

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL SUMMONS TO A MEETING

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

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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR JOHN FOX

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Davidson, Ellis, Elsey, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fower, Judy Fox, John Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, King, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Mahabadi, Martin, Murphy, Nadeem, Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Serluca, Shaheed, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, and Whitby

16. Apologies for Absence

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of the late Yvonne Lowndes, past Peterborough City Councillor and Mayor, as well as those affected by attacks in Manchester, at London Bridge, and Finsbury Park, and the fire at Grenfell Tower.

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Shearman, Seaton, Dowson, Sharp, Sylvester, and Clark.

17. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The Mayor advised that this extraordinary meeting of Full Council had been called at short notice in order to ensure that the Council moved to a suitable political balance arrangement.

18. Report of the Returning Officer

It was **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that Council noted the results of the Local East Ward By-Election held on Thursday 8 June 2017.

19. Allocation of Seats to Political Groups Following East Ward By-Election

Council received a report which sought for Members to consider the impact of the East Ward By-Election result on the political balance of the Council.

Councillor Holdich introduced the report and moved the recommendations. Councillor Holdich advised that a consensus had been reached by all political Groups, and that this was set out in the supplementary information pack.

Councillor Fitzgerald seconded the motion.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

- a) Noted that there were 102 seats on committees, as agreed at Annual Council on 22 May 2017;
- b) Agreed the allocation of seats on those committees as set out on page 1 of the supplementary information pack; and
- c) Confirmed the allocation of seats on those committees not subject to political balance arrangements as set out in Appendix 2 at page 11 of the Council Agenda book.

20. Appointments to Committees

Council received a report which sought identification and approval of appointments to Committees, and appointments of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of non-executive Committees.

Councillor Holdich introduced the report and moved the recommendations. Councillor Holdich advised that the Council had a number of cross party work groups and that the Conservative Group would continue to work with Groups in political disagreement. Councillor Holdich advised that the proposals to retain the existing Chairmanships was put forward in order to maintain momentum, and strong and effective leadership.

Councillor Fitzgerald seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak.

Councillor Murphy moved an amendment to the recommendations which sought for authority to be delegated to Committees to appoint their own Chairs. Councillor Murphy advised that minority administrations needed to work closely with other Groups of the Council, and the sharing of Committee Chairs was a reasonable method. It was suggested that agreement to the amendment would begin a new era of co-operation.

Councillor Sandford seconded the amendment and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the amendment and in summary the points raised included:

- It was suggested that the Conservative Group leading the scrutiny process into their own Group was not fair.
- Comment was made that the current process worked well and that the existing Chairs were effective. If there was nothing wrong with the process as it was, why should it be changed?
- The role of Chair required experience.
- It was noted that an opposition Chair would have no additional sway than the existing Chairs.
- Comment was made that the Chair of a committee should be the best person for the role, and not based on what Group they are in. As such, it would be best practice to allow committees to choose their own Chair.
- It was considered that the opposition Scrutiny Chairs that had been in position in 2014/2015 worked well. Opposition Chairs would ensure that the Chairmanships reflected the balance of the Council.
- It was suggested that opposition Chairmanship would ensure proper more effective Scrutiny.
- A change in the approach to Chairmanships would, it was considered, reflect the position of the nation as a whole.
- Comment was made that, although part of the Group forming the executive, Conservative Chairs took their role as scrutineers very seriously.
- It was highlighted that should Members have concerns about a particular Chair, they were able to report this concern to the Leader of the Council, who could make further investigations.

Councillor Sandford exercised his right to speak and advised that the proposals were

about principles, not personality. It was considered that as the Conservative Group did not have overall control of the Council, decision making arrangements should be amended to reflect this. It was noted that Parliamentary Chairs were appointed by a secret ballot. Further attention was drawn to the idea that the allocation of special responsibility allowances should be spread throughout the Council, not just to one political Group.

As moved of the original recommendation, Councillor Holdich reiterated that the original proposal to retain the existing Chairs was to maintain momentum. It was noted that chairing a committee required skill and experience, the likes of which the existing Chairs had.

A vote was taken (20 voted in favour, 30 voted against, and 0 abstained from voting) and the amendment was **DEFEATED**.

Members debated the original recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- The Legal Officer provided advice to Members, stating that all Members in receipt of a basic allowance, and those in receipt of a special responsibility allowance, were entitled to vote.
- It was suggested that effective scrutiny could not take place with Chairman from the administration Group.
- It was noted that the number of Conservative Members that did not receive a special responsibility allowance was low.
- It was suggested that decisions should be reached by persuasion and not through power.

Councillor Fitzgerald exercised his right to speak and noted that special responsibility allowance could be foregone by opposition Group Leaders. It was advised that no whip was in place for the Conservative Group, but a consensus of opinion.

As mover of the recommendations, Councillor Holdich summed up and advised that this was the right way forward. A form of power sharing could be considered, however, only if agreement could be reached.

A vote was taken (30 voted in favour, 19 voted against, and 2 abstained from voting) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

- a) Agreed the appointments to those Committees where the allocation of the seats had been determined under Agenda Item 4, as shown on page 3 of the supplementary information pack;
- b) Agreed the Chair and Vice-Chair of each of the Council's Committees remained unchanged from that agreed at Annual Council, as shown on page 3 of the supplementary information pack;
- c) Confirmed the non-elected membership of committees, as described at paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7 of the report to Council on page 14 of the Council Agenda book;
- d) Authorised the Monitoring Officer as Proper Officer, in respect of any remaining appointments to be made, to carry out the wishes of the Leaders of the Political Groups in allocating members to committees, and appoints those Members with effect from the date at which the Proper Officer is advised of the names of such Members.

The Mayor
7.00pm – 7:52pm

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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR JOHN FOX

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bond, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Clark, Coles, Davidson, Dowson, Ellis, Elsey, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fower, Judy Fox, John Fox, Fuller, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, King, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Mahabadi, Murphy, Nadeem, Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Serluca, Shaheed, Sharp, Smith, Stokes, Sylvester, Walsh, and Whitby

21. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, Bisby, Saltmarsh, and Martin.

22. Declarations of Interest

Agenda Item 13(b) – Consultation on Changes of Governance with Fire

Councillor Murphy advised that he was a member of the Police and Crime Panel, where this item had been discussed.

Agenda Item 12.2 – Motion from Councillor Ferris

Councillor Serluca sought clarification on whether she was required to declare an interest as the owner of a local business.

The Legal Officer advised that this was not necessary.

23. Minutes of the Meeting held on:

(a) 22 May 2017 – Mayor Making

The minutes of the Mayor Making meeting held on 22 May 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record.

(b) 22 May 2017 – Annual Council

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 22 May 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record.

COMMUNICATIONS

24. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that Mr Stephen Gerrard and Mr Gary Poulter, the Council's new Interim Director of Law and Governance, and Mayoral Services Assistant respectively, were in attendance at their first Council meeting this evening.

The Mayor further advised that the Caribbean Night was to take place at the Millennium Centre on 21 July 2017.

The resignation of the John Harrison, Corporate Director of Resources, was announced. This came following 12 years' service with the Council, in order to pursue other opportunities.

The Chairman advised that he had agreed to add urgent item of business to the meeting's agenda, in relation to the appointment of an interim Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer.

25. Leader's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Leader.

QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

26. Questions with Notice by Members of the Public

There were no questions submitted by Members of the Public

27. Petitions

(a) Presented by Members of the Public

There were no petitions presented by members of the public.

(b) Presented by Members

Councillor Hussain presented a petition requesting the reinstallation of traffic lights at the junction of Cromwell Road and Gladstone Street.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm due to disturbance from the public gallery.

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The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7:57pm and advised that the meeting would stand adjourned until 7:00pm on 26 July 2017.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:57pm.

The Mayor
7.00pm – 7:57pm

**MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR JOHN FOX

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Clark, Coles, Davidson, Dowson, Ellis, Fitzgerald, Fower, Judy Fox, John Fox, Fuller, Goodwin, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, King, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Mahabadi, Martin, Murphy, Nadeem, Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Seaton, Serluca, Shaheed, Sharp, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, and Whitby

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7:00pm on 26 July 2017.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sylvester, Ferris, Harper, and Elsey.

28. Questions on Notice

- (a) To the Mayor**
- (a) To the Leader or member of the Cabinet**
- (b) To the Chair of any Committee of Sub-Committee**

The Legal Officer advised that the order in which questions were asked was determined by ballot.

Questions (b) to the Leader or Member of the Cabinet were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Manor Drive Development;
2. Lessons Learnt from St Michael's Gate;
3. Taxation without Representations;
4. Pavement and Verge Parking;
5. Safety Measures at Gladstone Park Astro Tuff;
6. Parking Enforcement Officer Resources;
7. Dog on Dog Attacks;
8. Activities at St John's Hall;
9. The TACT Partnership;
10. The Status of the Green Backyard;
11. White Goods Shop at Dodson House and Amey Impact;
12. Numbers Housing at St Michael's Gate;
13. Penalties for Breaking Planning Regulations;
14. The Local Transport Plan and Rhubarb Bridge;
15. The North Westgate Development; and
16. Anti-social Behaviour in Millfield Consultation.

The questions and responses are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes.

(c) To the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Representatives

The Legal Officer advised that the order in which questions were asked was determined by ballot.

Questions (d) to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Representatives were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Transport and Leadership Powers transferred to the Combined Authority Mayor.

The questions and responses are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

29. Executive and Committee Recommendations to Council

(a) Cabinet Recommendation – Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017 - 2020

The Mayor advised that a request had been made to withdraw the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017 – 2020 from the agenda on the grounds that further changes to the Partnership's priorities may result from the countywide policy review.

It was agreed to withdraw this item from the agenda, to be considered at a future meeting of Council, once further information was known.

(b) Cabinet Recommendation – Adoption of the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan

Cabinet, at its meeting of 10 July 2017, received a report, the purpose of which was to seek approval to recommend that Council adopts (or 'makes' to use the legal jargon) the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan and thereby make it part of the Development Plan for Peterborough.

Councillor Hiller introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Hiller advised that a long time had been spent developing the Neighbourhood Plan, with a significant amount of effort put into the work by the Village Working Group. Consultation had been undertaken with local residents, as well further formal consultation and an independent examination. A referendum was held on 6 July 2017. 166 votes were cast, with 152 votes for approval. Following this overwhelming approval, Council were required to adopt the Plan.

Councillor Holdich seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- The turnout for the referendum had been 47.7%.
- It was noted that Gladstone had commenced a Neighbourhood Plan in 2013 which had not been progressed.
- The Council was urged to work proactively with Parish Council in order to encourage further Neighbourhood Plans.

Councillor Holdich exercised his right to speak and explained that this was the first Neighbourhood Plan to come forward following the change to planning laws. Ward Councillors had had little input, with the bulk of the work carried out by local people. Councillor Holdich congratulated residents on their achievement.

Councillor Hiller summed up as mover of the recommendation and in so doing endorsed Councillor Holdich's comments. It was noted that this new form of Neighbourhood Plan was different in nature to those previous, as they culminated in a referendum. Communities groups could also draft a Plan for submission.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council 'made' (which meant to all intents and purposes 'adopted') the Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan, as set out at Appendix 1, to thereby form part of the Development Plan for Peterborough for the purpose of making decisions on relevant planning applications within Peakirk Parish.

(c) **Audit Committee Recommendation – Updates to the Constitution**

Audit Committee, at its meeting of 26 June 2017, received a report, the purpose of which was to obtain the Committee's views on proposed amendments and updates to the Council's constitution, including Regulatory Committee Functions, Standing Orders, and Petitions Scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** (unanimous) that Council agreed to suspend standing order 29.2 for the duration of the item to allow for variation of Council Standing Orders without the item standing adjourned.

