

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2011
7.00 PM**

Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall

AGENDA

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Wednesday 9 November 2011



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Committee Members:

Councillors: M Todd (Chairman), S Day (Vice Chairman), G Casey, C Burton, G Simons, J R Fox and M Jamil

Substitutes: Councillors: D Over, B Saltmarsh and S Martin

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE
BOURGES & VIERSEN ROOMS, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH
ON
20 JULY 2011**

Present: Councillors Todd (Chairman), S Day, G Casey, C Burton, G Simons, JR Fox, and M Jamil

Also Present Maheub Ladha (MJ) Director, Peterborough Racial Equality Council

Officers in Attendance:	Paul Phillipson	Executive Director of Operations
	Adrian Chapman	Head of Neighbourhood Services
	DCI Gary Goose	Community Safety Strategic Manager
	Leonie McCarthy	Social Inclusion Manager
	Lisa Emmanuel	Neighbourhood Manager
	Julie Rivett	Neighbourhood Manager
	Paulina Ford	Senior Governance Officer, Scrutiny
	David O'Connor Long	Lawyer

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Ansar Ali – Cambridgeshire Police Authority.

2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Fox who declared a personal interest in that he was a member of Peterborough Council of Voluntary Services.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2011

The minutes of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15 June 2011 were approved as an accurate record.

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

There were no requests for Call-in to consider.

5. Single Delivery Plan

The report informed the Committee of the development of the Single Delivery Plan (SDP) and focused on areas within the SDP that fell within the remit of the Committee:

- Programme 5: Empowering People and Creating Cohesive Communities
 - Building voluntary and community sector capacity to deliver local services – Project Lead, Leonie McCarthy, Social Inclusion Manager
 - Delivering the localism agenda - Project Lead, Leonie McCarthy, Social Inclusion Manager
 - Tackling the causes of hate crime and community tension – Project Lead, MJ Ladha, Director, Peterborough Racial Equality Council
- Programme 6: Reducing Crime and Tackling Antisocial Behaviour – Programme Lead, Gary Goose, Community Safety Strategic Manager

and

- Programme 1, Project 4: Creating a Safe, Clean and Vibrant City Centre
- Programme 7, Project 27: Citizen Power Programme (this will be presented to the committee in September)

The development of the SDP was overseen and co-ordinated by the Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP). The GPP were Peterborough's Local Strategic Partnership, and was the body that 'united representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sectors to work collectively together towards the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy'. The SDP enabled agencies responsible for developing and delivering services in Peterborough to work together more collaboratively, through 'whole systems thinking' approaches. Each programme had a programme lead and each project would be managed through the council's project reporting system Verto. Performance management of the SDP would focus on delivery and outcomes. Members were informed about a new system for collecting data called the Neighbourhood Window which was a visual piece of software capable of overlaying several sources of data. It would become a single place where intelligence and data would be held about the city to enable better decision making.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- Most people still feared crime even though crime was being reduced. How can this perception be changed? *It was difficult to change people's perception. Fear was often based around anti-social behaviour in neighbourhoods which suffered from graffiti, litter and damage. Cleaning up these areas would influence a change in perception.*
- Data shown in the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan shows a figure of 4713 crimes recorded in the Central Ward. This data could alarm people and increase the fear of crime. Did this figure include the City Centre? Would it be possible to breakdown the figure to show a separation of Central Ward and the City Centre? *A breakdown between the Central Ward and the City Centre could be provided in future reporting to this Committee.*
- If you were looking to do things differently to make a change what would you not want to do again going forward? What lessons have been learnt? *A major lesson learnt would be to ensure that any positive changes made today would not impact negatively on work done in the future. There was a need for agencies to work together in a collaboratively way to ensure that any decisions made in one agency did not have a negative impact on work carried out by another agency. The SDP would ensure this collaborative working. To stop thinking that the council always knew best and to accept that people who received the services may have a better idea/solution on how to deliver them. It was about working differently.*
- Members were concerned that Cross Keys were the only social landlord engaging with the council. *Members were informed that a board called the Peterborough Homes Board which consisted of representatives of all the social landlords, housing officers, the Executive Director of Operations and the Head of Neighbourhood Services met on a monthly basis. All representatives worked collaboratively through this forum to tackle housing issues across the city. Social landlords would also be actively involved in the SDP. The Registered Social Landlords Forum also met regularly to share data and issues. There were lots of examples of all the social landlords across the city engaging with the council. The biggest challenge for the council was that of rogue private landlords. The Head of Neighbourhood Services informed Members that he would be requesting support from the Committee in the future for new innovative ways of working going forward to address these issues.*
- Can you explain how Programme 2 - Supporting the most vulnerable families and tackling the causes of poverty will be delivered? *This programme did not fall within the remit of the Committee however there were many cross cutting elements within the programme that did relate to the work being looked at by the Committee. The project lead for the Family Poverty Project was Sian Peer who was a Commissioning Officer in Children's*

Services. Sian had developed a draft Child Poverty Strategy identifying ten programmes of work to tackle family poverty.

- Within the 'Delivering the Localism Agenda' Programme one of the deliverables was to strengthen accountability to local people. One activity for this deliverable was to work with the Peterborough Association of Local Councils to explore the opportunities and potential to parish other communities across Peterborough. Can you explain what this means. *This was a suggestion in the draft Localism Bill that was being explored which would look at the potential to parish urban and rural areas. Peterborough Association of Local Councils were very enthusiastic to explore this further but Members were advised that it was very much a piece of exploratory work.*
- When we have groups of other nationalities coming into the City do we have a system where by we can see what skills they have and what ideas they have for the City to include them in the vision for the City? *New Link which was a City Council project did identify the skills of new arrivals and identify any vacancies within the City to match those skills. This now sat within the Neighbourhood Teams and has continued as a main stream piece of work.*
- Do you help the voluntary associations in advising them where they can draw funding from other sources? *A piece of work was being undertaken to help empower the people within these associations. Advice would be given to them on where to go for funding, how to complete applications for funding and help identify other associations wanting to run similar projects so that they can work together to maximise the funding and outcomes.*
- How does the Localities Board fit in with the SDP? *Delivering the SDP would be through locality working which was the common thread throughout the SDP.*

The Chair thanked officers for an informative and interesting presentation and looked forward to the Committee receiving reports on each of the individual programmes mentioned.

ACTION AGREED

1. The Committee noted the report and requested that detailed reports be brought to the Committee on the programmes within the Single Delivery Plan that fall within the remit of the Committee:
 - a. Building voluntary and community sector capacity to deliver local services
 - b. Delivering the localism agenda
 - c. Tackling the causes of hate crime and community tension
 - d. Reducing Crime and Tackling Antisocial Behaviour and
 - e. Creating a Safe, Clean and Vibrant City Centre
 - f. Citizen Power Programme
2. The Head of Neighbourhood Services to provide the Committee with details of the Family Poverty Project.

6. Update on Recommendations Relating to Neighbourhood Committees

The report informed the Committee on the progress made in respect of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Group in relation to Neighbourhood Councils following Cabinet decisions in February and March 2011, and decisions at Annual Council in May 2011. In attendance were two Neighbourhood Managers who gave their perspective of how the delivery of Neighbourhood Committees had changed since the recommendations had been approved. Both reported a positive change for urban and rural Neighbourhood Committees and advised that the recommendations were starting to be embedded. There had also been a notable improvement in buy in to the concept of Neighbourhood Committees from all parties involved. Numbers of people in attendance at meetings were slowly starting to increase and positive feedback was being received. There was a lot more work to do but the changes were starting to make a difference.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- Can you update the Committee on progress with regard to the recommendation on the disaggregation of budgets? *The principle of delegating mainstream revenue budgets had been agreed corporately. There would be a pilot using part of the highways budget disaggregated down to Neighbourhood Committees level later this year. There was also work being done on the Enterprise Contract to see which parts of the budget could be disaggregated down to Neighbourhood Committees.*
- What progress has been made with regard to creating a single, seamless approach to neighbourhood engagement? *Agreement had been obtained from the police to pilot a session where the Neighbourhood Police Panel and Neighbourhood Committee would meet at the same venue on the same evening*
- What progress had been made on organising a Neighbourhood Committee locality tour? *Ward tours were scheduled to commence in the autumn following the development of the Community Action Plans.*
- What progress had been made regarding the creation of a lead officer role within the Neighbourhoods division? *The job description was being evaluated and there had also been ongoing discussions regarding additional support around this role. Any developments with regard to this would be brought before the Committee at a later date when further detail had been finalised.*
- Had members of the Corporate Management Team (CMT) been identified to champion each Neighbourhood Committee? *CMT members had been identified for each committee and a Head of Service would also be allocated to each committee.*
- Councillor Burton informed Members that the Neighbourhood Council Review Group would reconvene in September to determine new terms of reference for the group going forward. Councillor Casey was invited to join the group.
- Some members were concerned that the Neighbourhood Committee meetings might become too lengthy if holding the Ward Forums, Neighbourhood Police Panels and Neighbourhood Committee on the same evening. *People would be able to attend which part of the meeting they were interested in and would not have to attend the whole evening. The ward forum would be an informal meeting place to come and talk to ward councillors and officers about issues and concerns in their neighbourhood. The Neighbourhood Panel would focus on low level street issues and the Neighbourhood Committee would concentrate on the strategic issues that would transform the neighbourhood. With good leadership and focused agenda's the meeting need not be lengthy. The meetings would be piloted and the outcomes would be brought back to the Committee for further discussion.*
- Members voiced concern as to why the Chairs for each Committee were chosen as some of them were not ward members in the area for the Neighbourhood Committee they chaired. *Members were advised that Chairs were appointed by Council each year and this had been discussed by the review group. The review group would continue to look at this concern going forward.*
- There had appeared to be a difference in the success of Neighbourhood Committees in the North and South of the City, can you explain why. *The North had struggled in the early days without a permanent Neighbourhood Manager which had impacted on the development of the Neighbourhood Committees. The debate between the relationship of Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Committees had also hindered progress. The strongest Committees had also had strong community development work in place. There was a strong team of Neighbourhood Managers now in place and progress was being made across all of the Neighbourhood Committees but it should also be noted that each Committee would naturally be very different.*
- What was happening regarding the offer of free transport to the Neighbourhood Committee meetings? *Free transport was being advertised on posters but so far no one had requested it.*

ACTION AGREED

The Committee requested a monthly email update on the progress of implementing the recommendations from the review of Neighbourhood Councils. If the Committee identify any issues then a full report would be brought to the Committee at the next available meeting.

7. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Committee received the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan, containing key decisions that the Leader of the Council anticipated the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during the course of the following four months. Members were invited to comment on the Plan and, where appropriate, identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's work programme.

ACTION AGREED

The Committee noted the Forward Plan and agreed that there were no items for further consideration.

8. Work Programme

Members considered the Committee's Work Programme for 2011/12 and discussed possible items for inclusion.

The Senior Governance Officer advised the Committee that items listed on the work programme covering Grass Verge Parking and Dog Control Orders would fall within the remit of the Environment Capital Committee as they were enforcement issues.

ACTION AGREED

To confirm the work programme for 2011/12.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 September 2011

The meeting began at 7.00 and ended at 9.08pm

CHAIRMAN

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STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMISSION	Agenda Item No. 5
14 SEPTEMBER 2011	Public Report

Report of the Chief Executive

Contact Officer(s) – Andrew Edwards, Head of Growth & Regeneration
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TREES IN BRIDGE STREET

1. PURPOSE

1.1 This report is in response to a request for an agenda item from Councillor Sandford.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

3.1 The report explains an element of proposed public realm improvement works to Bridge Street and Long Causeway which will contribute to Programme 1 of the Single Delivery Plan – “creating jobs through growth and improved skills and education” – and particularly by addressing the priority to “create a safe and vibrant city centre.”

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 As part of the ongoing programme of improvements to public realm in the city centre, proposals are currently being developed to refresh the key shopping streets Bridge Street and Long Causeway. An initial scheme design has been drawn up and was put out to public consultation during the summer. The main elements of the proposal are:

- Replacing street furniture such as seats, cycle racks and waste bins
- Upgrading street lighting, including installing feature lighting to trees
- Repairing and relaying paving, including sections around seating areas
- Removing two trees from each group of six where this is necessary to protect the viability of the remaining trees
- Management of existing trees

Funds have been set aside to plant 200 new trees in other parts of the city to replace those that we will have to remove.

A specific timetable of work has not been established at present but work will be phased to focus on one small area at a time to minimise disruption.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 The key issue for consideration by the committee today is the proposed removal of approximately one third of the existing trees. This proposal is based on a report by a tree specialist who examined the condition of the trees on Bridge Street and Long Causeway. The report concluded that the majority of the trees are currently in good condition. However it also noted that “The trees are close grown and consequently several are leaning away from their neighbours. There is a need for selective tree removal to ensure longevity of the tree stock and perpetuate an ongoing beneficial contribution to the street scene.”

The current public realm proposals take this recommendation into account by proposing to remove some of the trees now, before the condition of any of the trees starts to suffer significantly, and to allow the remaining trees more room to reach full and healthy maturity.

Officers consider that the removal of around one third of the trees will also have a secondary benefit of opening up the street scene, allowing in more natural daylight. However under the proposals the remaining trees would still provide a green environment with ample shade on warm days.

It should be noted that although the proposals include the removal of around one third of the existing trees, the proposed planting of 200 new trees elsewhere in the city is expected to more than offset any CO₂ impacts of the tree removals.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposal concern two key city centre shopping streets and therefore have potential city wide implications as the streets are used by many residents from across the area.

Public realm changes may also have maintenance implications; these are due to be explored with officers responsible for the Enterprise contract shortly.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Public consultation took place for four weeks beginning 21st July and ending 19th August 2011. The proposals were displayed for the first two days in a public exhibition at St. John's Church in the city centre, and were also available online for the duration of the consultation period. In both cases a questionnaire was provided. A copy of this is given at Appendix 1.

A concern has been raised that the question regarding trees could be considered leading. However officers considered that it was important to set out clearly the reasons for the proposed tree removal so that members of the public could form their opinion based on the full facts.

Responses received expressed a variety of views on all aspects of the Bridge Street and Long Causeway proposals. On the particular topic of the trees the range of views encompassed a number who wished to see all the trees removed as they felt they created a dark and gloomy environment, through to those who felt strongly that all trees should remain even if this caused future difficulties. The majority (67%) agreed with the proposal to remove a proportion of the trees if this is necessary to retain the viability of the remainder.

Internal consultation with officers in the Natural & Historic Environment team (with responsibility for Conservation Areas and Tree Preservation Orders) is currently underway. Officers with responsibility for the Enterprise contract (which covers tree maintenance and street cleansing amongst other items) will also be consulted.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 Following the consultation described above officers will shortly consider in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Members whether it is necessary to make any amendments to the proposed scheme. A final scheme will then be published later in the year.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 9.1 Tree Condition Survey And Management Recommendations Peterborough Public Realm – The Urban Forestry Organisation Limited, February 2008.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – copy of Questionnaire from public exhibition

Improving Bridge Street and Long Causeway

We welcome your views on our plans, so we would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete this questionnaire. Your comments will be considered by the project team. Thank you.

Q1: Approach - What would be your opinions regarding the refurbishment of Bridge Street and Long Causeway (please select one box)

- There's nothing wrong with them and they should be left as they are
- It's time to refresh the whole of Bridge Street and Long Causeway
- Don't really have an opinion

Q2 Paving - We are proposing to re-use as much of the existing paving as possible and as a result the paving will not be to the same standard as Cathedral Square. What are your thoughts on this approach?

- This approach will ensure that the project delivers what it needs to do whilst keeping within a sensible budget.
- It should be replaced with paving that matches that in Cathedral Square even though this will cost significantly more
- Don't really have an opinion

Q3 Trees - We have been advised by specialists that there are too many trees on both Long Causeway and Bridge Street. If we do not remove some of the trees there is a danger that they all could die, or at least be harmed over time. We are proposing to remove the minimum number, which will also have the benefit of opening up the street scene, allowing in more natural daylight.

- Removal of the minimum number of trees will ensure the long term sustainability of the remainder
- The opportunity should be taken now to remove all of the trees to reduce maintenance issues in the future.
- The trees should be left untouched even though there could be issues in the future regarding maintenance
- I don't have any opinion on this

PTO

Q4 Street furniture - We are planning to replace the street furniture (seats, waste bins and cycle racks) with the appearance of those shown on the plans.

- Use a combination of steel and wood, following the approach taken in Cathedral Square and St John's Square
- Give the seats and bins a stainless steel finish similar to that in Cathedral Square
- Give the seats and bins a black finish

Q5 Lighting - We are proposing to redesign the lighting along both Long Causeway and Bridge Street. This will involve the re-use of existing lamp posts but with different light efficient fittings.

- Just focus on providing pedestrian lighting along the length of Long Causeway and Bridge Street
- Include the provision of canopy lighting for the trees
- Take the opportunity to include other 'feature' lighting on various buildings

Other comments

Please place this questionnaire in the box provided or return by post to:

Head of Growth & Regeneration
Peterborough City Council
Stuart House (East Wing)
St Johns Street
Peterborough
PE1 5DD

Many thanks for your feedback

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 6
14 SEPTEMBER 2011	Public Report

Report of the Executive Director of Operations

**Contact Officer(s) – Katy Softley, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator, Safer Peterborough Team
Contact Details – 863893**

DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER (DPPO)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 We have been asked to extend the existing city centre Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) into the New England area by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector and the Neighbourhood Manager for the area as well as by a local resident. The DPPO would mean that to consume alcohol in public when asked to stop by a police officer would become an offence.
- 1.2 The proposed area is an extension to the existing designated area in the city centre and is bounded by the following roads: St Pauls Road, Fulbridge Road, A47 Soke Parkway, Bourges Boulevard. Maps are provided at Appendix 1 showing existing DPPO and proposed extension.
- 1.3 The process requires authorisation from the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Safety to instigate full consultation prior to reports to Scrutiny Committee and then Full Council for decision. This report is presented here as part of this process.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Scrutiny recommends to Full Council that the DPPO is adopted.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 DPPOs are a useful tool for tackling alcohol related anti social behaviour. This supports Priority 2 of the Sustainable Community Strategy 'Creating Strong and Supportive Communities' and also directly contributes to Programme 6 of the Single Delivery Plan 'Reducing Crime and Tackling Anti Social Behaviour' and in particular the 'Targeting Vulnerable Locations' strand.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Street drinkers have displaced to the proposed area due to the existence of the current DPPO. Residents have complained to the police, the council and other authorities through various channels about the associated problems which include abusive and intimidating behaviour as well as urination in the street, which occurs at various hours of the day and night. As the proposed DPPO area is a high density residential area this is having an adverse impact on the quality of life for residents living there.

The DPPO will assist in tackling this anti social behaviour however it is recognised that this needs to be used alongside other measures to resolve the issues as effectively as possible.

5. THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM

- 5.1 Following Cabinet Member approval to instigate the process, we have collected statistical information from the Police about anti social behaviour and alcohol related incidents.

Between 1st April 2010 – 30th June 2011:

There were a total of 546 Police related calls regarding ASB over the time period analysed, of these 105 (19.23%) were allocated an 'alcohol related' marker by the Police, indicating that alcohol was involved in some way when the incident was reported to them. There were an average of 36 ASB incidents recorded each month throughout the reporting period, with clear seasonality in incident levels with complaints peaking in June, July and August. 65% of all reported incidents of ASB emanated from five streets within this geographical area: Lincoln Road, Crown Street, Bourges Boulevard, Chaucer Road, Shakespeare Avenue.

6. DESIGNATION ORDERS

- 6.1 Sections 12-16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 provide local authorities with an adoptive power to restrict anti social public drinking in designated public places and provide the police with powers to enforce the restriction. These powers replaced the Alcohol Ban Byelaws.
- 6.2 The Order is not intended to lead to a comprehensive ban on drinking in the open air and should only be used where authorities are satisfied that the nuisance and disorder have been associated with drinking in a public place. The Local Authority must be satisfied that the order is not being used disproportionately or in an arbitrary fashion.
- 6.3 Local authorities must consider the extent of the problem and the likelihood of the anti social behaviour continuing if an order is not made.
- 6.4 The designation order will mean that if a person continues to drink in public when asked not to do so by a police officer they may be arrested and fined £500 if convicted. The police can also arrest someone failing to surrender alcohol in the area when asked to do so.
- 6.5 The designation order will not cover beer gardens and private dwellings.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Displacement

The Designation Order alone will not provide a complete solution to the problem being experienced. There are many complex reasons why these people abuse alcohol and why they choose to do this in public places. The Designation Order will not tackle the root causes of the problem and it is possible that they will move to an area not covered by the Designation Order.

