it more waste to deal with.

The adoption of the refreshed strategy will reduce the financial risk on the council by managing the future risks through a number of mitigating actions in accordance with the management action plans which form the basis of delivery of the Strategy by the Partnership.

- (ii) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (RECAP) partnership will develop a joint communications strategy to ensure that the refreshed JMWMS is communicated to all the residents within the partnership area.

7.7 Financial Implications

- (i) There are financial implications of increasing our recycling rate however these are mainly associated with the growth agenda for the city and are therefore covered within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

- (ii) The majority of the waste management infrastructure for the delivery of the Strategy is underway as set out within the Medium Term Financial Strategy and shall be reviewed according to the project management process currently underway.

7.8 Legal Implications

- (i) There are no legal implications in not adopting the strategy however, this would go against Defra best practice and effect the council's CAA position.

7.9 Climate Change

This report will now incorporate the climate change agenda and aid the city council's overall impact on the environment through targets set within the strategy on how the partners manage their waste collections and treatment operations in the future as below:

- a) Waste Prevention reduces the City Council's contribution to climate change by reducing the amount of waste being transported and treated (either by recycling, composting or landfilling). Thus the contribution from vehicle movements and waste processing is reduced.
- b) Dry and Organic recycling reduces the City Council's contribution to climate change by reducing the amount of waste landfilled. Several of the key greenhouse gases, such as methane, are produced by the decomposition of waste in landfill and therefore it is anticipated that there will be a reduction in the amount of landfill gas generation compared to an "as is" scenario.
- c) Trade Waste recycling does not come under the legislative obligations of the City Council, however it does reduce the overall amount of climate changing activity related to waste. It is also a key way of reaching householders on a day-to-day basis whilst they are at work.

8. **CONSULTATION**

8.1 Two extensive public consultations have been conducted by the RECAP Partnership in 2005 and 2007 as detailed below:

- a) In 2005 the RECAP Partnership carried out a public consultation exercise to find out what the public thought about the waste management facilities. The consultation was called Rubbish: the problem on your doorstep and helped feed into the review of the current Strategy.
- b) Further consultation was carried out in 2007 in relation to reaching the objectives set out in the Strategy called, Rubbish: Your views on how to beat the waste mountain

8.2 Peterborough also conducted further consultations as set out below,

- a) In August 2006 a public consultation exercise was carried out called 'Your Waste, Your View'. A leaflet and article was produced and distributed to the Peterborough community (72,000 copies) within "Your Peterborough". The leaflet and article contained information on Peterborough's current and possible future waste situation, including an outline on the drivers for this change.
- b) Several focus group meetings took place in Peterborough during August and December 2006 to allow the residents of Peterborough to feed into the review of the future waste strategy.

8.3 This Refreshed Strategy has been recommended to be approved by the Joint Member Waste & Recycling Working Group and Environment Scrutiny Panel on the 12 June 2008

9. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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- 9.1 Joint Municipal Waste Strategy and Peterborough's Recycling Plan Committee Report to Environment Scrutiny Committee 2002
- 9.2 The Strategy for dealing with Municipal Solid Waste 2002 – 2022 in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
8 OCTOBER 2008	PUBLIC REPORT

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with Standing Order 11.1:

1. Motion from Councillor Lane

That this Council:

1. records its concern that gas and electricity bills for domestic consumers have risen significantly this year with potentially serious consequences for a great number of households, especially the fuel poor;
2. acknowledges the Government's £910 million energy efficiency drive to assist domestic consumers to reduce their fuel costs, but recognises that the initiative provides a medium to long term solution and does not serve to ensure that vulnerable households will receive the immediate help that they desperately need; and
3. instructs its officers to consider, as a matter of urgency, how financial aid can be made available by the most appropriate method to vulnerable households.

2. Motion from Councillor Lamb

That this Council:

1. acknowledges the significant barriers to independent mobility experienced by blind people leaving them isolated and finding it difficult to access services without mobility assistance;
2. recognises that many visually impaired people are supported by the Primary Care Trust in Peterborough, as well as several local voluntary and community organisations;
3. notes that blind people are not entitled to the higher mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA), and therefore;
4. requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in support of the Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) campaign to secure the higher rate mobility component of DLA for blind people.

3. Motion from Councillor Sandford

That this Council notes:

1. that Peterborough City Council has signed the Nottingham Declaration on climate change and developed a Climate Change Strategy;
2. two key aspects of the strategy are that the City Council should seek to achieve significant reductions in carbon emissions in all its activities and set an example to the people and communities of Peterborough;
3. it is good for everyone, including Council staff to drink adequate amounts of water so as to promote health and well-being, but there is no significant evidence that bottled water is any healthier than that which is supplied through a tap by Anglian Water;
4. sourcing, packaging, transport and the sale of bottled water is highly carbon intensive, often involving moving it over hundreds of miles and the use of disposable plastic bottles; and
5. Peterborough aspires to become the Environment Capital of the UK and hence, needs to behave in an exemplary way in all aspects of environmental performance;

Therefore, the Council requests the Cabinet to:

1. ensure that as many Council staff as possible have access to water coolers in or near their offices, thus providing them with a good supply of tap water at a pleasant and refreshing temperature for drinking;
2. instructs its officers to cease providing bottled water at any meeting, conference or other event organised by the Council or taking place on Council premises; and
3. where appropriate, promote this as the policy of the Council and seek to influence other local organisations to follow the Council's example.

4. Motion from Councillor Sharp

That this Council:

1. recognises the magnificent achievements of Louis Smith, other Olympians and Para-Olympians from our area at the Olympic Games in Beijing;
2. notes that whilst top athletes attract significant support from lottery funding and other funding streams, others must rely on the provision of facilities locally and such facilities have been removed over the years;
3. states its commitment to providing sporting opportunities for young people within the city to enable them to emulate the successes of our Olympians; and
4. requests that an all-party group be established to investigate ways of funding training facilities to support our budding stars of the future and that the group reports back on its proposals within a period of eighteen months.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
8 OCTOBER 2008	PUBLIC REPORT

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : <i>Solicitor to the Council</i>	
1. That Council authorises the Solicitor to the Council to make changes to the Constitution to reflect changes in the Senior Management Structure confirmed following Employment Committee on 18 September 2008.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The report is submitted to Council as part of the Monitoring Officer's responsibility under Article 14 of the Constitution to monitor and review the Constitution.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The Chief Executive has made changes to the Senior Management structure, including changes to the job titles of all Directors posts, and movement of some services to other Directorates. As a result of these changes it is necessary to amend the Constitution. The changes are of a procedural and administrative nature and are therefore not set out in detail in this report.

3. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

3.1 Implementation of the recommendations in this report will ensure that the Council's governance arrangements remain robust and ensure that the Constitution is up to date.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

These are to keep the Constitution up to date following changes to Council structures.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative to making the changes is to continue with an out of date Constitution which is inaccurate and is likely to lead to confusion and inability of the Directorates to fulfil their delegations.

6. IMPLICATIONS

Legal: the proposals in this report comply with all legal requirements. There are no financial implications.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Report to Employment Committee dated 18 September 2008.

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