Councillor Aitken introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Aitken advised that the key proposed updates to the constitution included clarification around the Appeals and Planning Review Committee speaking scheme, changes to the Planning referral and call-in procedures, a restriction on questions to council that are significantly the same as those asked in the past six months, and a update to the Petition Scheme to cover the procedure for debate at Council. The Committee removed a number of elements to the proposals which were felt to be unnecessary, where existing provision were already sufficient.

Councillor Over seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- It was commented that the Audit Committee meeting had been well chaired.
- Confirmation was sought by the Audit Committee that officers would provide assistance in formulating planning reasons for referral or call-in.
- It was further requested that Parish Councillors be provided with the opportunity to attend Planning Committee training alongside Members.

Councillor Over exercised his right to speak and explained that he was pleased to see a focus on the process for petitions to Council. The Audit Committee had chosen to limit the restriction on Planning referrals and call-in's to "planning reasons" and noted that advice from officer would still be available when formulating this reasons. Councillor Over praised the Chairman for a well-run meeting.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

- 1) Approved the updated Regulatory Committee Functions (Appendix A to the report) subject to the replacement of any reference to “sufficient reasoning” to “reasoning”;
- 2) Approved the updated Council Standing Orders (Appendix B to the report) subject to the removal of “from more than one Political Group”;
- 3) Approved the updated General Standing Orders (Appendix C to the report); and
- 4) Approved the updated Petition Scheme (Appendix D to the report).

(d) Licensing Committee Recommendation – Proposed Taxi Policy

Licensing Committee, at its meeting of 6 July 2017, received a report, the purpose of which was to advise Members of the consultation process carried out, to request Members to properly consider the responses received and determine the direction of the policy in consideration of those responses, agree the adoption of the final policy, subject to amendments, and set the implementation date for the policy and conditions to take effect.

Councillor Ayres introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Ayres advised that the proposed Taxi Policy was not a statutory policy, but set out the principles for Taxi Licensing. The proposals had been approved by the Committee in late 2016 for consultation. Following this public consultation, the Committee then considered the responses received. The Committee considered that it was not favourable to extend the life extension for low-emission vehicles to 5 years, as they were currently not widely available, the infrastructure to support such a proposal was not available, and there was uncertainty surrounding the technology. It was also considered that the introduction of ad hoc safety checks, which were currently every three years, was not necessary. It was noted that further safeguarding training was being developed for drivers.

Councillor Allen seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- The subject of Taxi Licensing was weighty and arduous, and the Licensing Committee has dealt with it well.
- The Police had further safeguarding measures in place, and would notify officers when necessary to ensure the public were not at risk.
- The Policy meant that Peterborough was moving its practices forward in relation to Taxi Licences.

Councillor Allen exercised his right to speak and considered that the proposed policy was of high quality and he felt the Committee had done a good job with their recommendations.

Councillor Ayres summed up as mover of the recommendation and in so doing thanked Members for their comments and congratulated the cross party committee on its work.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

- 1) Adopted the draft Taxi Policy, subject to the amendments proposed by the Licensing Committee;
- 2) Agreed the Taxi Policy implementation date to be of immediate effect, subject to:
 - (i) An allowance of 3 months for the amendment of the Off Street Traffic Regulation Order; and
 - (ii) Relevant procurement process for outsourcing driving test;
- 3) Approved the amendment of the Licensing Committee terms of reference to state that:
 - (i) On recommendation by the Licensing Committee all statutory policies within the Licensing Committee's remit must go to Full Council for formal adoption. This includes any modifications, amendments to those policies; and
 - (ii) On recommendation by the Licensing Committee all non-statutory policies must be submitted to either Full Council or Cabinet for formal adoption. Thereafter, any minor amendments or modifications can be adopted by the Licensing Committee.

30. Questions on the Executive Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting

Councillor Holdich introduced the report which detailed Executive decisions taken since the last meeting including:

1. Decisions from the Cabinet meeting held on 10 July 2017
2. Cabinet Member Decision taken during the period 5 April 2017 to 30 June 2017.

Questions were asked about the following:

Implementation of Peterborough Lottery

Councillor Sandford asked what guarantees were available that that Peterborough Lottery would succeed in the face of national competition. Clarification was also sought on the risk to the Council should the scheme fail.

Councillor Seaton advised that the set up cost of the scheme was £6,100, and that this was the level of loss to be incurred if the scheme failed. It was noted that similar local lotteries had been more successful than expected in other areas of the country. Work was being undertaken with local community groups to promote and encourage engagement.

Councillor Fower asked how much money was expected to be made from the scheme.

Councillor Seaton responded that an estimated income of £65,000 a year was expected from 2019. This was discussed at the Cross Party Budget Working which Councillor Fower had been involved with.

Payment Strategy

Councillor Ellis sought reassurance that users of the Cash Offices would be consulted on its proposed closure in person.

Councillor Holdich responded that there was a list of alternative locations that individuals could pay within the report, which was being updated following feedback.

Councillor Seaton advised that online consultation was being undertaken alongside liaison with voluntary sector organisations to reach vulnerable groups. Officers were also present in the Cash Officer to discuss the proposals directly with users.

Budget Monitoring Report Final Outturn 2016/2017

Councillor Ellis asked for clarification around the £1.3 million underspend and asked the Cabinet Member to join him in asking the Government for further funding.

Councillor Seaton responded that savings had been made through Highway efficiencies, reduction in demand for concessionary fare, and financial services assurances. The Council still faced pressure from social care and the cost of housing families. It was advised that efficiencies were not the same as services cuts.

Councillor Murphy commented that this was £1.3 million not spent of services.

Councillor Seaton responded that this represented a 0.6% underspend and suggested that the Council were accurate in their budget setting.

Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2017 - 2020

Councillor Murphy asked why the priorities identified by the public had not been included in the Partnership Plan.

Councillor Walsh advised that the Plan's priorities focused on high harm risks that the public may not be aware of the. The Plan further set out how the concerns raised by the public would be addressed.

Councillor Sandford questioned how the public could be assured of the Safer Peterborough Partnership's priorities when the Board met in private.

Councillor Walsh responded that the work of the Partnership was transparent and that information was available if requested. The possibility of opening the meeting to the public could be investigated.

Councillor Mahabadi asked whether KPI's would be included within the Plan when it was presented to Council.

Councillor Walsh responded performance indicators were already available, and that this could be provided to Members in the future.

Junction 20 Capacity Improvements (A47/A15 Interchange) – JUN17/CMDN/08

Councillor Murphy asked whether these works were in relation to Rhubarb Bridge.

Councillor Hiller advised that they were not.

Academy Conversion – JUN17/CMDN/09 & Academy Conversion – JUN17/CMDN10

Councillor Mahabadi raised concerns about the funding for SEN child in these academies and sought reassurance that academies would not remain a 'black box'.

Councillor Ayres responded that such matters did not bare any relation to the two decisions made.

Award of Contract for the Management and Operation of Dogsthorpe Household Recycling Centre – JUN17/CMDN/13

Councillor Fower asked for clarification on how the termination of the Amey contract would impact on the Dogsthorpe Household Recycling Centre contract.

Councillor Holdich advised that he would provide a response in writing.

31. Questions on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Representatives Made Since the Last Meeting

The Mayor introduced the report which detailed Combined Authority decisions taken since the last meeting including:

1. Decisions from the Board meeting held 31 May 2017
2. Decisions from the Audit and Governance Committee held 26 June 2017
3. Decisions from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held 26 June 2017
4. Decisions from the Board meeting held 28 June 2017

Questions were asked about the following:

Strategic Transport Infrastructure Schemes

Councillor Sandford asked whether the project for the reopening of Wisbech Garden Town Station would be taken forward.

Councillor Holdich responded that this was within the Transport Plan for Cambridgeshire and that the Combined Authority were currently considering it.

COUNCIL BUSINESS TIME

32. Notices of Motion

1. Motion from Councillor Ali

The Council recognises the concerns of traders, local community organisations, residents and road users of Lincoln Road, Millfield with regard to traffic congestion

caused by the buses using the bus depot at the end of the day. As bus drivers bring their buses back to the depot at the end of the shift, long tailbacks ensue as buses try to enter the depot. This holds up the flow of the traffic through this already congested area and stops people from entering the area for shopping or eating, thus having an impact on the businesses.

Action needs to be taken to address this issue which has been constantly raised by the traders and others affected within the North, Central and Park Ward area.

The Council resolves to:

- 1. Request the relevant Council Officers to work with the Bus Company to look at staggering the times for Buses coming into the depot to avoid tailbacks in the short term; and*
- 2. Work with the Bus Company to look at the feasibility of relocating the Bus Depot as a solution to this problem for the medium to long term.*

In moving his motion, Councillor Ali advised that the Bus Depot had been at its current location for a very long time. Times had changes and it was no longer appropriate. That part of the city was busy in the evening, and action needed to be taken to address the issue.

Councillor Jamil seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak.

Councillor Hiller moved an amendment to the recommendations requesting that changes be made to consider traffic in the area in general, not just tailbacks from the Bus Depot. It was noted that business were not affected permanently, but for a short period in the evening. Councillor Hiller was happy to work with the private company to look at a potential relocation, but wished to also consider the broader issues affecting the area.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Over who reserved his right to speak.

Members were invited to comment on the amendment and during debate, and the following key points were raised:

- The area was impacted by double or triple parking on the street.
- A review was needed into Council policy to ensure that this did not continue.

Councillor Over exercised his right to speak and explained that the area suffered a dangerous level of double parking. It was noted that the Bus Depot was run by a private company and that addressing the traffic issues in the area would require consideration additional factors.

Councillor Ali exercised his right of reply as mover of the original motion and stated that he appreciated the comments made by Members and looked forward to a positive resolution. Councillor Ali accepted the amendment to his motion.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion as amended was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:**

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Action needs to be taken to address this issue which has been constantly raised by the traders and others affected within the North, Central and Park Ward area.

The Council resolves to:

- 1) Request the relevant Council Officers continue to work with the Bus Company to try to resolve traffic problems look at staggering the times for Buses coming into the depot to avoid tailbacks in the short term; and*
- 2) Work with the Bus Company to look at the feasibility of relocating the Bus Depot as a solution to this problem for the medium to long term.*

2. Motion from Councillor Ferris

Annual consumption of plastic bottles is set to top half a trillion (500, 000, 000, 000) by 2017. Recognising the damaging impact that plastic waste is having on the Earth's ecosystems, it is imperative that we reduce this through a greater commitment to recycling and reuse.

This Council is asked to introduce a 'refill-reuse' scheme, similar to those already in operation in other cities across Europe. Such a scheme invites local businesses to sign up, allowing people to refill their water bottles on their premises rather than throwing them away after single use. If every Peterborough resident refilled once a week instead of buying a single-use plastic bottle, the city would reduce its waste plastic bottle consumption by approximately 10 million a year.

To take this forward, this Council is asked to:

- 1. Promote a refill-reuse scheme with local businesses, with an aim of recruiting them to become Refill Points;*
- 2. Seek a commercial sponsor to act as a partner in the scheme;*
- 3. Develop a Refill App which shows users which businesses nearby are happy to fill water bottles; and*
- 4. work with other public space operators to contract companies to install drinking water fountains with visible and convenient attachments made to refill bottles in areas of high footfall.*

In moving his motion, Councillor Mahabadi noted that the proposals were closely linked to the Council's priority to become the UK's environment capital. To achieve this priority it was considered important to recognise the use of plastic bottles. Less than 60% of plastic bottles were recycled in the UK. The motion set out a number of innovative ideas, including a refill scheme to make the city greener. It was noted that there were significant economic benefits to the city becoming cleaner. Councillor Mahabadi

accepted the amendment to the motion.