7.2 Effectiveness

The Designation Order only makes it an offence to continue to drink alcohol when asked to stop by a police officer or Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

7.3 Financial Implications

The cost incurred in making the order is minimal – only the cost of further public notices and signs for the relevant areas.

Any further support to partnership work to address the root causes of street drinking would have financial implications which have not been addressed within this report.

7.4 Legal Implications

This Designation Order is being made in line with the guidance provided by the Home Office and the powers given to local authorities under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

8. CONSULTATION

Consultation has been undertaken in line with the requirements of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and Local Authority (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007.

8.1 Public

A public notice was placed in the Evening Telegraph, informing the public that a map of the proposed area and a list of streets can be viewed at: Bayard Place and the Town Hall. It also invited the public to respond with their views.

Two members of the public have responded in support of the proposed DPPO and no negative feedback has been received.

8.2 Parish Councils

There are no Parish Councils affected in this area.

8.3 Police

We have received written support for the proposed DPPO from the Chief Superintendent and Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector.

8.4 Licensed premises

All premises in the proposed area holding licenses to sell alcohol have been written to advising them of the proposal and seeking their views. We have received one response and the licensee queried whether the proposal would displace the problem and whether the area should extend even wider.

8.5 Ward Councillors

All ward councillors have been contacted and we have received written support for the DPPO from two Councillors.

8.6 MP Stewart Jackson

Stewart Jackson has written to express his full support for the extension.

8.7 Residents' Groups

All of the Residents' Groups in the area have been consulted. We have not received any response.

9. NEXT STEPS

- 9.1 That Scrutiny supports the recommendations made within this report and recommends to Full Council that the DPPO is adopted.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 10.1 Section 12-16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001
Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) Regulations 2007

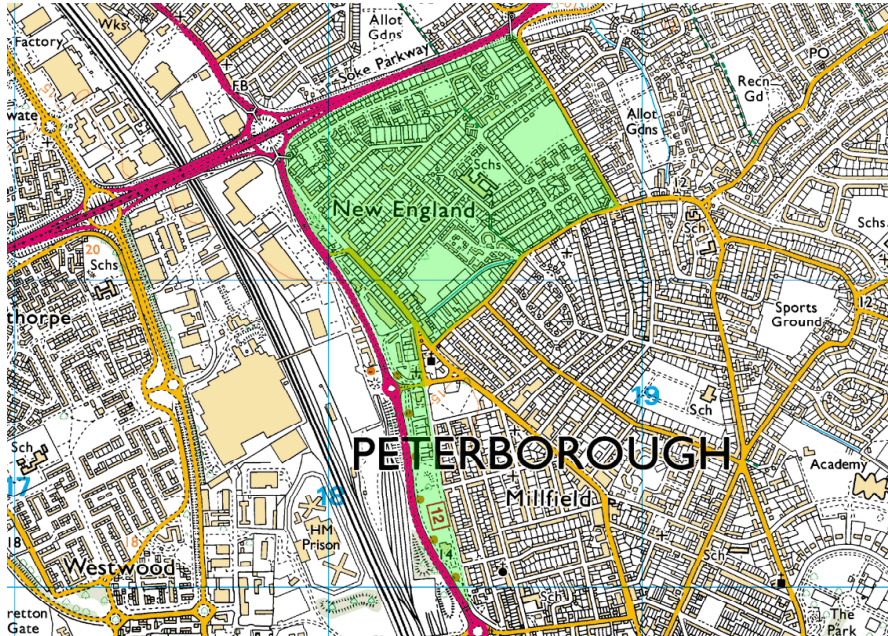
11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – maps showing proposed area and existing city centre DPPO.

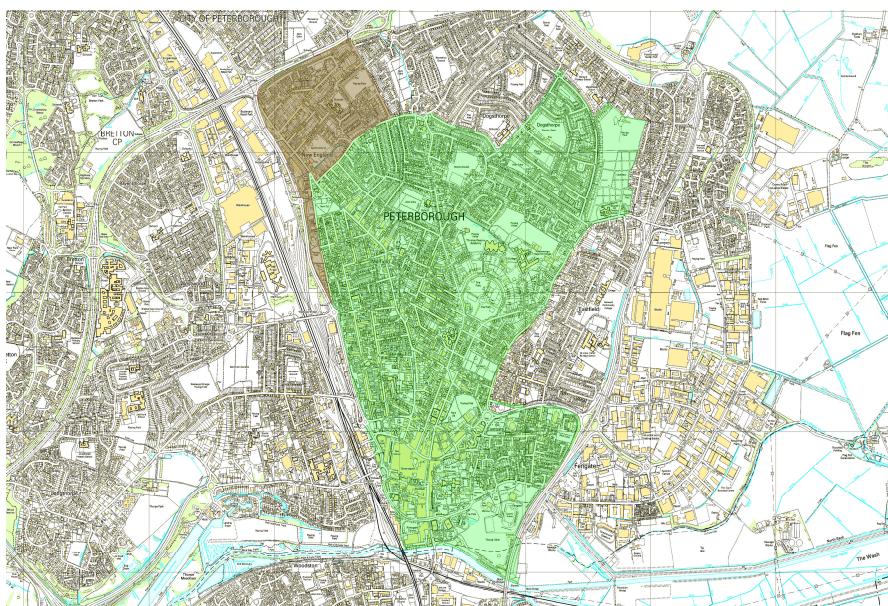
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Map of proposed area to be designated

The proposed area is an extension to the existing designated area in the city centre and is bounded by the following roads: St Pauls Road, Fulbridge Road, A47 Soke Parkway, Bourges Boulevard.



Map showing existing DPPO (green) and proposed extension (brown)



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STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 7
14 SEPTEMBER 2011	Public Report

Report of the Head of Neighbourhoods

Contact Officer(s) – Adrian Chapman
Contact Details – 863887

REVIEW OF THE CITIZEN POWER PETERBOROUGH PROGRAMME

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report outlines the findings of the formal review the ‘Citizen Power Peterborough’ programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For the Scrutiny Committee to identify any additional recommendations or actions to ensure the Citizen Power Programme continues effectively to make a real and lasting difference to Peterborough.
- 2.2 For the Scrutiny Committee to establish a scrutiny task and finish group to work with officers to ensure that all recommendations and actions are implemented in the proper fashion, making certain we’re meeting milestones and communicating effectively with all key stakeholders.
- 2.3 For the Scrutiny Committee to endorse and support the development of an All Party Policy session, or similar, early in the 2012 calendar year at which the outcomes from the Single Delivery Plan to date, and it’s relationship to the Citizen Power Programme, will be discussed.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee on 19th January 2011, Members made the following recommendation:

That following consideration by the Committee of the Citizen Power Programme it is recommended to the Project Sponsor, Adrian Chapman, that the Citizen Power Programme, which is a joint venture between the Royal Society of Arts, Peterborough City Council and the Arts Council, be immediately disbanded.

- 3.2 In considering the recommendation at 3.1, the Head of Neighbourhoods has led a formal review of the programme and the report of that review is attached at appendix 1.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The review that has been conducted has examined all aspects of the Citizen Power Peterborough programme, including:
- (i) **Review of all seven project strands:** including overall objectives, fit to corporate policy and strategy, evidence of need, and programme visibility and accessibility
 - (ii) **Progress to date:** including what has been achieved, who has been involved, how much has been spent so far, what difference has been made

- (iii) **Future activities:** including what is still to be delivered, who will be involved, how will they be involved, how much money will be spent, what difference will be made
- (iv) **Communications:** including what media and communications activity has been delivered so far, what does the communications strategy show for future activity, what difference has previous activity made
- (v) **Governance and programme management:** including what are the current governance and management arrangements, are these fit for purpose, do these arrangements comply with PCC policy
- (vi) **Legacy:** including what happens beyond the currently planned project end date, how does the programme contribute to other policies, for example the Single Delivery Plan
- (vii) **National perspective:** including does the programme help or hinder our national reputation, what impact will it have on future investment

4.2 A series of recommendations and actions have been identified as a result of the review, and these are shown in the report at appendix 1.

4.3 A considerable amount of activity has already been delivered through the programme, and much is already planned, and this can be seen in the attached report. This, coupled with the recommendations and actions referred to at 4.2, has resulted in the decision to continue the programme until it is due to end in 2012.

4.4 As the report at appendix 1 describes, the Citizen Power Programme has been aligned to the Single Delivery Plan which this committee has previously discussed. To ensure that this relationship is effective and to retain its focus, it is proposed that a forum for all councillors be held early in the 2012 calendar year at which the latest developments and outcomes from the Single Delivery Plan programme along with its relationship to the Citizen Power Programme will be explored.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 An officer review group was established to conduct and support the review process, and the review also included extensive discussions with our partners at the RSA and the Arts Council.

6. NEXT STEPS

6.1 Following discussion about the ways in which the Scrutiny Committee are able to support, scrutinise and challenge the delivery of the programme, it is proposed that a more comprehensive action plan is developed, and that its delivery is overseen by a new Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

7.1 None

8. APPENDICES

8.1 Appendix 1: Citizen Power Review Paper

Citizen Power review paper

People are more powerful than they think...

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Introduction

Citizen Power – Investing in the future of Peterborough

“Citizen Power is one of the best projects on civic renewal to have emerged in recent years. Unlike a lot of think tank work, Citizen Power is creating change rather than only talking about it.”

Peter John, Professor of Governance and Co-Director of Institute for Political and Economic Governance, University of Manchester

Why Citizen Power is so important

There has never been a more important time for a project like Citizen Power.

Engagement with the democratic process at a local and national level is at an all-time low, while reductions in grant funding are affecting the City Council’s ability to fund important projects in and around Peterborough.

