

RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR DAVID SANDERS

9. Executive and Committee Recommendations to Council

(a) Cabinet Recommendation – Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2017/18 – 2026/27

To suspend Council Standing Order 22.1, “A motion or amendment to rescind a decision made at a meeting of Council within the past six months cannot be moved unless the notice of motion is signed by at least five members.”

A vote was taken (16 voted in favour, 30 voted against, 9 abstained from voting) and the motion was **DEFEATED**.

A recorded vote was taken on the Cabinet recommendation:

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bisby, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Fitzgerald, Fuller, JR Fox, JA Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, King, Lane, Nadeem, Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Sanders, Seaton, Serluca, Sims, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, and Whitby

Councillors Against: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Bond, Davidson, Dowson, Ellis, Ferris, Fower, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Johnson, Khan, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed, and Sylvester

Councillors Abstaining: Sharp

Following the vote (34 voted in favour, 20 voted against, 1 abstained from voting) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Council noted:

1. The advice of the Chief Finance Officer per Schedule A, the continuing uncertainty of national public finances, and the risks surrounding forecasts and budget proposals;
2. The feedback on the budget proposals from residents, staff and community groups detailed in Appendix A;
3. The outcome of the Final Local Government 2017/18 Finance Settlement.
4. The transport levy arrangements with the combined authority included in the budget

That Council approved:

5. The draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18-2026/27 (including Phase two budget proposals), as set out in the attached Schedules which comprised:
 - a. Report of the Chief Finance Officer,
 - b. Forecast Revenue Outturn 2016/17,
 - c. Budget Proposals, Key Figures & Cash Limits (including fees & charges proposals),
 - d. Treasury Strategy, Prudential Code & Minimum Revenue Provision,
 - e. Asset Investment Strategy, Acquisition Strategy, Capital Programme & Disposals 2017/18 – 2026/27,
 - f. Asset Management Plan, and
6. A Social Care precept of 3% for 2017/18 and 3% in 2018/19, as well as the Council tax increase of 2% for 2017/18 and future years, already agreed as part of the 2016/17 budget strategy.

11. Notices of Motion

1. Motion from Councillor Cereste

The Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) was chosen by the Mayor in May as one of his charities for his year in office. The Association is unique in its work, focusing on caring for those with motor neurone disease, researching and campaigning.

Following on the vastly successful 'Ice Bucket Challenge' funding has been put in place for the AMBRoSIA project. This project could bring us closer to faster diagnosis, earlier treatment, a better understanding of the types of motor neurone disease, better help for patients according to their needs, new drugs testing relating to the different causes for the disease, and work towards developing preventative treatments.

The risk of a person developing motor neurone disease in their lifetime is up to 1 in every 300. In Peterborough, this means that over 635 residents may be diagnosed with the disease during their lives. As such, the work the Association undertakes in Peterborough is invaluable.

The value of this work was highlighted earlier this year when Pam Wilkie, previous Cambridgeshire Branch Chairman, was presented with the Annual Volunteer Award from the Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services.

The Association has initiated a campaign 'Champion the Charter', which seeks for council's to adopt the Motor Neurone Disease Charter in order to help influence the lives of people living with MND in their communities. Adopting the Charter will help ensure that Peterborough City Council is better informed and understands the needs of people with MND.

The Council is therefore called upon to:

- 1) *Acknowledge the work of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and to extend its thanks to the Association for providing support to the Peterborough residents, and their families, affected by the disease; and*
- 2) *Adopt the Motor Neurone Disease Charter comprising five points:*
 - *The right to an early diagnosis and information;*
 - *The right to access quality care and treatments;*
 - *The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect;*
 - *The right to maximise their quality of life; and*

- Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED**.

2. Motion from Councillor Harper

That Council acknowledges the significant public concern around dog fouling in various areas of Peterborough which, apart from being an anti-social nuisance, is associated with various health risks (particularly in children) and blights our green open space that the city is so proud of.

That Council resolves to:

- 1) *Ensure that the city council demonstrates its commitment to providing safer and cleaner communities by promoting responsible dog ownership to reduce the nuisance and health problems associated with dog fouling through an ongoing education and awareness raising programme.*
- 2) *Ensure that, where education is not effective, the city council's Prevention and Enforcement Officers fine and if necessary prosecute owners that fail to clear up after their dog under current legal powers by way of Fixed Penalty Notices under relevant legislation.*
- 3) *Investigate the use of Public Space Protection Orders to deal with anti-social behaviour associated with irresponsible dog ownership where there is proven dog fouling issue on green open space land or other dog fouling problem areas. The PSPO could provide enforcement officers with the ability to fine a dog owner not in possession of a bag to clear up after their dog, similar to PSPOs being introduced in some other council areas.*
- 4) *Investigate the placing of additional waste bins (for general and dog waste) at strategic locations to further assist and encourage dog owners to clear up after their pets, and to have somewhere to dispose of the waste easily, safely and promptly.*

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED**.

3. Motion from Councillor Fower

Near the end of 2016, there were nearly 500 people on the Council's Housing waiting list, aged between 16-24.

81% of these were identified as British, nearly 30% identified themselves as Christian.

21% had been on the waiting list between 7 months to a year. 36% had been on the list for over a year.

At present the Government intends to withdraw Housing Benefit entitlement for 18-21 year olds from April 2017.

Some have argued that the proposed withdrawal of Housing Benefit (or what will be the housing costs element of Universal Credit, by 2017) will only have a limited effect in numerical and expenditure terms on those young people aged 18 to 21 years who are claiming it.

However, while the scope for applying the measure may be limited, the impact on the lives of those who will be affected is likely to be profound.

Therefore, this Council calls on the leader of the City Council to write a formal letter on behalf of this authority to the Prime Minister and Secretary for State, calling for an end to the Government's policy of removing the entitlement to housing benefit for 18-21 year olds.

A vote was taken (25 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 1 abstained from voting) and the motion was **DEFEATED**.

12. Reports to Council

(a) Combined Authority (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 – Appointment of Returning Officer

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council appointed Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive, as the Returning Officer (Peterborough City Council) for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mayoral Elections to be held in May 2017.

(b) Change of Polling Place for Polling District HAH4

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council agreed to designate Orton Hall Hotel as the Polling Place for Polling District HAH4.

(c) Pay Policy 2017/18

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council agreed the 2017/18 Pay Policy.

(d) Draft Programme of Meetings 2017-18

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council approved, in principle, the draft programme of meetings for 2017/18.