Councillor Ellis seconded the motion and supported the amendment.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion as amended was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:**

Annual consumption of plastic bottles is set to top half a trillion (500, 000, 000, 000) by 2017. Recognising the damaging impact that plastic waste is having on the Earth's ecosystems, we need to continue and further develop our ~~it is imperative that we reduce this through a greater commitment to recycling and reuse.~~

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3. Motion from Councillor Ferris

Council notes the need to promote pedestrian and cycle routes in the city of Peterborough.

This Council believes that pedestrian and cycle facilities in Peterborough can be enhanced and better coordinated particularly in the city centre.

This Council believes that a footbridge and cycle route to Fletton Quays should be constructed.

In moving his motion, Councillor Mahabadi recognised that the issue of a bridge across the River Nene was an emotive topic. It was considered that such a bridge would provide an important link between the Fletton Quays development and the Embankment.

Councillor Jamil seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak.

Councillor Hiller moved an amendment to the recommendations requesting that the proposals for a footbridge be fed into the cross party budget working group should the

Peterborough University be cited at Fletton Quays. Councillor Hiller noted that the provision of bridge was desirable, but could not be included in previous plans for Fletton Quays due to the lack of commercial viability. As such a bridge would attract a significant cost, the matter should be carefully considered before being factored into the budget.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Serluca who reserved her right to speak.

Councillor Mahabadi accepted the amendment to the motion.

Members were invited to comment on the motion as amended and during debate, and the following key points were raised:

- Concerns were raised proposals for a bridge were not included in original plans for Fletton Quays.
- It was noted that original proposals did include a bridge, which was still the Council's wish. The plans were amended due to the cost of such a bridge and viability issues.
- The location was ideal for a bridge, given its proximity to the Embankment, Key Theatre, and Football Ground.
- It was considered that there was no point introducing a bridge at the current time until it was determined where the University would be cited. The Council did not want to build a bridge to nowhere.
- The cost of a potential bridge was discussed, up to a level of £3 million. It was estimated that this was cost £300,000 to borrow.
- Such costs would have to be weighed against other Council demands.
- The Transport User Hierarchy was referenced, highlighting that pedestrians and cyclist topped this list. Comment was made that this hierarch often seemed to be ignored.
- It was suggested that even without the University, a bridge at this location should still be considered.
- It was advised that such proposals were included in the original scheme, and that commencement of such was a matter of financing.
- It was considered that plans for a bridge needed to be right, and the priority of funding needed to be appropriate.

Councillor Mahabadi summed up as mover of the motion and in so doing considered that the amendment had been accepted on good faith that the proposals would be pursued.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion as amended was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:**

Council notes the need to continue to promote pedestrian and cycle routes in the city of Peterborough.

This Council believes that pedestrian and cycle facilities in Peterborough can continue to be enhanced and better coordinated particularly in and around the city centre as part of the Council's wider growth and regeneration plans.

Funding for the provision of a foot and cycle bridge This Council believes that a footbridge and cycle route to Fletton Quays from the embankment should be constructed considered as part of the Council's budget setting process, because the potential for a footbridge provision was originally, and still is, an element of this landmark development

and will certainly be a foremost consideration should the City's university be positioned here.

33. Reports to Council

(a) Notification of Changes to the Executive Functions – Officer Delegations

Councillor Holdich introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Holdich advised that authority had been delegated to the Chief Executive to loan officers to other authorities to discharge their functions, and that the threshold for Director ex-gratia payments in respect of complaints had been increased to £1,000.

Councillor Smith seconded the recommendations.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council noted the changes made by the Leader to the Executive Functions - Officer Delegations.

(b) Consultation on Changes of Governance with Fire

Councillor Bond introduced the report and moved the alternative recommendations set out in the supplementary information pack. Councillor Bond considered that representative model was the more sensible approach, taking into account evidence from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority. Further collaboration was thought to be a good idea. It was suggested that combining the governance of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire Authority would have a negative impact on public safety. It was also believed that this would not result in any form of cost saving. It was considered to be important to spread the power of the Police and the Fire Authority of two bodies, as the governance model proposed by the Police and Crime Commissioner would provide the Commissioner with too much influence over the Fire Authority. There was a number of examples of the two bodies communication and working together already, including shared facilities, and a joint education team. It was not felt that changes in the governance approach would improve this. Finally, it was suggested that the creation of a blue light hub would ensure that the emergency services bodies worked more closely together in the future.

Councillor Peach seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- Councillors Peach, Over, Jamil, and Bond were members of the Fire Authority.
- It was considered that the current governance format was working effectively.
- Public Safety was believed to be key, and required maintaining.
- Comment was made that such proposals were being supported in other parts of the country.
- It was noted that the relationship of the Police to the public was different than that of the Fire Service.
- Concern was raised in relation to one person having power over both the Police and the Fire Services.
- The blue light hub was considered to be a good idea, which could improve communication between services.
- Suggestion was made that the relationship between the Fire Chief and the Fire Authority, and the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel were significantly different.

- It was not considered that the recommendation of the Police and Crime Commissioner was in the best interest of the public.
- It was suggested that a large organisation would be too unwieldy and unresponsive to change. Safety should come first.

Councillor Peach exercised his right to speak and explained that that Cambridgeshire County Council had recently agreed the same recommendation. It was hoped that similar cross party support would be shown by the Council this evening. The Fire Authority had equally agreed the same response.

Councillor Bond summed up as mover of the recommendation and in so doing thanked Members for their support.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council recommended that Cabinet:

- 1) Objects to the option as detailed within the Police and Crime Commissioner Business Case option 3 (Governance Model) and supports option 2 (Representative Model);
- 2) Uses the response of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Fire Authority to the consultation either in whole or part to support the preferred option 2;
- 3) States it is the view of the Council that a blue light hub, based on the Fire Service and Ambulance service, is looked at in greater detail, as there is a clear and historical synergy between both of these important public services; and
- 4) Delegates the preparation of a full written response to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, by the closing date of 4 September 2017.

(c) Appointment of the Interim Monitoring Officer

Stephen Gerrard, Interim Director of Law and Governance, left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Holdich introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Holdich advised that the Council had a legal requirement to have a Monitoring Officer in post. Following the secondment of Kim Sawyer, it was proposed that Stephen Gerrard be appointed to the post on an interim basis.

Councillor Fitzgerald seconded the recommendations.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council appointed Mr Stephen Gerrard (Interim Director for Law and Governance) as the Interim Monitoring Officer for Peterborough City Council.

(d) Urgent Report – Appointment of the Interim Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer

Stephen Gerrard, Interim Director of Law and Governance, re-joined the meeting.

The Chairman agreed to take this report as an urgent items, due to the statutory requirements of the Council to have a Section 151 Officer in place, and to avoid the need for an extraordinary meeting.

Marion Kelly, Interim Service Director Financial Services, left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Holdich introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Holdich advised that the Council had a legal requirement to have a Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer in post. Following the resignation of John Harrison, it was proposed that Marion Kelly be appointed to the post on an interim basis.

Councillor Fitzgerald seconded the recommendations.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council appointed Ms Marion Kelly (Interim Service Director Financial Services) as the Interim Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer for Peterborough City Council.

The Mayor
7.00pm – 9:44pm

RECONVENED FULL COUNCIL 26 JULY 2017

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>COUNCIL BUSINESS</u>	
8. <u>Questions on notice to:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Mayor ii) To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet iii) To the Chair of any Committee or Sub-committee 	
1.	<p>Question from Councillor Fower</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, and Housing Development</p> <p>Local residents living along the Manor Drive Development are concerned already with a range of traffic related issues, given the planned opening of a new primary and secondary school in the coming years at this location, plus further additional housing, could the relevant Cabinet Member assure me that relevant and required road safety measures will be introduced, and whether we can look forward to a 20mph speed limit, specifically around the planned location of the schools?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>The main spine road through Paston Reserve, Manor Drive, is subject to a 30mph restriction, as it will be for the remainder of it when fully built. Our highways officers will of course to monitor the traffic and the issues ongoing.</p>
2.	<p>Question from Councillor Johnson</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, and Housing Development</p> <p>Residents in my ward are still upset and angry about the St Michael's Gate situation., especially highlighted this week through the court case on Monday the fact that if Chris Phillipou hadn't offered the tenant a deal that the case would have been struck out of court due to incorrect procedures according to court papers submitted. It appears that Simon Magic Homes or Stef and Phillips never obtained a "Deed Of Assignment.</p> <p>Can I get clarification on the plan for St Michael's Gate and have lessons been learnt from this debacle to ensure this scandal is not repeated and does not escalate further? Also on observation, there appears too many empty properties on St Michael's Gate is the council paying for each property that they have tenants in or for the ones it doesn't?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>I thank you for the opportunity and I thank Councillor Johnson for the question. The plan for the use of St Michael's Gate properties is exactly as it's always been Councillor Johnson. So I am mildly surprised you don't seem to be aware of that. It is being used for temporary accommodation for eligible households to whom the Council has a statutory duty to house.</p>

	<p>The council only pays for the accommodation provided by the firm Stef and Philips once they have obtained vacant possession of the property and that's after the required repairs or improvements have indeed happened. I imagine the properties are being improved so some must certainly appear empty at this time.</p>
3.	<p>Question from Councillor Mahabadi</p> <p>To Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member tell me how many non-British council tax residents in Peterborough are allowed to vote in Local, Mayoral and Police & Crime Commissioner elections, and how many of these are entitled to (under legislation) as EU nationals? Would he/she agree with me that taxation without representation is not right or proper in a mature democracy, and ask the British Government on behalf of Peterborough City Council to ensure that those folk resident in Peterborough, and paying council tax, continue to be enfranchised and therefore represented through the ballot box in local elections?</p> <p>Councillor Seaton responded:</p> <p>Councillor Mahabadi there are currently 17,299 European electors registered on the Register of Electors for Peterborough. That's 17,299. These electors are entitled to vote in Local, Combined Authority Mayoral and Police & Crime Commissioner elections within the Peterborough area. The register of electors is compiled for the purposes of voting and is not linked to Council Tax and I am therefore unable to confirm how many of these electors are also registered to pay Council Tax. Clearly, we could do that piece of work it would cost money and take time so I am happy to talk to you outside this chamber if there are specific reasons you feel that is needed.</p> <p>Councillor Mahabadi asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>I guess with respect to that answer and thank you my main concern is that as we are moving towards exit of the EU that these electors, if they continue to be on our register, remain on our register, considering many of them have established themselves here as citizens, well behaved, well paying, paying taxes, etc. that was the main thrust of the question and I'd be grateful for any further steer on that. Thank you.</p> <p>Councillor Seaton responded:</p> <p>I must admit I wouldn't want to speculate on the way Brexit negotiations go but I do have a degree of sympathy for what you are saying.</p>
4.	<p>Question from Councillor Murphy</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, and Housing Development</p> <p>Following a motion to this council (was it last year) numerous promises of action from the administration, the reestablishment of the working party some time ago and recommendations from scrutiny committee during the last financial year can the Cabinet Member let me know what action has been taken and what action will be taken this year to tackle pavement and verge parking through the use of traffic regulation orders as agreed by Council or if possible by any other means?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>The Verge Parking Action Group proposed a Verge and Pavement Parking Policy, which was scrutinised by the appropriate committee in March of this year Mr Mayor. In summary, this policy allows for local activation of a council wide Traffic Regulation Order which prohibits parking on the pavement and verge. This local activation would</p>