Citizen Power addresses both of these issues by finding ways to engage with communities in order to make new connections, find solutions to social issues and inspire the next generation. In doing so, communities gain valuable pride in their resourcefulness, resilience and self-reliance.

The project reflects the philosophy of the Big Society and localism, encouraging stronger, more engaged communities that can not only shape and influence decisions that directly affect them, but be supported to become actively involved to make a positive difference.

Citizen Power is already delivering results. With the support of our partners, Citizen Power has already:

- Engaged five schools and 710 students in developing new areas of their curriculum; they are now working with local organisations on projects to benefit the wider community
- Worked with eight young women who had been banned from their local shopping centre; after a day spent engaging with other shoppers, they are now ambassadors for the centre
- Held an event attended by 20 drug and alcohol service users; hot-spots for drug and alcohol abuse in the city were identified, as well as barriers to recovery, and possible solutions
- Signed up 23 local residents to the Civic Commons; two events have so far been held to discuss and produce action plans about how the community can work together with local agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour
- Awarded grants to local residents for project ideas on helping the environment; these include the maintenance of a community garden

We are extremely grateful to our partners for their generous financial contribution to Citizen Power and the active role they are playing in making it a success.

Looking ahead, Citizen Power has the potential to repay our investment in it many times over in the coming years, both financially and in the social health of our city.

This report explains what Citizen Power has achieved in its first year, how our learning has shaped our goals for its second year and why it is important that we stay the course.

Long-term benefits – an integral part of Peterborough’s future

Citizen Power has the potential to play a pivotal role in the delivery of Peterborough’s Single Delivery Plan (SDP) and is now becoming firmly embedded within programme seven of the plan, ‘Using our resources more effectively, efficiently and innovatively’.

Matthew Taylor, RSA Chief Executive and formerly part of the Prime Minister’s Policy Unit (where he was Chief Advisor on Political Strategy), is taking an active role in helping the city develop and implement the plan.

Financial backing – Serious belief in Citizen Power

As a Council, we have invested £250,000 into Citizen Power over two years. As a direct result of our commitment, other public and private organisations have chosen to invest a further £920,775:

- £148,085 from the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA)
- £250,000 from Arts Council England.

The commitment of these huge organisations to partner us both financially and in the leadership of the project going forward cannot be underestimated. Their backing has already had a knock-on effect, lending the project the kind of weight that has brought other Trusts and organisations to the table. The RSA alone has personally raised further funds totalling £519,190 through its own standing as a heavyweight investor:

- £189,190 from the Department of Communities and Local Government, the Tudor Trust, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Cross Keys Homes.
- £330,000 from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) who have agreed to invest £205,800 for delivery of an oral history project, and £124,200 for programme evaluation, all carried out by De Montfort University and Sussex University. This investment will evaluate the outcomes and impact of each of the projects and carry out an independent evaluation of programme-wide impacts around participation. It will also run a project to gather an oral history of Peterborough.

In addition, £3,500 of *further* investment has been made by the Arts Council for the development and production of case studies from the Arts and Social Change project.

This brings the total investment in the city to £1,170,775. For every £1 that the City Council has invested, our partners have invested more than £3.68 in Peterborough – money that they could have spent on other projects in other cities.

As well as providing significant financial backing, our partners represent a vital and ongoing support network. We are proud to have their backing and excited at what the prospects for these and other relationships may mean for Peterborough in the future.

Considerable interest in Citizen Power

The beauty of this project is that it is entirely inclusive; all members of the community of all ages and backgrounds will find something within Citizen Power to engage with, from school pupils to their teachers and parents, right through to marginalised groups and the older generation.

The fact that each project connects with the others – allowing organisations, community groups and schools to interact – means that we can reach the community as a whole. The number and diversity of the people already involved in this project after its first year speaks for itself.

The response to Citizen Power has also been very positive among senior civil servants from across the Cabinet Office, the Big Society Vanguard Team, the Department of Communities and Local Government and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport; all have asked to be kept up to date with the programme's progress.

Citizen Power has already generated considerable interest from other local councils, including Southend Borough, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Darlington Borough.

The Review Process – Listening, learning and responding

This is a project with a long-term vision, and the scrutiny process has proved invaluable in helping us to seek to improve the programme and take decisive action where necessary.

Following the review process, we have revised the Civic Health strand of our original action plan into ChangeMakers, which alongside the other five elements offers significant practical and economic potential.

Governance

One of the most important areas we have identified for review following the scrutiny process has been that of governance, ie ensuring that we are honouring our responsibilities to the people of Peterborough, as well as our numerous investors.

Again, as part of our review process, we have made governance more integral, so that scrutiny processes are embedded alongside our decision-making, rather than part of a periodic review.

We are recommending the formation of a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group that will work with officers to ensure we are implementing all recommendations and actions in the proper fashion, making certain we're meeting the regular goals within our action plans, outlined in the Appendices of this report.

The structure of the Citizen Power Operations Board has also been altered in response to the latest review, as well as the structure of the Communications Group (please see page 12 of this report for full details).

A physical presence in Peterborough

In response to positive feedback so far, we have also addressed a lack of a physical presence in the city. We will provide a permanent location where local people can 'pop in' to talk to those involved in Citizen Power, helping to understand in more detail what it is about and how they can become involved. The base will also be used for local activities.

The Old Still on Westgate Arcade has been secured as a temporary base, potentially until Christmas 2011. The accommodation has also be made available to local groups and organisations who are looking to find somewhere for their activities. For example, links have been forged with the Churches Together Inspiration Studio which works with young people in the city. As a result of this, the Citizen Power programme is exploring ways in which to engage some of these young people.

The First Year – Projects, successes and plans

“The Big Society is about transforming the way that the state and services function so that ordinary people are enabled to play a bigger part in meeting the challenges we all face. In its work with the RSA on Citizen Power, Peterborough City Council is leading the way in developing practical models for how this can be done.”

Gareth Davies, Head of the Prime Minister’s Strategy Unit

Citizen Power consists of six individual strands, each of which ties in to the others to create connections between schools, businesses and the wider community and economy. Each also addresses issues and priorities highlighted by both the local authority and Peterborough residents.

Project 1: Peterborough Curriculum – Connecting what we learn with where we live

“We need to put Peterborough on the map and raise the profile of the wonderful things we have – ensure that children have a different perspective.”

Karen Roofe, Headteacher at Bishop Creighton Primary School

This project involves developing part of the school curriculum to better connect young people with where they live. Curriculum projects are designed to draw on the local area and the people within it, improving engagement between local employers, community groups and pupils. A knock-on effect of this is that new levels of engagement with the community will be brought to parents through their children.

The project aims to increase the quality, number and diversity of relationships students have with a range of individuals, organisations and other local schools, empowering students to help shape their own lessons through one or more National Curriculum subjects; a model that could be scaled up both locally and nationally.

Progress so far and future plans

Five partner schools are currently signed up (a total of 710 students), as well as 27 community partners including heritage sites, Peterborough United Football Club, Peterborough Cathedral and voluntary sector groups.

Forty-one representatives from potential community partners and schools have met to discuss project ideas, and there has also been a workshop for teachers and students, held to develop research tools. An online directory has been launched on the council website, enabling community groups to offer themselves and their services to schools.

Citizen Power plans to work on projects alongside each school between now and the end of the 2012 academic year. Possible projects include helping to design, develop and fundraise for the new education and visitors' centre at the Cathedral; participating in the real life regeneration plans for the railway area in Peterborough; and involvement in the '40 Years On' project, a theatre piece based on oral histories taken from people in Peterborough's memories of the Peterborough Development Corporation. This latter project has been developed in partnership with Eastern Angles/Peterborough Library and Archive.

The railway project, which is being planned by students at Dogsthorpe School, is in keeping with the city's long heritage with rail. Railworld, a charity that builds and designs mini engines, has linked up with the school to teach them more about rail history. This includes study on the East Coast mainline, as well as design and engineering, encouraging students to engage with the future of the rail network.

Inspired by the curriculum project, schools are now enjoying links with other sites and organisations that wouldn't otherwise have been forged. A number of schools have linked up with Nene Park to offer sailing and water sports, allowing pupils to experience new things that wouldn't usually have been made available to them.

Research carried out by English Heritage and the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment has found that young people say they are far less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour or vandalism – and more likely to volunteer – when they understand more about their local area.

Project 2: Sustainable Citizenship – Living in the Environmental Capital

"We will not know what our community knows, cherishes and aspires to unless we engage with it in a way that we have not done so up to now. Exciting prospects to move into the unknown."

Mary Foreman, Headteacher, Dogsthorpe Junior School, Peterborough

The Sustainable Citizenship project has encouraged, tested and supported the ideas of local people in promoting green behaviour in the city. This project supports the work which has made Peterborough the Home of Environmental Capital, and its status as having the largest cluster of environmental enterprises across the UK.

It is also in keeping with the City's Environmental Capital Policy and its focus on fundamental, long-term changes in attitude, and the Single Delivery Plan Programme 4: Helping people and organisations live more healthy and sustainable lives and reducing energy consumption.

This project also applies some of the latest thinking on behavioural change from the RSA's own research, for example creating interest from major stakeholders such as the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Progress so far and future plans

Sustainable Citizenship will establish a network of 400 individual, community group and commercial members who wish to play an active role in environmental initiatives in Peterborough, as measured through membership of a website (at least 20 percent of whom have made active contributions). This will include attendance at events and active participation in projects.

We will also fund a pilot of three to six community-led initiatives that encourage pro-environmental behaviour in Peterborough, developing a strategy to allow at least one of these initiatives to become sustainable in the long-term.

A partnership has already been formed with Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) to take the work of this project forward jointly, in support of the Home of Environmental Capital credentials. A workshop was held in October 2010 with 25 local residents, after which four presented project ideas to a panel of judges and two received a grant of £1,500. The projects aided by the money include programmes aiming to encourage local residents to take a more active role in looking after a community garden in Paston, as well as a spinney in Bretton.

There is also significant interest in mapping redundant and un-loved land across the city and identifying ways in which it can be brought back into use. Three plots of land have so far been identified through discussion with Enterprise Peterborough and councillors, and further outreach to councillors and the community is planned.