	<p>be subject to approval by residents or at the request of the highways inspectors or indeed the emergency services. It would then require the placing of official signage at the location which could then be enforced by the Prevention and Enforcement Service by the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices.</p> <p>Councillor Walsh's PES team can currently only enforce verge parking where it is covered by an existing Traffic Regulation Order such as double yellow lines or specific 'no waiting on verge or footway' restrictions such as in old Dogsthorpe, Fletton Avenue and Garton End Road. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p> <p>Councillor Murphy asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>The supplementary is actually the question that I asked. When is this going to be done? Is it going to be done this year or are you just pretending that you are going to do something and you are actually going to do nothing?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>I didn't notice an element of pretence in my original answer Mr Mayor but this policy requires the necessary budget to be made available as part of the 2018 – 19 budget setting process that it can come into effect from April 2018. We on this side of the chamber are very keen for opposition groups to have sensible, open minded and engaged members taking part within and contributing to the budget setting process. Rather than your usual budget pessimism I suggest that by participation, discussion and agreement you can have your policies, initiatives and the desired methodology costed, approved and assimilated for future health and wellbeing of our great city and its residents. Participate comrade, don't procrastinate. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Khan</p> <p>To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>I am extremely concerned at the poor management of Gladstone Park Astro Turf play area. We spent around £200k in creating this much-needed facility, which is well used however I have seen over recent months children and young people climbing over the tall fencing to get into the facility and misuse it, playing games for which the facility is not suitable for. Despite me raising this with officers on numerous occasions over many months the situation is getting worse. I am concerned that one day someone is going to fall as they climb this tall fence and end up with serious injuries.</p> <p>I am asking what is being done to improve management and security at this facility?</p> <p>What is this Council going to do when someone falls and injures themselves?</p> <p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p> <p>The facilities at Gladstone Park are indeed a great asset for the area, and in fact for the city as a whole and I am pleased that they are well used.</p> <p>Officers have advised me that they are aware of some of the behaviours Cllr Khan describes at the centre and, as a result, have commissioned a police specialist to conduct a full site survey. The results of that survey, which should be available within the next month, will be shared with the ward Councillors and will include suggestions and recommendations of measures that can be implemented to protect the area from damage and the public from harm.</p> <p>We are also increasing positive engagement activities with young people in the area. A well-attended youth club and football activities are already on offer, and the Council is proposing to introduce further activities including free cricket training</p>

	<p>sessions. We hope this will engage young people in ways they want and enjoy, thus preventing them from misusing the facilities at Gladstone Park.</p> <p>I hope, Mr Mayor, that Councillor Khan agrees that much is being done with the young people in the area to address the issue he has raised and I do hope that he engages with the police specialist assigned to the site.</p> <p>Councillor Khan asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>A bit disappointed because this is a serious matter and what we are looking at is perhaps a month to see what the constabulary are going to bring back to us. I have some evidence taken with my camera, the video recording. My biggest concern Mr Mayor, is, that when these young adults climb the fence on one side, on the ground floor there is one side hard-core and my biggest fear is that if somebody slips and they fall on the hard-core there some serious damage and I think I'm just wondering whether the Cabinet Member could take some steps, emergency steps to avoid that happening. Whether it's possible? One thing I suggest that could be done is that we paint it with this non-climbing paint on top of those roofs that might sort of help alleviate this?</p> <p>Councillor Walsh:</p> <p>As in my previous response, I did mention a police specialist is conducting a full site survey and proposals will be put forward and I do suggest that Councillor Khan engages with that specialist and any particular suggestions he has to discuss it with them. Thank you.</p>
6.	<p>Question from Councillor Ferris</p> <p>To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Acknowledging the excellent work done by Parking Enforcement Officers, in very difficult circumstances, and recognising the scale of the parking problems we face in older residential areas of the city; is the Cabinet Member responsible able to tell this Council how many officers are currently available and when we might see the much-needed recruitment and expansion of the service?</p> <p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p> <p>I thank Councillor Ferris for his question if he's here which I don't think he is. I did welcome the positive comments about the parking officers and officers with the PES are passionate about improving conditions in our communities, and I know they will appreciate the feedback.</p> <p>There are currently ten Prevention and Enforcement Officers who specialise in and are equipped to conduct parking enforcement duties. This has increased by three officers since the start of the year.</p> <p>A further eleven officers within the PES team are concluding their training in parking enforcement so they are able to deal with the most serious parking offences should they encounter them as part of their duties. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p>
7.	<p>Question from Councillor Davidson</p> <p>To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Why are there no safeguarding laws locally in operation at Peterborough City Council for dog on dog incidents?</p> <p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p>

	<p>Dog on dog attacks are clearly very distressing for anybody witnessing them, and for the owners of the dogs involved. Any such incidents should be reported to the Police or can be reported into the Prevention and Enforcement Service, at which point officers from the various agencies that comprise the PES team will discuss and agree the best course of action based on the individual circumstances including the impact on the community.</p> <p>We are in the process of letting a new stray dog contract, which now includes new requirements to promote responsible dog ownership as well as more overt enforcement of, for example, dog fouling. This contract will be managed as part of the Prevention and Enforcement Service.</p> <p>Councillor Davidson asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>Thank you, Councillor Walsh, for that response. Can you tell me how many incidents have been reported to the Peterborough City Council or to the veterinary practices or the police or the local dog warden? Thank you.</p> <p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p> <p>I'm not really quite sure specifically what number Councillor Davidson is referring to, that she wants. Is this when people go on walks with their dogs? I'm not really clear so I'd really appreciate it if we refer this question to the PES team and see what data they can come up with and I am happy to supply that. Thank you.</p>
8.	<p>Question from Councillor Murphy</p> <p>To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member let me have details of the activities that were being held at St John's Hall last year and those that have been relocated elsewhere following its closure and can I have details of where these activities are now located and any details as promised as to where the Councillors surgery could be held at a venue within the West Town neighbourhood in the Ravensthorpe Ward.</p> <p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p> <p>The lease which Peterborough City Council held for St Johns Hall expired in March 2017. Three months prior to this date notice was given to all users. Furthermore, the council and the Community Association explored alternative local provision. An offer was made by the West Town Academy for community activities to move to their premises if they so wished. Only the popular pre-school took up the offer. The other groups instead chose to source alternative accommodation.</p> <p>It should be noted that the majority of regular activities were not ward specific. Should Councillor Murphy require a list of the activities that have chosen to relocate out of his ward I am sure it can be provided? In relation to Councillor Surgeries, our information is that no surgeries had been held at the venue for the last two years. Nor was alternative provision for Councillor surgeries raised as an issue when the hall closed. It is in my experience, customary for Councillors to make arrangements themselves in discussion with community venues. If, however Councillor Murphy requires assistance I am sure we can identify a suitable venue on his behalf for his surgeries. The Pupil Referral Unit maybe a possibility. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p> <p>Councillor Murphy asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>Can the Councillor tell me whether she regrets closure of this popular community facility and is she aware that the Pupil Referral Unit is in Central Ward not in Ravensthorpe Ward?</p>

	<p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p> <p>Do I regret? Councillor Murphy, the Council does what the Council has to do and it is all very well to use emotive words but the council has business to do and it must perform that business in the best possible way, being of course, sympathetic and empathetic to residents at all times. Other councils have dealt with asset transfer in a much more aggressive way. We have done it in a very, very sensitive way. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p>
9.	<p>Question from Councillor Bull</p> <p>To Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p> <p>Our TACT partnership (first fostering and adoption agency in England to take over a local authority's fostering and adoption service) officially started in April. It's early days for this innovative and ground-breaking alliance but can the Cabinet Member give us an initial indication of how well the partnership is working along with the kinds of improved outcomes for children and young people in care, and on the edge of care, that are being achieved; plus, whether we are likely to be on target to deliver savings of £1m a year, once fully established?</p> <p>Councillor Smith responded:</p> <p>Yes, thank you Mr Mayor and thank you Councillor Bull for your question. A great deal of work has taken place to ensure the smooth transition of not only staff, but of foster carers and resources to TACT in time for the 1st of April when the TACT Partnership took over. This has gone very well; staff have transferred across successfully and smoothly and the foster carers remain positive about those changes.</p> <p>It's early days, we are only three months in to a ten-year contract. TACT have already reported success in recruiting additional foster carers, and is engaging with our children's services to identify priority children and young people who are currently being looked after in residential placements, but for whom those responsible for their care planning agree that those children would be better placed in foster care. So, we are looking at transitioning those if we can. This is better for everyone; children and young people generally do better in families rather than in residential care.</p> <p>TACT have also been successful in bidding for Innovation Funding from the Government to develop a programme to help children and young people who return home after being in care for a period. TACT will use this funding to develop a new support programme to help children and young people transition into home. This is just one example of how bringing TACT in as a partnership will deliver benefits to children and young people.</p> <p>So, while it is early days, I think there are plenty of early indications that the new arrangements will be a success for the Council, TACT and, most importantly, for our carers, children, young people and their families.</p> <p>Councillor Bull asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>I thank my friend, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services for her very comprehensive response. Can I take it that it is too early to say what the indicative savings are for the first quarter? Thank you.</p> <p>Councillor Smith responded:</p> <p>It is too early however I have been to a couple of board meetings now and those savings do appear to be on track at the moment.</p>

10.	<p>Question from Councillor Ferris</p> <p>To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>What is the status of the proposed lease between Peterborough City Council and the Green Backyard for the important Community green space site on Oundle Road?</p> <p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p> <p>The council has been working in partnership with the Green Back Yard, to complete the lease documents. The heads of terms for the lease have been agreed by both sides, with the lease documents including the community occupation agreement being issued to the Green Back Yard to sign. The Green Back Yard are reviewing the documents and the signing agreement date is the end of this month, July. Thank you, My Mayor.</p>
11.	<p>Question from Councillor Davidson</p> <p>To Councillor Elsey, Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene</p> <p>Is the white goods shop (Waste, Electric and Electrical Equipment) at Dodson House in Fengate affected by the takeover by the new contractor of the Amey contract?</p> <p>Councillor Holdich responded:</p> <p>I answer this question in the absence of Councillor Elsey who is the Cabinet Member responsible for this. The WEEE facility at Dodson House forms part of the core Waste and Recycling service offered by Amey and there is no change to service offered as part of these discussions. Thank you.</p> <p>Councillor Davidson asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>Thank you for the response Councillor Holdich. My supplementary question is what are the council's plans for the re-use shop that helps people and families on benefits and low incomes to purchase white electrical equipment, is NORSE the new contractor and when will they be taken over?</p> <p>Councillor Holdich responded:</p> <p>As it is not my portfolio I will get the response in writing if that's OK with you Mr Mayor?</p>
12.	<p>Question from Councillor Fower</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, and Housing Development</p> <p>Could the relevant Cabinet Member let me know how many people have now been housed at St Michael's Gate, how much the Council pays Stef and Phillips for each individual each week (or month), and how many people do the Council eventual aim to house at this location?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>There are 57 properties currently available to the council all of which are occupied. As Councillor Walsh has made public a number of times the costs range from £19.50 a night for a one bedroomed flat to £50.00 a night for a five-bedroomed house and properties will be made available in due course. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p>

	<p>Councillor Fower asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>Thank you very much for that answer. My supplementary question is what assurances can the Cabinet Member give myself and other members of this chamber as to what will happen when the present contract stroke lease runs out in a couple of years' time at St Michael's Gate because obviously I and probably a bit like the Cabinet Member are mindful and potentially fearful that somebody like Luton Borough Council might come in and take over. So I am just looking for assurances. Thank you.</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>Thank you for the supplementary question. As this is now within my portfolio Mr Mayor I'll answer any question about it factually. Quite what happens in three years' time or nearly three years' time I think we need to determine nearer to that date Councillor Fower.</p> <p>Mr Mayor I am aware it must really irritate some of the Opposition Members that these properties were bought by an independent firm from an independent seller in a legitimate and lawful transaction. This council was offered the facility thereafter, and any half sensible independent accommodator would have find that this council took the right decision at that time. What would the Opposition would have done Mr Mayor? Would they have buried their heads and hoped that these so called nasty people would have just gone away? It wouldn't have happened like that would it?</p> <p>Of course, I agree that what this firm has done isn't moralistic or it's not nice Mr Mayor but my colleagues not taking that decision would have resulted in an additional burden on our hard-pressed tax payers, our schools and our already stretched front line services.</p> <p>Mr Mayor, this administration doesn't shy away from taking difficult decisions forced upon it by circumstances completely beyond its control and continued attempts to make political capital out of this have been rejected by the public as the Lib Dems result in the recent East Ward by-election very clearly demonstrated. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p>
13.	<p>Question from Councillor Bisby</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, and Housing Development</p> <p>On three occasions in the last few weeks, Persimmon have flouted planning applications, were told not to proceed any more but did. It took me to continually raise the issue on several fronts, such as planning and Health and Safety to get Persimmon to actually stop what they were doing. This was achieved by legal threats by one of our senior officers.</p> <p>I am all for builders building homes, but for them to break planning rules and regulations and put the public's Health and Safety at risk, including the new grounds of the primary school, I ask what powers are available to stop builders and prevent them from continued breaking of regulations. I would also ask what penalties especially in the Persimmon case, can the council impose?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>If unauthorised development is likely to cause significant harm the council has enforcement actions it might take to stop it such as Temporary Stop Notices which last for 28 days, actual Stop Notices and Injunctions.</p> <p>A stop can only be applied to the activities that are causing the identified harm and not wider construction activity about which we don't have any concerns.</p>

	<p>The Council itself can't impose any penalties, financial or otherwise on the parties associated with the site although we can seek to recover any costs we incurred in taking direct action to address the breach of planning control. A failure to comply with notices or injunctions will of course risk court action being taken.</p>
14.	<p>Question from Councillor Sandford</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, and Housing Development</p> <p>For nearly three years, ever since it first appeared in our Local Transport Plan, I have been asking when local Councillors and the public are going to be properly consulted about the proposed scheme to remove the Rhubarb Bridge at the junction of Lincoln Road and the Soke Parkway. Earlier this year several million pounds were set aside in the Transport Capital Programme for the project. A few weeks ago a notice appeared in the Forward Plan that the cabinet was going to plan to award the contract before the end of June.</p> <p>We all know that the current bridge is near the end of its life but local people have real concerns that what replaces it must maximise safety and benefit for pedestrians and cyclists, many hundreds of whom use the current bridge every day. They are concerned that by the time any consultation does take place, all the main decisions will have been made and it will be quite simply a take it or leave it situation. Can I ask the Cabinet Member yet again when will public consultation take place and will it be meaningful consultation or just a rubber-stamping PR exercise?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>In choosing to invest £5.5m the council has obviously recognised not only the key nature of this junction but also make the changes necessary so that it can continue to operate effectively. You are absolutely right Councillor Sandford to state we all know the current bridge is near the end of its life and I can tell you what I am sure you must already know that a replacement costs would be massively expensive.</p> <p>A consultation exercise will most certainly be undertaken and an information event will be held. I don't yet have specific date or venue but as soon as we have I will ensure all members are informed in good time and information will be publicised in the local media and on line.</p> <p>We will also ensure that local businesses, bus service operators, taxi providers, the Peterborough Disability Forum, the RNIB, the Cycle Forum and schools are all consulted Mr Mayor. I can assure you Councillor Sandford it isn't a done deal on the final design because all, I repeat all, comments will be assessed and considered. Thank you.</p> <p>Councillor Sandford asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>Quite often in this chamber I express very strong opinions about what I want to happen and this particular case I genuinely have an open mind about what should be done to deal with the problems at this particular location. As Councillor Hiller said I am no fan of the current bridge but I really must press him because there are £5.5m of public funds at stake here.</p> <p>This has been in our local transport plan for three years or four years and I keep asking will he tell local Councillors or local people what is going to happen. £5.5m is a lot of money. Can you tell us what is going to happen to this as a result of that?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>I thank Councillor Sandford for the follow up question. In essence the bridges are being replaced with an AP grade crossing which is a level crossing which will be a lot more</p>

	<p>efficient. It will ease traffic flow. It will most probably reduce congestion and it will most probably reduce environmental issues down there.</p> <p>I should point out Mr Mayor, that the concept for the proposed scheme is in our fourth Local Transport Plan as Councillor Sandford alluded to which went out to consultation and was presented at the Sustainable Growth & Environmental Capital Scrutiny Committee over two years ago in January 2015. So the principle of what is being proposed is well known and accepted. The forthcoming consultation which you are rightly wanting details for will focus on the detailed part of the scheme and I can assure you it is imminent. Thank you.</p>
15.	<p>Question from Councillor Hussain</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, and Housing Development</p> <p>I have been asked frequently by my constituents about the North Westgate Development, so I would like to ask the relevant Cabinet Member to update us as to what the current state of play is with the North Westgate and what efforts are being made to bring this long overdue much needed development in Central Ward to fruition?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>I have been part of the North Westgate discussions, planning applications and subsequent appeals over the last few years and I can assure all Members here tonight it's complicated. I am also aware as most of us do that it represents the next great opportunity for continuing the city centre's regeneration after our success' with Fletton Quays. But as I say it's a challenging one.</p> <p>As Members may be aware, there are in excess of thirty land ownerships across the site and completing the initial land assembly for starting any development will take time.</p> <p>Members will recall that we have already allocated £15m towards taking this site forward and the Council is engaging now with existing land owners, and will extend this work over the coming weeks and months Mr Mayor. We've also begun the work to establish major constraints facing the site in terms of highways, utilities, legal issues and so on, which is an essential first step in developing a viable, deliverable master plan.</p> <p>Over the coming months this preliminary work will continue and contribute to the development of a commercially viable scheme with a mix of uses to benefit the city centre and the wider area. Central Ward will of course be updated regularly with any significant progress reports. Thank you, Mr Mayor.</p> <p>Councillor Hussain asked a supplementary question:</p> <p>I just want to thank my colleague for his response and just ask him can I please ask that North West Development is perused with a vigour as people in my Central Ward are getting extremely impatient at the lack of progress and I would like to see some timescale to realise this. Thank you.</p> <p>Councillor Hill responded:</p> <p>So would we all Mr Mayor.</p>
16.	<p>Question from Councillor Peach</p> <p>To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p>

Could the Cabinet Member please update me on progress and consultation with residents of the £7.5 million for the Millfield Area?

Residents warmly welcome this money but want an input into how the money may be spent and would like some idea of the timetable to completion.

In light of the ASB in the Century Square area could attention be given to funds for this area, just off Lincoln/Alma Road?

Councillor Walsh may respond:

The £7.5m investment in the Millfield, New England and Gladstone areas is, as you say, a very welcome development and it is vital we spend the money in the most effective way possible.

Members will recall that a proportion of the funding was designated for public realm works, with the remainder being earmarked for a community building on land adjacent to Century Square.

To-date, officers have met with or spoken to Ward Councillors and to other community leaders, and commissioned a short piece of work to evaluate the impact this funding could have in addressing some of the entrenched challenges the area faces. This work is now complete.

A project manager is now being identified who will shortly be arranging a Local Action Group meeting and a Can-Do Forum to discuss outline proposals in more depth. Whilst we are not proposing a lengthy public consultation period, it is, as you say, vital that we hear from Councillors, community leaders, businesses and communities themselves before finalising the details. We are hoping, therefore, for full engagement from these parties.

We anticipate work beginning on the ground during this financial year.

Regarding the ASB issues in the Century Area, a multi-agency meeting has taken place and there are emerging plans to resolve matters once and for all.

Councillor Peach asked a supplementary question:

Thank you very much for the answer and everybody will be pleased to hear that the project is ongoing the council granting the money in the first place. When you said it is anticipated that the work will be on the ground in this financial year that obviously takes us up to April next year, would that be work starting on the community building or on the whole project which includes the public realm works?

Councillor Walsh responded:

I suggest that we get together and discuss this in details and you can get all that supplementary information that you want. Thank you.

8. Questions on notice to:

iv) The Combined Authority Representatives

1. Question from Councillor Murphy

To Councillor Holdich, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member of the Combined Authority

As you are aware significant transport and infrastructure leadership powers have been transferred to the mayor and the combined authority even though last year there was no consultation with local residents on transport powers being transferred. There has been much coverage about new transport initiatives including a Cambridge underground, new rail services, light rail and new roads. However I believe that pedestrian and cycle routes are very important. Will the Peterborough representative on the combined authority please make representations for funding for a new pedestrian and cycle footbridge to the Southbank development in Peterborough and make the case for and give support for an improved, reliable and affordable public bus service in Peterborough and the surrounding rural areas?

Councillor Holdich responded:

You are correct that the Combined Authority do have new transport planning powers. At a future meeting of the Combined Authority there will be a report on the new transport plan. Preparations for that new plan will include consulting the public on cycling routes and bus services. The public will therefore have the opportunity to feed into the development of these important matters as part of that process as we will as Councillors. But I do have to say Mr Mayor the purpose of this new report is to give Councillors the opportunity to ask questions on decisions being made by the Combined Authority. As such your question is not directed at work that has already taken place and it should be. Thank you very much.

Councillor Murphy asked a supplementary question:

If you will bear with me for the benefit of the public who may be listening they don't get to see these questions. The question was to our representative on the new Combined Authority which has millions of pounds to spend this year asking specifically about a bridge over the River Nene for pedestrians and cyclists, asking our representatives to put pressure on the new transport authority to fund that bridge rather than underground ideas, railways, etc. etc. throughout the county of Cambridgeshire and the unitary authority of Peterborough. So I'm asking again will Councillor Holdich join with me in asking the Mayor to spend some of those millions on improved facilities in Peterborough, i.e. A bridge over the River Nene to the South bank also look at improving buses so they are reliable, public transport is reliable and safe and affordable in Peterborough. Would he agree with me that rather than spend millions of pounds on an election for posts, spend millions on administration and have three directors of transport throughout those two authorities to spend money on a bridge?

Councillor Holdich responded:

Yes. No.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7(c)	
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT	
Contact Officer(s):	Stephen Gerrard, Interim Director of Law and Governance	Tel. 01733 452390

PETITION FOR DEBATE ‘LACK OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION ON LTP4’

RECOMMENDATION	
FROM : Interim Director of Law and Governance	
<p>It is recommended the Council either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note and take no action for the reasons put forward in the debate; 2. take the action, or part of the action, requested by the petition; or 3. refer the petition to either Cabinet, a Cabinet Member, or the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration having regard to the comments made in the course of debate. 	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 A petition has been received by the Council with contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city. As such, the right to a debate of the petition by a meeting of the full Council has been triggered, according to the Petitions Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 As set out in the Council’s Petitions Scheme, if a petition contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city, it may trigger the right to be debated by a meeting of the full Council.

2.2 On 21 September 2017 a petition was received with the Council from Nyree Ambarchian, which included 596 signatures. Following the undertaking of a verification process, the petition was confirmed to include over 500 eligible signatures.

2.3 Ms Ambarchian requested that the petition was debated by a meeting of the Full Council, as per the Petitions Scheme.

2.4 The petition is titled ‘Lack of Public Engagement and Consultation on LTP4’. The petitions calls upon the Council to:

1) Halt plans for pedestrian crossings at Junction 18 / Rhubarb Bridge. Relook at, and be open about, the negative impact of current proposals. Put plans on hold while you seek funding for a replacement pedestrian and cycle bridge.

2) Re-run public engagement and consultation around the Local Transport Plan 4. We don't feel adequate public consultation took place prior to the adoption of this plan. As part of this, provide detailed, costed options for Junction 18 / Rhubarb Bridge and consult people on the alternatives.