More workshops with local people are also planned for autumn 2011, to identify further community-led ideas; we are also going to develop projects with national research centres (UCL Energy Institute) and professional organisations (Institution of Engineering and Technology).

Project 3: Recovery Capital – Empowering marginalised citizens to fulfil their potential

“Citizen Power Peterborough has taken off. Its social action approach to tackling big issues, like antisocial behaviour and drug dependency, is exciting and something other places should be adopting.”

Ben Rogers, Director of the Centre for London, a new think tank based at Demos

Recovery Capital examines how we can best support people in Peterborough with problems associated with drug and /or alcohol use, developing better collaboration between organisations and individuals. We will pilot new ideas to help people with drug and alcohol problems to build and strengthen the capabilities, resources and support needed most in helping to sustain recovery and reduce the likelihood of re-offending.

Peterborough has a higher than average injecting drug using population, and levels of existing recovery capital are generally low amongst drug and alcohol users.

This project will develop a culture of user-centred provision, linking in with the city’s Family Recovery Project, which engages service users in the design of new ideas to help them move away from reliance on the state.

Progress so far and future plans

Recovery Capital will provide positive role models to encourage more people into accessing the support they need to start their own recovery journey, and will eventually create an environment in which less people develop problematic drug and alcohol use.

A local stakeholder event was held in January 2011 with 20 drug and alcohol service users, service providers and community organisations. This identified the problem areas of the city regarding drugs and alcohol, and also potential barriers or gaps when it comes to accessing treatment.

Involving service users in the development of treatment programmes is a critical step in improving services; interviews with those who have current issues or a history with drug or alcohol abuse have been carried out, and the need has been identified for more safe places for people to come together to provide mutual support.

We are developing community-based resources to aid recovery, highlighting the need for family support, support from friends, access to education, a sense of belonging to the community and access to leisure activities. The production of maps to help visualise the resources and assets available to support people in their recovery are also being produced. Publicising this is a great way to reduce the stigmas surrounding problem drug and alcohol use, as well as those surrounding marginalised groups.

In addition the Recovery Capital work has enhanced the city's plans as part of the tender exercise for the adult drug treatment service.

Project 4: ChangeMakers – bringing together Peterborough's drivers of change

"The research shows how difficult it is to create a 'big society' of active citizens in the UK. It demands innovative and experimental approaches to public participation like the RSA's Citizen Power work in Peterborough."

Bobby Duffy, Managing Director, Ipsos MORI Social Research Institute

Through the use of a 'social network analysis' survey, this project will map and identify a network of 'ChangeMakers' within Peterborough, to include dynamic public service practitioners and local government officials, as well as knowledgeable local residents and community activists. This programme will also help drive forward the different areas outlined in the Local Strategic Partnership's Single Delivery Plan.

We will identify an initial 30 to 40 ChangeMakers, who will collectively offer: expertise on specific issues; strong connections within the community, their areas of interest and work; an open approach to collaboration and working with others; integrity, honesty and respect; good communication skills and a forward-thinking, proactive attitude.

Progress so far and future plans

Having identified that the original Civic Health project was not cost-effective enough in measuring the community's ability to get involved in local life, we have instead developed ChangeMakers. This combines both the Civic Health principles and an emphasis on social media, which is a more affordable and far reaching way in which to garner interest.

We are creating a 'living directory' of key ChangeMakers containing information on their skills, knowledge and areas of work, with recommendations put forward to local policymakers and service practitioners outlining ways in which they can use this database.

So far, a support network of different organisations has been formed, including the leading market research company Ipsos MORI and representatives from Pathways through Participation, a major research project exploring ways to increase levels of volunteering across the UK.

Two focus groups with Peterborough residents to examine their own perspectives on participation have also taken place, which will help to inform the survey development.

This project will build the foundations for greater collaboration and joined-up working between ChangeMakers across different sectors (public, private and third), helping to deliver the Single Delivery Plan in the coming months and years.

Project 5: Arts and Social Change – Putting art at the heart of the city

“Artists are already working with many different groups, cultures and organisations by producing a creative economy that benefits people in Peterborough... there is a growing feeling that we can all join together to help one another and present a united front.”

Keely Mills, A prominent local poet

Arts and Social Change works with artists and arts organisations to strengthen a sense of residents' belonging and attachment to Peterborough, as well as improving the visibility and quality of arts and culture in the city.

Citizen Power is much more than just an arts-based programme, but it is this strand that has received the greatest scrutiny. In order to see its full potential it must be viewed within the context of the other five strands, rather than as a separate entity.

The arts is the ideal medium through which to connect with the Peterborough community. It encourages shared experiences and helps underpin the rest of the programme.

Part of the Citizen Power philosophy is to be brave with our ideas and not to shy away from being provocative. We want to create projects that make people take notice, make them think, that they remember and talk about.

The extent to which these objectives are achieved will, of course, vary from project to project. Despite its subjectivity and the challenges of quantifying its success, it remains one of our most important and powerful methods of engaging with our community about Citizen Power.

In relation to the number of people engaged in the arts across the UK, Peterborough is in the bottom 20 percent. We believe this project to be crucial in exposing residents to more arts and culture, as well as encouraging active participation, generating greater attachment and pride in the city.

Vivacity, which manages many of Peterborough's most popular culture and leisure facilities on behalf of the Council, is only just over a year old and is already helping to change the landscape of the city. It is receiving increased funding, and is responsible for Peterborough Festival, the success of which is growing to become a real milestone in the cultural calendar.

Through involvement with Citizen Power, alongside a burgeoning relationship with Vivacity, the Arts Council has become increasingly confident in investing in the city. The work within this strand of Citizen Power is not only being timed to coincide with the 2012 Peterborough Festival, but also the Olympics.

A strong creative sector has been proven to provide substantial economic advantages; in 2007, before the global financial crisis, the creative industries accounted for £59.9bn or 6.2% of UK Gross Value Added, with £16.6bn in exports and nearly two million jobs.

There are six projects within Arts and Social Change:

Creative Gatherings	A series of meetings, principally for those who live and work in the arts in Peterborough. Creative Gatherings also act as an anchor for practical projects such as Experiments in Place Making, and each is jointly-facilitated between established professionals and regular local participants.
Experiments in Place Making	Two locally based artists (who have not worked together before) partner with a Neighbourhood Manager to develop specific interventions that address a local need.
Dialogue in Action	Helping to improve public services with local artists - this work is central to the delivery of the Single Delivery Plan.
Context Matters	Two artists are hosted by local voluntary groups for one year (July 2011 to July 2012). This year, Grennan and Sperandio and Joshua Sofaer are hosted by Morland Court Resident's Association and Peterborough Street Pastors.
Made in Peterborough	An arts commissions strand which will deliver two high quality arts commissions that engage local residents in their creation.
Talking Arts	Three high profile events at which nationally renowned artists, keynote speakers and local practitioners invite interaction on specific issues relevant to Citizen Power. The first event is entitled Cross Pollination: The Birds, the Bees and Us and will take place in October 2011.

Progress so far and future plans

Since mid-2010, Citizen Power has hosted five Creative Gatherings attended by 139 people; a core group of about 25 regularly attend, including a representative from the Youth Parliament who went on to link up with a local school involved in the Peterborough Curriculum.

'Experiments in Place Making' has already engaged with eight young women (many of whom were not in employment, education or training) who had been banned by a local shopping centre. The Education director for Clare Cottage worked with a visual artist, Neighbourhood Manager, local youth services, community support police officer and shopping centre manager, lifting the ban for one day to allow artists to conduct workshops with the women and local people.

The young women engaged with shoppers (asking questions about how they felt about where they lived and why) in the centre for one day, so successfully that they have been asked to become 'Ambassadors' for the centre. One artist involved works with Peterborough FM station, and the girls will be interviewed for her programme; some of them are now keen on apprenticing in radio.

Encounters, a Sheffield based company, led the first 'Made in Peterborough' commission called 'Take me to' – a series of bus tours around Peterborough on which local residents shared their personal stories about places that held particular memories. This culminated in a final event, at which everyone brought and shared food.

One participant in 'Made in Peterborough – Take me to' commented: *"My biggest hope is that this tour can be spread further so more people can share this. Today I'm taking away with me happiness at finding new places to go and explore later, pride in living in such a diverse city and excitement about the future. I can now view Peterborough as somewhere that I could find my space in, a home, belonging."*

The second commission will be decided in August and have a relationship with the Peterborough Festival 2012. There are two further events being planned for Talking Arts after September (the themes of these will be locally determined), and a report to share the learning from the Arts and Social Change work called 'The value of locally based networks' will also be published in September.

Project 6: Civic Commons – Creating the capabilities for civic action

'Anything the community can do to provide a safe environment for residents and visitors should be encouraged.'

Lawrence Wright, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

'I feel like I'm part of a mini Government think tank – but especially for Peterborough!'

Mags Brown, Rape Crisis, Peterborough and Girl Guide Leader

The Civic Commons is a space where residents, prominent local figures and leading thinkers can discuss new ideas and broach the things that matter to them. This will build knowledge and confidence on a range of local issues, from anti-social behaviour to immigration, helping people to see different perspectives and come up with practical solutions to these social problems.

New relationships are being forged, closing the gap between local people and the city's decision-makers. This gives citizens a greater sense of influence, and decision-makers greater insight into the people they represent.

Progress so far and future plans

Twenty three local residents are signed up members of the Civic Commons, each active and respected within their community. For some, it is the first time their voice has been heard at a city-wide level. Members include the Chair and Treasurer of the Zimbabwe Community Association, the Chair of Rape Crisis and a Girl Guide Leader, a member of the Bangladeshi Community, a volunteer tree warden, a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and a civilian officer from RAF Wittering.

The Civic Commons idea gained the attention of Central Government Officers through the Parliamentary Outreach programme and they have committed to support the project through training and mentoring the members of Civic Commons.

The first Civic Commons event was held in January 2011 and discussed how local people and organisations could work together to tackle anti-social behaviour. Prominent speakers attended such as Irene Lucas, former Permanent Secretary of the Department for Communities and Local Government and Ben Rogers, formerly of the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit.