3) *Debate both these things at a Full Council meeting as soon as possible. Hold a public meeting in 2017 on these issues for the public to share their thoughts with officers and councillors.*

2.5 The summary and background to the petition reads:

The proposals for Rhubarb Bridge will have severe negative impacts on residents – halt the current plans for pedestrian crossings:

- *Carry out an air quality impact assessment and publish the results online.*
- *Relook at the equality impact assessment - we don't believe it presents a true and honest assessment of the impacts. For example, you currently say the plans will have 'no negative impact' on any user – but air pollution is worse at ground level and you're bringing people into direct conflict with cars – so it's inconceivable that there will be no impact. Ask an independent organisation to complete the equality impact assessment, in consultation with residents.*
- *Set out in writing, and publish online, your commitment to find funding for a replacement bridge.*
- *Hold a meeting with the Combined Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to discuss the plans for Junction 18.*

We don't believe the public consultation prior to the adoption of LTP4 was anywhere near adequate considering the major changes and detrimental impacts on residents within the plan:

- *The Local Government and Public Involvement Health Act 2007 requires local authorities and passenger transport authorities to involve citizens in local decision making and service provision, to ensure local representatives are given genuine opportunities to influence decisions and delivery.*
- *Efforts to engage with the public around this plan were minimal (described by one council officer as 'light') particularly efforts to consult with hard-to-reach groups. One example of the lack of accessibility of LTP4 is that the commonly understood local name for the bridge at Junction 18 (Rhubarb Bridge) isn't even mentioned in the plan, making it very hard for the public to understand the proposals.*
- *There is also a mismatch between the user hierarchy set out in LTP4 (i.e. pedestrians and cyclists, then cars), and the proposals set out for Junction 18 which prioritises cars. Currently the system at Junction 18 is equitable for all users – we want to maintain this status quo.*

2.6 A copy of the petition is available to Members to view upon request.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Finance Implications – There are no financial, legal, or equalities implications arising from this report.

3.2 Governance Implications – This report will be debated following the presentation of the petition. The Leader Petitioner has five minutes to present this petition. Members will then be invited to debate the request contain therein. The usual rules of procedure will apply to this debate. Each Member may speak once for no longer than 3 minutes. A Member may not speak again, except on a point of order, by way of a personal explanation, or by way of a statement of accuracy. The Mayor will invite a vote on the recommendations at the close of the debate.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

4.1 Peterborough City Council Petitions Scheme.

5. APPENDICES

5.1 None.

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9(a)
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

**(a) CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION – CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE 6
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Children and Education Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting of 3 July 2017, received a report which requested that Corporate Parenting Committee reports were to be presented to Scrutiny on an annual basis going forward, as with the other Committees.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council agree to amend the Corporate Parenting Committee Terms of Reference to so that Corporate Parenting Committee reports are presented to Scrutiny on an annual basis going forward as with the other Committees.

APPENDICES

The original Scrutiny report follows.

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CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
3 JULY 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Lou Williams; Service Director for Children & Safeguarding	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.	
Contact Officer(s):	Nicola Curley	Tel: 864065

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE 6 MONTHLY REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Service Director for Children & Safeguarding	Deadline date: N/A
It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee :	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes that the report is an accurate reflection of the work of the Corporate Parenting Committee over the last 6 months. 2. Agrees that Corporate Parenting Committee reports are to be presented to Scrutiny on an annual basis going forward as with the other Committees. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The Corporate Parenting Committee present a bi-annual update report to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee in accordance with its Terms of Reference Part 3, Delegations Section 2 – Regulatory Committee Functions 2.4.4.2 PERFORMANCE MONITORING, paragraph 2.4.4.4 The Corporate Parenting Committee will report to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and to the Scrutiny Committee on a six monthly basis or more frequently if required.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This report is to advise the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee of activity carried out by the Corporate Parenting Committee since its first meeting in August 2016.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council :

- Children’s Services including
- a) Social Care of Children;
 - b) Safeguarding; and
 - c) Children’s Health.

2.3 This report relates to the corporate priority to support vulnerable people.

2.4 The report addresses all areas of the Children in Care Pledge and the Care Leavers’ Charter. It specifically demonstrates how the Committee has been addressing Children in Care and Care Leavers’ participation rights, and developing the Committee’s knowledge and ability to effectively scrutinise how well positive outcomes are being achieved for children and young people.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 **BACKGROUND**

4.1.1 The Ofsted Inspection in April 2015 identified two areas where the Council needed to develop its performance:

- Ensure that there is a more robust approach to Corporate Parenting and that elected Members and senior managers listen to, and act on, the experiences of children and young people in order to improve their lives.
- Further develop the role of the Children in Care Council [CiCC] to help make this happen

4.1.2 As a response to this, the Council had enhanced its Engagement and Participation Service, created a Children In Care Board to bring together change for children across all departmental areas within the Council, and embarked on wider improvement activity with Children in Care and Care Leavers services generally. However, it was also felt by Corporate Parents that they would like to raise the profile of the Corporate Parenting Panel higher to support these changes, and so full Council was asked to endorse its conversion to a full Committee. This took place on 13 July 2016 and this report details activity since that point.

4.2 **KEY ISSUES**

4.2.1 **Changes to the meetings**

It was agreed that there would be 6 meetings a year, but due to the special circumstances of young people attending the meetings, the Committee decided to arrange its business over 3 formal and 3 informal meetings. The formal meetings are public fora, where the bulk of formal reports are received and officers held to account for service delivery and outcomes. The informal meetings take place at a slightly earlier time, and are co-chaired by Cllr Bisby and a member of the CIC Council. Corporate Champions feed into this meeting, and officers report back on promised activity, but there is little other formal reporting as this is seen as an opportunity for Corporate Parents to listen to young people to talk freely about their experiences in care and as care leavers, and discuss ways to improve services going forward.

This is still a developing model, but is seen as a significant improvement on previous activity. Young people have reported back that they have found the genuine interest and commitment from Members as very supportive, and the Committee now have unfiltered access to young people's views. This needs to be broadened out to a wider range of our CIC population, and will be an ambition for the next year of work.

4.2.2 **Changes to Work Programme and Reporting Mechanisms**

As part of trying to make the new meeting format effective, but also support Members to assess and analyse issues more readily, a piece of work was carried out to review all the reports being presented to the various Committees across the Council in consultation with Democratic Services. Where duplication was identified, the most appropriate Committee was chosen to receive a report, and where this was the Corporate Parenting Committee, a further determination was made about whether these should be reports presented to the full Committee or could be addressed as briefing reports.

The aim has been to create thematic meetings where a single topic is considered in depth to enable councillors to fully understand the complexity of the issue in the round, have a proper opportunity to scrutinise the information before them and challenge officers in a timely and thorough manner. This is still a work in progress as a 6 month development plan had been agreed

by the Committee, but is starting to show fruition. The formal Committee meeting on 22 March 2017 will focus exclusively on the education of Children in Care, and will receive reports from the Virtual School, 0-25 Service and SEND Inspection Report in order to assess outcomes across the board for Peterborough's children.

There has also been work undertaken on the format of reports to the Corporate Parenting Committee. We are working towards creating more of a balanced scorecard approach, with shorter reports involving different representations of information and analysis, focussing the attention on outcomes as far as possible. The suite of pro formas is planned to be ready for the new municipal year.

4.2.3 Corporate Parenting Champions

This area was also refreshed following the change to a formal Committee. Champions are Members who sit on the Committee, but have also volunteered to take a particular lead for an area that impacts on Children in Care and Care Leavers.

The Corporate Parenting Champions 2016–2017 have been:

Area of Focus	Champion	Officer Lead
Housing	TBC	Sean Evans
Employment And Training Opportunities Within The Council Departments And Partner Agencies	Councillor Holdich OBE	Pat Carrington
Health	Councillor Ayres	Deborah Spencer
Education Attainment and Access To Higher Education	Councillor Holdich OBE	Dee Glover
Recreation and Leisure Activities	Councillor Smith	Sian Stevens
Finance and Benefits	Councillor Bull	Susan Holden

In between each informal Committee the Corporate Parenting Champion has been responsible for the following:

- a) Meeting with the Lead Officer
- b) Undertaking a site visit
- c) Meeting with a child in care / young person / service user / other officers and discuss their experience of the service for Children in Care
- d) Contributing to a brief report back to the Committee

4.2.4 The reports are being worked on as part of the suite of pro formas referred to above, but there has already been a very helpful example developed by the Virtual School that explained the detail of the Personal Education Plans process for members. The Champions report back at the informal meetings so that there is an opportunity for the young people to challenge them, and to receive immediate feedback on their proposals. Significant issues are then fed into the next linked formal Committee.

Local Government Association Development Programme

The Corporate Parenting Committee has also had the benefit of support from the Local Government Association (LGA), which commenced in October 2016. The LGA has observed a Committee meeting, met with senior officers and the Chair of the Committee, and given advice about the development of performance information and reports. The Chair has a mentor from a similar Local Authority, and is able to gain support in developing his role as he feels appropriate. An arrangement was made for the Committee to visit Westminster Council, which has an Ofsted rating of Outstanding. They were very generous with their time, and enabled the Committee to see another Corporate Parenting environment in action, including a presentation from their young people in care. It has helped the Committee reflect on its own activity and how it may want to develop things in the future. Finally, a workshop was held on 9 March 2017 led by the LGA, drawing together all the elements the Committee has been working on over the last 6 months. It looked specifically at defining some robust assurance criteria in conjunction with Members, and measures that will enable the Committee to hold officers to account about the most important issues and outcomes over the next period of time. Further development will now be led by the Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Children in Care Council has been fully aware and consulted upon the changes referred to in this paper. The feedback from them to date is that the changes to the Committee have been very positive ones.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 There will be some implications for Performance officers in the medium term in relation to the new reports required but this will not be a significant piece of work.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 Improved service reporting.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 None

Legal Implications

- 9.2 None

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 N/A

Rural Implications

- 9.4 N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 None

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9(b)
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

(a) EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION – FINANCING APPROVAL FOR FLETTON QUAYS HOTEL

Cabinet, at its meeting of 25 September 2017, received a report which requested Cabinet to consider and approve a lending facility of £15m for 24 months for the development of a hotel on the Fletton Quays site by Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited.

In addition to its recommendation to Council, Cabinet agreed to:

1. Approve a facility of £15m for 24 months to provide funding for the construction of a Hotel on the Fletton Quays site by Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited subject to recommendations 2. and 3. below.
2. Authorise the Interim Director of Law and Governance and Interim Corporate Director of Resources to exercise delegated authority to finalise and agree all necessary due diligence, ground condition survey report and to approve the business case for the project.
3. Authorise the Interim Director of Law and Governance and Interim Corporate Director of Resources to exercise delegated authority to finalise and agree all necessary legal agreements with Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and associated hotel franchises or otherwise connected to this project for the purposes of facilitating these arrangements.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council amend the Treasury Management Strategy to include organisations such as Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited as organisations to which the Council is authorised to make secured loans.

APPENDICES

The original Cabinet report follows.

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AGENDA ITEM 9(b) – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
25 SEPTEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Marion Kelly, Interim Corporate Director of Resources	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources	
Contact Officer(s):	Andy Cox, Senior Contracts and Partnerships Manager	Tel. 452465

LENDING FACILITY FOR FLETTON QUAYS HOTEL

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve a facility of £15m for 24 months to provide funding for the construction of a Hotel on the Fletton Quays site by Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited subject to recommendations 2. and 3. below. 2. Authorise the Interim Director of Law and Governance and Interim Corporate Director of Resources to exercise delegated authority to finalise and agree all necessary due diligence, ground condition survey report and to approve the business case for the project. 3. Authorise the Interim Director of Law and Governance and Interim Corporate Director of Resources to exercise delegated authority to finalise and agree all necessary legal agreements with Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and associated hotel franchises or otherwise connected to this project for the purposes of facilitating these arrangements. 4. Cabinet is requested to recommend to Council amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy to include organisations such as Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited as organisations to which the Council is authorised to make secured loans. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following a request from Councillor David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider and approve a lending facility of £15m for 24 months for the development of a hotel on the Fletton Quays site by Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited. This will be subject to Council approving the inclusion of organisations such as Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited as organisations it may make secured loans to within the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3 'To take a leading

role in promoting the economic, environmental and social well-being of the area’.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 **Fletton Quays Project**

4.1.1 On 24 December 2014, the Council entered into a joint venture with Lucent Peterborough Partnership SARL (Lucent) and created the “Peterborough Investment Partnership LLP” (PIP) a limited liability partnership. This followed decisions by Cabinet in February 2014 (FEB14/CAB/17) and a Cabinet Member Decision in December 2014 (DEC14/CMDN/110), which outlined how it was expected this arrangement would work and what it expected to achieve. These previous decisions highlighted five sites in the city centre that the PIP would take forward, beginning with Fletton Quays and developing appropriate scheme designs and taking them through the statutory planning process.

4.1.2 The Cabinet Member for Resources approved the Peterborough Investment Partnership’s (PIP) Fletton Quays Project Plan on behalf of the Council in July 2015 (JUL/CMDN/68). The plan included an outline scheme of proposed development works:-

- New build offices, dependent upon demand, with one block integrated with an existing listed railway shed building to bring it back into use as meeting / breakout area.
- In the order of 250 units of high quality residential apartments.
- A new hotel.
- Commercial food, drink and, potentially, leisure units.
- Appropriate car parking allocated for the residential and other uses.

4.1.3 This Cabinet Report is to approve the lending facility to enable a 160 bedroom hotel to be developed on the Fletton Quays site by Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited.

4.2 **Fletton Quays Hotel Project**

4.2.1 The project is for the development of a 160 bedroom hotel by Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and will be run under a franchise agreement with a well-known national, prestigious hotel chain. The hotel is to be situated on the bank of the quayside with excellent views of the river and the cathedral. Works are expected to commence in February 2018 and the hotel to be operational by the beginning of July 2019.

4.2.2 Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited are a nationally recognised hotel developer, with experience of developing and operating hotels with globally recognised hotel chains, and are a focussed service developer of choice by the chain under which the hotel will be operated. It operates a different model from that typical within the hotel market in which it develops the hotel and is the operator of the franchise agreement, so giving it an interest and responsibility all the way through from design, construction and continuing operation of the hotel.

4.3 Financial Arrangements

- 4.3.1 The Funding for this facility will be provided from the Invest to Save Programme and to satisfy the requirements of this Programme will have a full business case and will deliver savings, via the loan margin, which will be self-financing and improve the financial position of the Council.
- 4.3.2 The key elements of the loan facility will operate as follows:
- The initial loan facility of £15m will be provided.
 - The drawdown of the facility will operate on the same basis as normal construction finance facilities. Each drawdown will be preceded by a valuation of the land and works to date by a qualified surveyor employed by the developer.
 - The Council will then instruct its own monitoring surveyor to verify the valuation
 - The loan drawdown will only be allowed up to this value, so ensuring the Council always has security over its loan.
 - The facility will be available for 24 months.
 - The Council will gain a margin on the lending, the rate at which the loan is made will be at a market rate so complying with State Aid regulations.
- 4.3.3 Due diligence work is required on the scheme. This encompasses the financial assumptions underlying the project and its overall deliverability alongside the market conditions into which this project will be delivered. This has been commissioned from Grant Thornton and Gerald Eve and following successful completion of this work it is proposed that the Interim Corporate Director Resources, under delegated authority, will approve the release of funding to Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited in accordance with the progress of the project. Gerald Eve were appointed on the basis that they have specific expertise within the hotel market and Grant Thornton have successfully advised the Council on the financial due diligence of previous commercial projects.
- 4.3.4 The initial summary of research undertaken by Grant Thornton on the directors of Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited has not identified any adverse findings.
- 4.3.5 The forecasted draw down on the loan and the return on investment are profiled in Appendix 1 and the executive summary of the due diligence work is included in Appendix 2. Appendix 2 is Gerald Eve's reassurance that the development has a sound business case and is economically viable.
- 4.3.6 In the event that the total construction cost incurred exceeds the £15m facility, Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited have provided a letter confirming they will undertake to inject sufficient additional funds to ensure the practical completion of the development.
- 4.3.7 At the end of the 24 month facility when the hotel is operational the loan will be refinanced by a long term funding arrangement. This may be undertaken by the Council subject to a separate decision, a bank or other long term funding institution.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 No consultation is required with the public. Appropriate consultation was taken with the grant of the outline planning permission for the 160 bed hotel and will be taken again as the full detailed planning permission application is considered.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 The funding of the Fletton Quays Hotel with Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited will provide a prestigious hotel within the city of Peterborough and will generate additional investment returns for the Council.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The funding of this project will help the Council to contribute to the Fletton Quays Project Plan and to the growth, regeneration and development agenda. The Council was approached to fund development of the hotel in order to preserve the synergy of development on the site.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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- 8.1 The Council could choose not to finance this project. This was rejected because this one off financing project relates to the last lot to be sold on the Fletton Quays site and will facilitate its completion by the Council's joint venture the PiP. If the Council does not fund the project for the hotel development this final part of the development will be delayed whilst alternative funding is sourced by the developer. The impact of this could mean that the adjoining residential site sales are impeded by the neighbouring hotel construction site. The Council would also lose the investment return on the loan.

9. IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Financial Implications

- 9.1.1 Within the Council's accounts, the investment with Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited will be treated as Capital Expenditure. Within the definition of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (the "Regulations") section 25 states that expenditure of a local authority will be treated as capital expenditure if: 'the giving of a loan, grant or other financial assistance to any person, whether for use by that person or by a third party, towards expenditure which would, if incurred by the authority, be capital expenditure' Therefore, as the loan to Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited will be used for the provision of a hotel, the Council will need to class the loan as Capital Expenditure.
- 9.1.2 The capital expenditure will be funded through the Invest to Save capital budget. As the Council will make a margin on the loan, this will meet the criteria for use of that budget.
- 9.1.3 The loan will be secured over the land and building of the scheme and will be subject to loan covenants which will further protect the Council's loan investment. Compliance with these covenants will be monitored going forward by the Council.
- 9.1.4 It is considered that the repayment of the loan (as the loan will have security over the land and construction works as they progress) will negate the need of an amount of MRP (Minimum Revenue Provision is an annual charge against revenue to repay the financing costs of capital asset expenditure) to be charged as reliance can be placed on the capital receipt that will be generated when the loan is repaid, or in the event of default, on the sale of the land or construction works as they progress over which the Council has security.
- 9.1.5 The Council will make margin on the loan. This income will be fed into the MTFs, enabling the Council to make savings and protect services.
- 9.1.6 Key financial risks to the project have been considered. The market risk and project delivery risk are addressed by our professional advisors as part of the due diligence. The Council's investment is protected by the security over land and building of the project and loan covenants have been included in the loan documentation which will help to protect the Council against unforeseen risks that occur during the life of this project. It should be noted that the security at all times exceeds the loan.
- 9.1.7 In an event of failure by the developer the land and buildings (or construction works to date) will revert to the Council. In this position the Council would approach a hotel agent to find a new developer to either buy or complete the project on its behalf. Although the franchise agreement

will always remain with the developer, the hotel chain associated with this site has an interest in the hotel development and would typically assist the Council in identifying a new partner to complete the project.

- 9.1.8 Council will be requested to approve the inclusion of Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited as organisations it may make secured loans to within the Council's Treasury Management Strategy on 11 October 2017.

9.2 Legal Implications

9.2.1 1. Powers of the Council

The Council has the ability to lend to Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited under the following powers:

Local Government Act 2003 section 12

A local authority may invest (a) for any purpose relevant to its functions under any enactment, or (b) for the purposes of the prudent management of its financial affairs.

One of the Council's functions is the provision and management of social housing. The site being developed will include the provision of social housing and the development of the site simultaneously with inclusion of the Norlin development will ensure its viability and thereby support other Council housing and planning functions including the improvement of standards in the private rented sector through design policies, the planning system and landlord accreditation schemes and its strategic planning function through the regeneration of the site.

Localism Act 2011 section 1

Section 1 provides a local authority with a general power of competence ie "a local authority has power to do anything that individuals generally may do even if it is unlike anything else the authority may do, it is unlike anything that other public bodies may do, it is carried out in any way whatever, including anywhere in the UK or elsewhere, for a commercial purpose or otherwise for a charge, or without charge; and for, or otherwise than for, the benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area", albeit that this power cannot override any existing restriction on what a local authority may do.

Incidental powers in section 111 of the LGA 1972

"Without prejudice to any powers exercisable apart from this section but subject to the provisions of this Act and any other enactment passed before or after this Act, a local authority shall have power to do any thing (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions", which has been held to include all the duties and powers of a local authority.

The particular activity being contemplated by the Council ie the loan, is considered by the Council to be necessary or reasonably necessary to implement the discharge of the local authority functions listed above in the context of section 12 of the Local Government Act. "The test [which the Council must apply in considering the applicability of section 111] is not whether a particular activity is ancillary to the function of a local authority, but whether it is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of the local authority's functions". In this instance the Council has applied the test and is satisfied that the requirements have been met.

9.2.2 2. The test of rationality of the decision

A local authority may be challenged if it makes a decision which no reasonable local authority acting reasonably could have made. It should be noted that this does not amount to a test of whether PCC acted unreasonably in making the decision.

PCC has given consideration to the reasonableness of this decision and has concluded that it complies with the test.

9.2.3 **3. The Council's ability to make this decision**

In addition to the matters considered above, the Council must give consideration to the rules set out in its Constitution. This decision will be treated as an Executive Decision exercisable by Cabinet under Article 11, being one which is likely to result in the Council spending, or saving a significant amount compared with the Budget for the service or function the decision relates to. When assessing whether or not a decision is a key decision, Members must consider all the circumstances of the case. However, a decision which results in a significant amount spent or saved will not generally be considered to be a key decision if the amount spent or saved is less than £500,000.

In making this investment the Council is also required to have regard to the Government's commentary to the Guidance on Local Government Investment, as well as the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State and specific guidance published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. Furthermore, any such investment must be consistent with the Council's Annual Investment Policy. Any request for funding from the Invest to Save budget will also be made in accordance with the Council's Constitution and applicable Contract Rules.

While the Council's arrangements with Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited do not currently amount to doing things for a commercial purpose under local government legislation, the Council is mindful of the need to keep this under review and continues to monitor the situation.

The Council must also have regard to rules relating to State Aid. Unlawful state aid occurs where a benefit is granted from a public resource for free or on favourable terms which distort competition. The scheme structure in this instance follows market principles and as such there is no unlawful state aid implication. However, this situation will also continue to be monitored to ensure that no state aid issues arise as commercial terms are finalised. Grant Thornton are advising on State Aid implications and the forecasted draw down on the loan and the return on investment are profiled in Appendix 1.

Pinsent Mason have been appointed to undertake legal due diligence on the certificate of title, a review of the franchise agreement and a review of the JCT contract under which the hotel will be constructed.

9.3 Ground Conditions Implications (Plot 1 Fletton Quays Hotel)

9.3.1 At the time of the writing of this report, there are no reasons to suspect any issues will arise in respect of ground conditions on Plot 1 at Fletton Quays.

White Young Green have already conducted a Phase 1 Site Investigation on Plot 1. The report contained no particular abnormalities which would impact the construction of a hotel on Plot 1. Fletton Quays Hotel Limited have commissioned Structural Soils Limited to conduct a Phase 2 Site Investigation.

The extensive on site drilling process is now complete, and the final report is approximately three to four weeks from being issued. There have been no issues raised to date in terms of the core samples taken.

Plot 3, directly adjacent to Plot 1, had a satisfactory Phase 2 Site Investigation – indeed, Weston Homes have now commenced construction on the site.