The second Civic Commons event (held in May 2011) identified the following three projects as ways forward in tackling youth anti-social behaviour in the Century Square area of the city: (i) Trialling the 'Woolwich Model' in Peterborough, training citizens in skills such as conflict resolution; (ii) Community Guardians, incorporating elements of the Streetwatch model, including civilian presence on the streets in ASB trouble-spots. The scheme would encourage civilian volunteers to play a positive role in local areas, organising events and actively bringing together local people rather than only guarding against trouble; (iii) Youth Community events between young people local to the Century Square/ Millfield area, particularly those that have been involved in anti-social behaviour, alongside residents, charities and local police.

The Woolwich Model was developed in the Woolwich Docks where there was a high number of work-related accidents. Rather than relying on the health system, workers were trained in first aid to enable them to help themselves. These same principles are being applied to the issues associated with anti-social behaviour through Civic Commons, where communities will be empowered to become more self-sufficient.

Civic Commons members are keen to work with the Greater Peterborough Partnership to continue debating issues affecting the City and suggest, test and trial new ideas

Project 7: Social Media (withdrawn)

This project is yet to commence; the review has provided an opportunity to look again at this element of the programme, leading to recognition of the burgeoning interest of Peterborough residents in accessing social media sites. RSA Fellow Prof. Edward Truch, who has a specialist interest in social media, has secured an RSA Catalyst grant to carry out an action research project to understand how internet enabled communication builds, sustains and helps mobilise social networks. This work will take place in Peterborough.

Governance and Programme evaluation

Governance of this project is to become a more integrated and constant consultative process, including a recommendation to form a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group to ensure we're meeting regular goals within the action plans outlined in the Appendices of this report.

The responsibility for delivery of the Citizen Power programme rests with the Head of Neighbourhood Services; the Programme Manager oversees delivery of the various project themes as part of his role. Both the RSA and the Arts Council have identified equivalent lead officers in their respective organisations.

The Citizen Power Operations Board currently comprises both delivery and senior management staff from across PCC, the RSA and the Arts Council, representatives from Vivacity, the voluntary sector and Opportunity Peterborough. It meets monthly to monitor and challenge programme delivery and provide routes in to embedding the work across the city and extending its reach.

As part of the review process, membership of the Citizen Power Operations Board has been revised to the following:

- Head of Neighbourhoods, PCC
- Citizen Power Programme Manager, PCC
- Head of Citizen Power Programme, RSA
- Citizen Power Programme Manager, RSA
- Relationships Manager – Regional Planning, ACE

As previously, the programme will continue to report to the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee, as well as producing monthly reports to the Verto project management system.

The Citizen Power Communications Group

This group is formed of media and communication experts from PCC, RSA, Arts Council and Vivacity, and has also undergone rigorous review. The way in which the programme communicates with key stakeholders in Peterborough and beyond has been given a clear task of ensuring that:

- Elected Members are engaged to promote understanding of the programme going forward
- Elected Members are fully aware of activities planned for their Ward and have the opportunity to be involved in planning and taking part in these activities
- Elected Members are aware of programme activities which have a city-wide focus and have the opportunity to take part should they wish
- Member engagement will be achieved by utilising:
 - Monthly meetings between Neighbourhood Managers and local Councillors
 - The Neighbourhood Committees and Ward Forums
 - Member Bulletins
 - The Citizen Power Newsletter
- The Citizen Power events calendar is utilised to ensure timely communications to promote activities as well as highlight achievements.

To ensure communications as above are achieved, the Communications Group will be refreshed as follows:

- Head of Media and Communications, PCC (chair)
- Media and Communications Officer, PCC
- Citizen Power Programme Manager, PCC
- Head of Media, RSA
- Programme Manager, RSA
- Communications Officer, Arts Council
- Communications Manager, Vivacity

Programme Evaluation – using the CLEAR model

For the first time in the UK, the CLEAR evaluation is to be applied to Peterborough, cementing our accountability to the city and our partners, as well as further developing Peterborough as a place where new ideas and models are encouraged in the name of economic and social progress.

Designed by Professors Lowdres, Pratchett and Stoker, the CLEAR evaluation has been implemented in 23 cities and towns across mainland Europe, and will empower residents in Peterborough to hold the Citizen Power programme and local agencies to account, measuring their success against the following criteria:

- **Can do** – do citizens have the resources and knowledge to participate in their communities?
- **Like to** – do citizens have a sense of attachment that reinforces civic participation?
- **Enabled to** – are citizens mobilised through community groups and voluntary organisations?
- **Asked to** – are citizens provided with opportunities to participate by official bodies?
- **Responded to** – how much feedback do citizens receive that views have been seriously considered?

We and our investors and partners are accountable to the residents of Peterborough, and are looking to position the city in a local, national and international context, allowing local people to see how it is performing in relation to other places.

The evaluation will provide an indication of what can be done to enhance participation and improve citizen empowerment in the future, in turn enhancing engagement, inclusion and pride in what the city has to offer.

Conclusion – Positive progress

“Big cuts to local government mean councils having to find new ways of plugging the gaps left behind. Citizen Power shows how this should be done – with local people at the heart of everything. Peterborough should be praised for embarking on such a forward-thinking programme of inquiry.”

David Lammy, MP for Tottenham

Citizen Power is a long-term project seeking to deliver a fundamental change in attitudes, and this takes time.

The first year has been spent developing ideas, piloting projects and building sustainable relationships with organisations that are serious, both about investing financially and supporting us in seeing the project through to fruition. Where projects have been less successful, we have taken decisive action.

We are proud of what Citizen Power has achieved in its first year. With £920,775 worth of funding from outside investors who trust us and our partners to see this through, and projects for year two already in progress, now is not the time to lose momentum.

The collaboration that has already taken place between members of the community, schools and organisations has cemented relationships, but we can do more. We can draw inspiration from the various individuals now working as a team that would otherwise not have been brought together, such as Neighbourhood Managers, local youth service workers, artists and community support police officers.

The five schools and 27 community partners that are now collaborating represents a big step, but year two promises to bring even more together to better educate our children and their parents on the local community.

With so much already in place and the long-term support of our partners, Citizen Power promises a second year that is set to make even more social changes, more returns on investment and more community engagement than the first.

Appendix 1: Action Plans – What the future holds for each element of Citizen Power

As outlined in the main report, it is proposed that all our action plans are implemented in conjunction with a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, ensuring we carry out each action thoroughly. This also applies to our spending plans, as laid out in Appendix 2: Finance (p.25). Below is a summary of the actions identified, along with lead person(s) and target dates.

Project 1: Peterborough Curriculum		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
1.1 Further encourage schools to recognise the value that their immediate communities have to teaching in their schools. Local councillors will play a leading role in this.	Jon Lewis, PCC Graeme Clark, PCC Louise Thomas, RSA	31 March 2012
1.2 Strengthen councillor relationship with Peterborough Curriculum.	Graeme Clark, PCC Louise Thomas, RSA	31 Oct 2011
1.3 Council-led policies and protocols to enable learning outside the classroom to be made easier (for example, transport issues addressed), with greater support.	John Richards, PCC Graeme Clark, PCC Louise Thomas, RSA	31 March 2012
1.4 It is recognised that legacy is one of the key aspects to this project. Therefore the Peterborough Curriculum Interest Group is tasked with continuing its early work in developing a sustainable legacy model.	Jon Lewis, PCC Louise Thomas, RSA	31 March 2012

Project 2: Sustainable Citizenship		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
2.1 Ensure its planned outcomes are in line with what is intended via the Home of Environmental Capital work. To enable this, closer links will be developed with Councillor Sam Dalton.	Rachael Huxley, PECT Jamie Young, RSA	30 Sept 2011
2.2 Develop a much stronger foundation in sustainability locally which will enable the strand to connect much more easily with local projects.	Rachael Huxley, PECT Jamie Young, RSA	30 Sept 2011
2.3 Forge stronger links with Peterborough's environmental businesses.	Rachael Huxley, PECT Jamie Young, RSA	31 Oct 2011

Project 3: Recovery Capital		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
3.1 The Recovery Capital work informs the Single Delivery Plan Programme 7 activity, in relation to how services are commissioned in the city.	Karen Kibblewhite, PCC Heather Darwin, PCC Rebecca Daddow, RSA	31 March 2012
3.2 The work Recovery Capital does in relation to community organising is used to inform the Single Delivery Plan work on how the City can mobilise the resources that exist within our communities.	Graeme Clark, PCC Heather Darwin, PCC Rebecca Daddow, RSA	31 March 2012
3.3 The Family Recovery project forges close links with Recovery Capital, enabling developments/learning from working in the drugs and alcohol arena to be applied quickly to Family Recovery work.	Steve Pettican, PCC Rebecca Daddow, RSA	31 Oct 2011

Project 4: ChangeMakers		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
4.1 To understand the role of elected members in this proposal.	Graeme Clark, PCC Ben Dellot, RSA	30 Nov 2011
4.2 With Programme 7 of the SDP, explore who 'owns' the ChangeMaker Network once the project is complete. This will include ensuring the Network remains current.	Graeme Clark, PCC Heather Darwin, PCC	20 Dec 2011
4.3 To explore links with the City's Timebanking initiative, which Citizen Power is already supporting.	Graeme Clark, PCC Leonie McCarthy, PCC Jamie Young, RSA	31 Oct 2011
4.4 To engage with Civic Commons and Peterborough Curriculum to help identify possible ChangeMakers.	Graeme Clark, PCC Julie Rivett, PCC	31 Oct 2011

Project 5: Arts & Social Change		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
5.1 That partners fully commit to the delivery of outstanding experiments in place making and the dissemination of the results of the experiments.	Julie Rivett, PCC Cate Harding, PCC Graeme Clark, PCC	31 Oct 2011
5.2 To understand ways in which the Context Matters programme can guide and mentor local practitioners.	Greer Roberts, Vivacity Jocelyn Cunningham, RSA	20 Dec 2011
5.3 Strengthen elected member involvement in the Arts and Social Change element of the programme.	Greer Roberts, Vivacity Graeme Clark, PCC Jocelyn Cunningham, RSA	30 Nov 2011

Project 6: Civic Commons		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
6.1 Working with Programme 7, investigate how Civic Commons can be integrated into the Single Delivery Plan at both strategic and local levels.	Graeme Clark, PCC Heather Darwin, PCC Julie Rivett, PCC	31 March 2012
6.2 Building upon 6.1 above investigate how Civic Commons can provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the opportunity to try new ways of thinking ▪ the chance to test new ideas on the ground ▪ new and practical ways of working with engaged citizens to tackle local issues and improve local communities 	Julie Rivett, PCC Graeme Clark, PCC	31 March 2012
6.3 Building upon 6.1 and 6.2 above consider the possibility and practicalities of introducing a range of incentives to reward citizens who are able to affect positive change in their neighbourhoods e.g. community credits/Timebanking	Graeme Clark, PCC Julie Rivett, PCC	31 March 2012

7. Governance		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
7.1 To implement the changes to the membership of the Citizen Power Operations Board.	Graeme Clark, PCC	30 Sept 2011
7.2 Integrate the Citizen Power Senior Management Group into the Single Delivery Plan Programme 7 Board.	Graeme Clark, PCC Adrian Chapman, PCC	31 Oct 2011

8. Communications		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
8.1 To implement the changes to the membership of the Citizen Power Communications Group.	Graeme Clark, PCC	Complete
8.2 Engage elected members to promote understanding of the programme going forward.	Graeme Clark, PCC Rachael Thornton, PCC Members	Immediate & ongoing
8.3 Ensure elected members are fully aware of activities planned for their Ward so they have the opportunity to be involved in planning and taking part in these activities.	Graeme Clark, PCC Peterborough Project Leads Members	Immediate & ongoing
8.4 Ensure elected members are aware of programme activities which have a city-wide focus and have the opportunity to take part should they wish to.	Graeme Clark, PCC Rachael Thornton, PCC	Immediate & ongoing
8.5 Member engagement to be achieved by utilising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ monthly meetings between Neighbourhood Managers and local Councillors ▪ the Neighbourhood Committees and Ward Forums ▪ member Bulletins ▪ the Citizen Power Newsletter 	Graeme Clark, PCC Rachael Thornton, PCC Georgina Chatfield, RSA	Immediate & ongoing

8. Communications continued		
Action	Lead Person(s)	Target Date
<p>8.6 That the Citizen Power website is reviewed to maximise its usage, looking at in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ who the main audiences are ▪ making clear how people can get involved ▪ updating the calendar with events ▪ including outcomes of the project and publicising the benefits of the project ▪ accessibility of language ▪ the sustainability of the website (and other social media) beyond Citizen Power 	<p>Graeme Clark, PCC Rachael Thornton, PCC Georgina Chatfield, RSA</p>	<p>Immediate & ongoing</p>
<p>8.7 To arrange a regular slot each week when there will be members of the team available at the Old Still to speak to local people about the programme. This will be advertised at the Old Still along with information about other community groups and artists who are using the building.</p>	<p>Graeme Clark, PCC Georgina Chatfield, RSA</p>	<p>Complete</p>

Appendix 2: Finance

Citizen Power will run for just over two years, with total funding confirmed as follows:

Peterborough City Council	£250,000
Arts Council England	£250,000
RSA	£148,085

Additionally, the RSA has raised:

Department of Communities and Local Government	£25,000
Tudor Trust	£35,000
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	£124,190
Cross Keys Homes	£5,000

Furthermore, the RSA is fundraising to develop spin-off project ideas and to strengthen the legacy of the programme within the city, and the Arts Council has provided a further £3,500 for the production of case studies from the Arts and Social Change project.

Through Citizen Power there has also been additional external investment in Peterborough from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), who have agreed to invest £330,000 for evaluation and research, carried out by De Montfort University and Sussex University.

Across all the partners, the total investment in Citizen Power Peterborough is £1,170,775.

How will this money be spent?

The expenditure for each strand of the programme by financial year is as follows:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Total
Core programme*	£105,478	£76,765	£26,563	£208,806
Peterborough Curriculum	£51,145	£87,409	£39,900	£178,454
Arts and Social Change	£86,846	£109,743	£56,911	£253,500
Sustainable Citizenship	£49,530	£24,572	£0	£74,102
Civic Commons	£15,112	£5,551	£0	£20,663
Recovery Capital	£22,087	£51,428	£0	£73,515
ChangeMakers (formerly Civic Health)	£17,907	£10,013	£0	£27,920
Social Media	£3,815	£0	£0	£3,815
Arts and Humanities Research Council	£0	£219,996	£110,004	£330,000
TOTAL	£351,920	£585,477	£233,378	£1,170,775

- Core programme costs include contributions towards programme management, publications and travel.

Appendix 3: Partner and Funder Profiles

The Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) works with partners and 27,000 Fellows to develop and promote new ways of thinking about social progress. By researching, designing and testing new social models, RSA projects aim to encourage a more inventive, resourceful and fulfilled society and a strengthened economy.

Arts Council England is the national body for the arts in England, distributing public money from the Government and the National Lottery, developing and investing in artistic experiences that both enrich people's lives and improve the economy.

Arts and Humanities Research Council [AHRC] supports world-class research that furthers our understanding of human culture and creativity.

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. Its aim is to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK both now and in the future.

Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making charitable trust which supports organisations working in any part of the UK. It funds a wide range of people and organisations working to build stronger communities.

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
14 SEPTEMBER 2011	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

Report Author – Paulina Ford, Senior Governance Officer, Scrutiny

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NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report is brought to the Committee to provide an update on the Neighbourhood Council Scrutiny Review Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees:

- To change the name of the Neighbourhood Council Scrutiny Review Group to the Neighbourhood Committee Implementation Scrutiny Group
- The new terms of reference for the Group

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 10th November 2010, the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish group to conduct a review of Neighbourhood Councils. The review was completed in March 2011 and one of the recommendations included in the final report to Cabinet was as follows:

The recommendations, when agreed, form part of an overall implementation plan for Neighbourhood Councils alongside the recommendations that emerge from stage one of the review. This implementation plan should be overseen by the cross-party working group formed from the task and finish group, and become a standing item at all Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee meetings, with regular updates also provided to Cabinet and Group Representatives

At its meeting on 21 March 2011, Cabinet agreed to the above recommendation.

- 3.2 The original membership of the group consisted of:

- Cllr Burton
- Cllr Todd
- Cllr Simons
- Cllr Khan
- Cllr JR Fox
- Cllr Sandford
- Cllr Goldspink

Councillors Goldspink and Simons have since resigned from the group.

3.3 The group last met on 31 August 2011 to discuss the following:

- The purpose of the group going forward in light of the agreed recommendation as stated in paragraph 3.1 above.
- The membership of the group
- The terms of reference

3.4 The following proposals were put forward for agreement by the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee:

Purpose of the Group

To monitor the implementation of the recommendations from the Neighbourhood Committee Review and to support the ongoing development of Neighbourhood Committees.

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor the implementation of the recommendations agreed at Cabinet and resolutions agreed at Full Council.
2. To work with officers to identify barriers and issues with the development of Neighbourhood Committees and find ways to solve them.
3. To champion the development and progress of Neighbourhood Committees and encourage engagement from other Members.
4. To support the development of Heads of Service in their involvement in Neighbourhood Committees.
5. To report to the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee in March 2012 on the progress of the group.

Membership

Membership of the group would continue with those members who had indicated that they wished to remain on the group.

- Cllr Burton
- Cllr Todd
- Cllr Khan
- Cllr JR Fox
- Cllr Sandford

New members may be included at the invitation of the group.

5. NEXT STEPS

5.1 That the Committee agree to the new terms of reference and name of the group.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 None

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- Review of Neighbourhood Councils Part 2 - Report of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group dated March 2011
- Record of Executive Decision Notice dated 23 March 2011

8. APPENDICES
None

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STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 9
14 SEPTEMBER 2011	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This is a regular report to the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee outlining the content of the Council's Forward Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

3. BACKGROUND

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

4. CONSULTATION

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

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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None

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

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**PETERBOROUGH CITY
COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN
1 SEPTEMBER 2011 TO 31 DECEMBER 2011**

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS - 1 SEPTEMBER 2011 TO 31 DECEMBER 2011

During the period from 1 September 2011 To 31 December 2011 Peterborough City Council's Executive intends to take 'key decisions' on the issues set out below. Key decisions relate to those executive decisions which are likely to result in the Council spending or saving money in excess of £500,000 and/or have a significant impact on two or more wards in Peterborough.

This Forward Plan should be seen as an outline of the proposed decisions and it will be updated on a monthly basis. The dates detailed within the Plan are subject to change and those items amended or identified for decision more than one month in advance will be carried over to forthcoming plans. Each new plan supersedes the previous plan. Any questions on specific issues included on the Plan should be included on the form which appears at the back of the Plan and submitted to Alex Daynes, Senior Governance Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, Bridge Street, PE1 1HG (fax 01733 452483). Alternatively, you can submit your views via e-mail to alexander.daynes@peterborough.gov.uk or by telephone on 01733 452447.

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

NEW ITEMS THIS MONTH:

Street Lighting Policy - KEY/04SEP/11

Consolidation of Property Assets - KEY/05SEP/11

Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy - KEY/06SEP/11

Peterborough's Transport Partnership Policy for pupils aged 4-16 years - KEY/01NOV/11

SEPTEMBER

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of Land and Buildings - Vawser Lodge Thorpe Road - KEY/04DEC/10</p> <p>To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director – Strategic Resources, the Corporate Property Officer and the Cabinet Member Resources, to negotiate and conclude the sale of Vawser Lodge</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member, Ward councillors, relevant internal departments & external stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Andrew Edwards Head of Peterborough Delivery Partnership Tel: 01733 452303 andrew.edwards@peterborou gh.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken</p>

<p>Security Framework Contract - lot 2 - KEY/09DEC/10 Award lot 2 of framework contract; cash collection and cash in transit services, delivering services for the council such as collecting cash from parking meters and banking it securely.</p>	September 2011	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth	Internal and external stakeholders as appropriate	Matthew Rains P2P Manager Tel: 01733 317996 matthew.rains@peterborough.gov.uk	A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is made
<p>Section 75 Agreements with Cambridgeshire Community Services, NHS Peterborough and Cambridge & Peterborough Foundation Trust - KEY/12FEB/11 Approval of s.75 Agreements with Cambridgeshire Community Services for the provision of Adult Social Care; with NHS Peterborough for the provision of Learning Disability Services; and with Cambridge & Peterborough Foundation Trust for the provision of mental health services.</p>	September 2011	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care	Health Issues	Relevant internal and external Stakeholders	Denise Radley Executive Director of Adult Social Services Tel: 01733 758444 denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk	A public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is taken.

<p>Social Work Practice Pilot - KEY/01APR/11 Agree arrangements for the procurement and provision of Social Work Practice Pilots for children in care.</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Social work staff; children in care; corporate parenting panel members and Trade Unions</p>	<p>Andrew Brunt Assistant Director - Families and Communities andrew.brunt@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>
<p>Orton Longueville School and Stanground College - KEY/13JUN/11 To vary the Ormiston Bushfield Academy (OBA) Design and Build Contract with Kier Regional Ltd (trading as Kier Eastern) to allow for the design and build of Orton Longueville School and Stanground College</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Executive Director Children Services, Executive Director Resources, Solicitor to the Council, Ward Councillors</p>	<p>Brian Howard PFI Project Manager Tel: 01733 863976 brian.howard@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken</p>
<p>Energy Services Company - KEY/03JUL/11 To consider potential future developments of energy related products.</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment Capital, Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Internal and External Stakeholders</p>	<p>John Harrison Executive Director-Strategic Resources Tel: 01733 452398 john.harrison@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is taken.</p>

<p>Expansion to Hampton College - KEY/04JUL/11 To approve the forward build of phase 2 of Hampton College.</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Internal and external stakeholders</p>	<p>Jonathan Lewis Assistant Director - Resources, Commissioning and Performance jonathan.lewis@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is taken.</p>
<p>Draft Housing Strategy - KEY/04JUN/11 To approve the draft Housing Strategy 2011-2014 for the purposes of public consultation.</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Strong & Supportive Communities</p>	<p>Internal and External as appropriate</p>	<p>Richard Kay Policy and Strategy Manager richard.kay@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be made available from the governance team one week before the decision is made.</p>
<p>Single Equality Scheme - KEY/02SEP/11 To approve the final scheme following consultation</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities.</p>	<p>Public consultation via stakeholders and partnerships.</p>	<p>Denise Radley Executive Director of Adult Social Services Tel: 01733 758444 denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken.</p>

<p>Traffic Signals LED Project - award of contract - KEY/03SEP/11 Contract to replace all traffic signal head lamps in Peterborough with LED as LED Heads are more efficient brighter, safer and have a much longer life.</p>	September 2011	Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning	Environment Capital	Internal and external stakeholders as appropriate	Amy Wardell Team Manager - Passenger Transport Projects Tel: 01733 317481 amy.wardell@peterborough.gov.uk	A public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is taken.
<p>Street Lighting Policy - KEY/04SEP/11 To agree the street lighting policy for PCC.</p>	September 2011	Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning	Environment Capital	With internal and external stakeholders as appropriate.	Mark Speed Transport Planning Team Manager Tel: 317471 mark.speed@peterborough.gov.uk	A public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is taken.
<p>Consolidation of Property Assets - KEY/05SEP/11 Authority to enter into a lease to streamline Council property requirements</p>	September 2011	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth, Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Business Engagement	Sustainable Growth	Internal Consultation with relevant members and officers.	Andrew Edwards Head of Peterborough Delivery Partnership Tel: 01733 452303 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk	A public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is taken.

<p>Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy - KEY/06SEP/11</p> <p>To confirm the approach to take in delivering the Medium Term Financial Strategy</p>	<p>September 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Relevant internal departments and Cabinet</p>	<p>Steven Pilsworth Head of Strategic Finance Tel: 01733 384564 Steven.Pilsworth@peterborou gh.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is taken.</p>
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OCTOBER

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Manor Drive Managed Service – Procurement through the Services Competitive Dialogue Process - KEY/01SEP/11</p> <p>To identify the preferred bidder (the Council's partner) for Manor Drive Managed Service.</p>	<p>October 2011</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning, Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Internal departments, Unions, Staff</p>	<p>Margaret Welton Principal Lawyer (Manor Drive) Tel: 01733 452226 margaret.welton@peterborou gh.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken</p>

NOVEMBER

There are currently no Key Decisions Scheduled for November.

<p>Peterborough's Transport Partnership Policy for pupils aged 4-16 years - KEY/01NOV/11 To approve the new for September 2012.</p>	<p>November 2011</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Internal and public consultation</p>	<p>Rowena Sampson Transport Officer rowena.sampson@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is taken.</p>
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DECEMBER

There are currently no Key Decisions scheduled for December.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

Communications
Strategic Growth and Development Services
Legal and Democratic Services
Policy and Research
Economic and Community Regeneration
HR Business Relations, Training & Development, Occupational Health & Reward & Policy

STRATEGIC RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Director's Office at Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

Finance
Internal Audit
Information Communications Technology (ICT)
Business Transformation
Strategic Improvement
Strategic Property
Waste
Customer Services
Business Support
Shared Transactional Services
Cultural Trust Client

CHILDRENS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT Bayard Place, Broadway, PE1 1FB

Safeguarding, Family & Communities
Education & Resources
Children's Community Health

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT Bridge House, Town Bridge, PE1 1HB

Planning Transport & Engineering (Development Management, Construction & Compliance, Infrastructure Planning & Delivery, Network Management)

Commercial Operations (Resilience, Strategic Parking and Commercial CCTV, City Centre, Markets & Commercial Trading, Passenger Transport)

Neighbourhoods (Strategic Regulatory Services, Safer Peterborough, Strategic Housing, Cohesion, Social Inclusion)

Operations Business Support (Finance)

Planning Transport & Engineering (Development Management, Construction & Compliance, Infrastructure Planning & Delivery, Network Management)

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**STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12**

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
15 June 2011 <i>Draft Report 27 May</i> <i>Final Report 6 June</i>	Strong and Supportive communities: introduction, Overview and Work Programme To receive a comprehensive overview of the issues, opportunities, priorities and challenges in connection with the strong and supportive communities theme, with the aim of establishing a scrutiny work programme for the year. Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman	Suggested items from the presentation to be included in the work programme to be discussed at the next Group Representatives meeting.
	Review of 2010/11 and Future Work Programme To review the work undertaken during 2010/11 and to consider the future work programme of the Committee Contact Officer: Paulina Ford	Items for work programme to be considered at Group Representatives Meeting.
20 July 2011 <i>Draft Report 4 July</i> <i>Final Report 11 July</i>	CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	Single Delivery Plan To scrutinise the delivery of Programmes 5 and 6 of the Single Delivery Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering people and creating cohesive communities • Reducing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman	
	Neighbourhood Committee – Progress Report To receive an update report on the progress of the recommendations made by the Neighbourhood Council Review Group to Cabinet. Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman	

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
<p>14 September 2011</p> <p><i>Draft Report 26 August</i> <i>Final Report 5 Sept</i></p>	<p>Trees in Bridge Street</p> <p>To receive a report at the request of Cllr Sandford on the consultation regarding the trees in Bridge Street</p> <p>Contact Officer: Andrew Edwards</p>	
	<p>Neighbourhood Council Review Group</p> <p>To receive a report to agree the new Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Council Review Group</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford</p>	
	<p>Citizen Power Programme – Outcome of Review</p> <p>To receive a report on the outcome of the review of the Citizen Power Programme in response to recommendations made by the Committee at its meeting in March 2011.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson</p>	
	<p>CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>	
	<p>Designated Public Places Order</p> <p>To scrutinise the proposal to extend the existing Designated Public Places Order (DPPO).</p> <p>Contact Officer: Katy Softley</p>	
<p>9 November 2011</p> <p><i>Draft Report 24 Oct</i> <i>Final Report 31 Oct</i></p>	<p>Housing Allocations Policy</p> <p>To scrutinise the Housing Allocations Policy to include the Homelessness Strategy and the Empty Homes Strategy</p>	
	<p>Single Delivery Plan</p>	

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	<p>To scrutinize the delivery of Programme 5 –Building VCS capacity to deliver local services.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman</p>	
	<p>Strategic Tenancy Policy</p> <p>Contact Officer: Anne Keogh</p>	
	<p>City Centre</p> <p>To scrutinise the delivery of Programme 1 of the Single Delivery Plan - Create a safe, clean and vibrant city centre and make any recommendations</p> <p>Contact Officer: Annette Joyce</p>	
	<p>CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p>	
	<p>Single Delivery Plan</p> <p>To scrutinize the delivery of Programme 6 – Integrated Offender Management including an update on Restorative Justice.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman</p>	
<p>5 January 2012 (Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees and Commissions)</p>	<p>Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan</p> <p>To scrutinise the Executive’s proposals for the Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan.</p> <p>Contact Officer: John Harrison/Steven Pilsworth</p>	
<p>18 January 2012</p> <p><i>Draft Report 4 Jan</i> <i>Final Report 10 Jan</i></p>	<p>Single Delivery Plan</p> <p>To scrutinize the delivery of Programme 5 – Delivering the localism agenda</p> <p>Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman</p>	

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	CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	Single Delivery Plan To scrutinize the delivery of Programme 6 –Tackling Domestic Abuse Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman	
7 March 2012 <i>Draft Report 20 Feb</i> <i>Final Report 27 Feb</i>	Vivacity To Scrutinise the progress of the Vivacity Cultural and Leisure Trust. Contact Officer: Kevin Tighe	
	Single Delivery Plan To scrutinize the delivery of Programme 5 – Receive an update report on delivering the localism agenda Contact Officer: Adrian Chapman	
	Community Cohesion Strategy To scrutinise the impact of the implementation of the Community Cohesion Strategy and make any recommendations. Contact Officer: Jawaid khan	
	Homelessness Prevention To scrutinise and comment on the actions being taken to prevent Homelessness in the City and make any necessary recommendations. Contact Officer: Sharon Malia	
	CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan	

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	<p>To scrutinise and comment on the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2012/2013 prior to its consideration by the Executive.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Gary Goose / Karen Kibblewhite</p>	

To be programmed into work programme:

- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill
- Strategic Tenancy Policy (Guidance for Housing Associations relating to Social Housing Reform)

Regular update reports to be received on

- Neighbourhood Committees
- Citizen Power Programme

To be programmed in when applicable

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