In any event, it should also be noted that an unsatisfactory Phase 2 Site Investigation, preventing or significantly commercially impacting the proposed development, would result in Fletton Quays Hotel Limited withdrawing from the purchase of the Plot 1 land. The development would therefore clearly not proceed, and with it the requirement for development funding would cease to exist. Any actions in light of the conclusion of the reports will be undertaken following approval of recommendation 2 above.

10. Equalities Implications

10.1 There are no equalities implications related to this decision.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

11.1 None.

12. APPENDICES

12.1 Appendix 1 Hotel Cash Flow Forecast
Appendix 2A Executive summary of due diligence Part 1
Appendix 2B Executive summary of due diligence Part 2

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
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RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. RECONVENED EXTRAORDINARY CABINET 26 JULY 2017

i. Consultation on Changes of Governance with Fire

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

- 1) Object to the option as detailed within the Police and Crime Commissioner Business Case option 3 (Governance Model) and supports option 2 (Representative Model);
- 2) Use the response of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Fire Authority to the consultation either in whole or part to support the preferred option 2;
- 3) State it was the view of the Council that a blue light hub, based on the Fire Service and Ambulance service, was looked at in greater detail, as there was a clear and historical synergy between both of these important public services; and
- 4) Delegate the preparation of a full written response to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, by the closing date of 4 September 2017.

2. CABINET 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

i. Payment Strategy 2017 - 2021

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

- 1) the Payment Strategy 2017 - 2021 that sets out the vision for how customers will make payments to the council in future, with an emphasis on more digital channels. This includes closure of the cash office at Bayard Place by March 2018;
- 2) implementation of a change to the parking permits administration and payment by making the process entirely available online and in exceptional circumstances provision of a postal service; and
- 3) implementation of a change to the taxi licensing administration and payment by making the process entirely available online.

ii. Customer Engagement Strategy

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

- 1) approve the Customer Engagement Strategy to support the council's Front Door Programme; and
- 2) investigate the possibility of an incentivised scheme to encourage residents to make payments via direct debit.

iii. Financing Approval for Fletton Quays Hotel

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

- 1) Approve a facility of £15m for 24 months to provide funding for the construction of a Hotel on the Fletton Quays site by Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited subject to recommendations 2. and 3. below.
- 2) Authorise the Interim Director of Law and Governance and Interim Corporate Director of Resources to exercise delegated authority to finalise and agree all necessary due diligence, ground condition survey report and to approve the business case for the project.
- 3) Authorise the Interim Director of Law and Governance and Interim Corporate Director of Resources to exercise delegated authority to finalise and agree all necessary legal agreements with Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and associated hotel franchises or otherwise connected to this project for the purposes of facilitating these arrangements.
- 4) Recommend to Council amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy to include organisations such as Norlin Hotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary Fletton Quays Hotel Limited as organisations to which the Council is authorised to make secured loans.

iv. Modern Slavery Act

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the draft 2016/17 Modern Slavery Act Transparency Statement for signature and publication.

v. Peterborough Local Plan Proposed Submission

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to defer a decision on the Proposed Submission ('Publication Draft') Local Plan for a period of 2-3 months, to enable officers to (a) fully appraise the new method for calculating housing need, and (b) bring back to Cabinet a revised housing target and a subsequent revised set of proposed allocations.

3. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the publication of the previous report to Council, the call-in mechanism has not been invoked once:

- 1) This was in respect of the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development on 9 August 2017 relating to 'Approval for Junction 18 (Rhubarb Bridge) Highway Works – AUG17/CMDN/30'. The call-in request was considered by the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 29 August 2017. Following consideration of the reasons stated on the request for call-in and the response to the call-in, the Committee did not agree to the call-in of this decision on any of the reasons stated.

Under the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution (Part 4, Section 8, and paragraph 13), implementation of the decision would take immediate effect.

4. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVER OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS

Since the publication of the previous report to Council, the special urgency and waiver of call-in provisions have not been invoked.

5. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION	REFERENCE	DECISION TAKEN
<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p> <p>Councillor Lynne Ayres</p> <p>17 July 2017</p>	<p>JUL17/CMDN/23</p>	<p>Passenger Transport Services</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorised the award of a framework agreement for the provision of passenger transport services from 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2020 with an option to extend for a further year, to the following contractors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplier 4x Limited T/A Steves Private Hire 24x7 Ltd A2B Euro Cars Limited Ace Travel (Long Sutton) Ltd Abdul Hussain T/A Ash School Transport City Cabs Pboro Ltd Daytime Cars Atif Safdar T/A Dial A Carz E Shaw and Son T/A Shaws Coaches Eames Minibuses Ltd Goldstar Cabs Ltd Roger Gretton T/A Gretttons Coaches Impression Coach Travel Ltd Elsayed Elkhoulil T/A Kholyo Cars King Carz Link Transport Services Marks Specialist Transport Ltd T/A Marks Passenger Services My Work Bus Ltd Nationwide Travel Solutions Ltd Nationwide Coaches Limited Robert Blunt T/A Neneway Coaches Newborough Coaches Ltd Norse Commercial Services Ltd Peterborough Cars Posh Carz Limited RT Enterprises Ltd T/A Royal Taxis ST Transport Solutions Ltd Cambus Limited T/A Stagecoach East & Stagecoach in Peterborough The Taxi Firm Ltd T&T Private Hire Limited Yellowcabz Cabco Ltd 2. Authorised the Corporate Director People and Communities to award call off contracts under the framework subject to each call-off contract not exceeding £500,000. 3. Authorised the Director of Governance or delegated officers to enter into any legal documentation on behalf of the Council in relation to this matter.

<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care</p> <p>Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald</p> <p>28 July 2017</p>	<p>JUL17/CMDN/25</p>	<p>Additional Outside Organisation – Local Government Information Unit</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved Local Government Information Unit as an additional outside organisation to which an appointment opportunity has arisen; 2. Approved the formal appointment of Councillor John Holdich to the Local Government Information Unit; 3. Approved the categorisation of the appointment referred to in recommendations 1 and 2 as Strategic and Executive.
<p>Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development</p> <p>Councillor Peter Hiller</p> <p>1 August 2017</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/26</p>	<p>Approval for Parkway Maintenance</p> <p>The Cabinet member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorised the issue of the work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract for Skanska to undertake works and services to deliver the Council's TRANSPORT PROGRAMME OF PARKWAY MAINTENANCE – (KEY/01MAY17/03). The work package issued is for a value of £2.3m in 2017/18 and then a further £1.5m per year from 2018/19 to 2021/22 (£8.3 million in total). This will be funded through the medium term financial strategy. 2. Authorised the Director of Growth and Regeneration to vary the works order value when required subject to; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. available budget being in place; ii. the total sum of each variation not exceeding £100,000, iii. the combined value of any authorised variation(s) do not exceed the total sum of £500,000. <p>Any variations are to be made in prior consultation with internal audit, finance and legal services.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development</p> <p>Councillor Peter Hiller</p> <p>1 August 2017</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/27</p>	<p>Approval for Westgate Highway Works</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the design and construction of the Westgate public realm highway improvement scheme KEY/01MAY17/01 for the financial year of 2017/2018 and authorise the associated package of work to be issued to Skanska Construction UK Limited under the Council's existing agreement with SKANSKA dated 18 September 2013 (the

		<p>Highways Services Agreement. The total scheme package is £1.5m. This will be funded through the medium term financial strategy.</p> <p>2. Authorised the Director of Growth and Regeneration to vary the works order value when required subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. available budget being in place; ii. the total sum of each variation not exceeding £100,000, iii. the combined value of any authorised variation(s) do not exceed the total sum of £500,000. <p>Any variations are to be made in prior consultation with internal audit, finance and legal services.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Councillor Irene Walsh</p> <p>1 August 2017</p>	AUG17/CMDN/28	<p>To Approve CCTV Upgrade and 5 Year Maintenance Contract</p> <p>The Cabinet Member authorised the contract award to Quadrant Security Group for the design, supply, installation and set-up of a new CCTV surveillance system, utilising the CityFibre network with wireless communication where required.</p> <p>The contract will be for a period of five years, to run from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2022 with an option to extend for a period of up to 2 years at the Council's discretion. The total value of the contract is estimated at £600,000, approximately £85,000 per year.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p> <p>Councillor Sam Smith</p> <p>1 August 2017</p>	AUG17/CMDN/29	<p>Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awarded a contract for the delivery of Emotional Wellbeing/Mental Health Services for Children & Young People in Peterborough & Cambridgeshire for a total value of £2,221,956 from 1 January 2018 until 1 January 2021 and a further option for the Council to extend for two 12 month periods. 2. Authorised the Corporate Director of People & Communities to extend the contract for a further two 12 month periods at a cost of up to £740,652 per annum, should the Council exercise the option to extend.
<p>Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development</p>	AUG17/CMDN/30	<p>Approval for Junction 18 (Rhubarb Bridge) Highway Works</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorised the issue of a work package to Skanska

<p>Councillor Peter Hiller</p> <p>9 August 2017</p>		<p>Construction UK Limited (“Skanska”) under the Council’s existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract for the Council to undertake improvement works on the A47 Junction 18 (the “scheme”). The total value of the work package will be £5.5m made up of £2.5m budget spend for 17/18 and £3m budget spend for 18/19. In addition to the work package for £5.5m, the Council allocated a budget of £192, 600 in previous financial years, towards payment to Skanska for the design of the Scheme.</p> <p>2. Authorised the Director of Growth and Regeneration to vary the work order value when required subject to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. available budget being in place; ii. the total sum of each variation not exceeding £100,000; iii. the combined value of any authorised variation(s) do not exceed the total sum of £500,000. <p>Any variations are to be made in prior consultation with internal audit, finance and legal services.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p> <p>Councillor Lynne Ayres</p> <p>10 August 2017</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/31</p>	<p>Removal of Unattended Items within the City Centre Policy</p> <p>The Cabinet Member agreed the protocol and procedure for the removal of unattended and abandoned items within the city centre in the interest of security and public safety.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p> <p>Councillor Lynne Ayres</p> <p>22 August 2017</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/32</p>	<p>Thomas Deacon Academy – Award of Contract for Building Works</p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved the awarding of a contract from the PCC Construction Framework for building works at the Thomas Deacon Academy.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Children’s Services</p> <p>Councillor Sam Smith</p> <p>22 August 2017</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/33</p>	<p>Approval to Enter a Section 76 Agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved the entering into a Section 76 Agreement with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to the provision of Speech and Language Services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/34</p>	<p>Award of Contract for Construction and Operation of Fengate Household Recycling Centre</p>

<p>Councillor Gavin Elsey</p> <p>24 August 2017</p>		<p>To approve the award of contract for construction and operation of Fengate Household Recycling Centre.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development</p> <p>Councillor Peter Hiller</p> <p>29 August 2017</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/35</p>	<p>Peterborough Local Development Scheme (LDS)</p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved the attached Local Development Scheme (LDS), which sets out a timetable for the production of the Peterborough Local Plan and a Minerals and Waste Local Plan, to come into effect on 29 August 2017.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Councillor David Seaton</p> <p>29 August 2017</p>	<p>AUG17/CMDN/36</p>	<p>Acquisition of Property in North-East City Area</p> <p>The Cabinet Member delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and Regeneration to purchase the property set out in Appendix 1. The Cabinet Member had been consulted regarding this report and the appendix to it.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p> <p>Councillor Sam Smith</p> <p>1 September 2017</p>	<p>SEP17/CMDN/37</p>	<p>Step Up to Social Work Regional Partnership Inter-Authority Agreement</p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved the Council's participation in the Step Up to Social Work Programme and entering into the Regional Partnership Inter-Authority Agreement.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p> <p>Councillor Lynne Ayres</p> <p>15 September 2017</p>	<p>SEP17/CMDN/37a</p>	<p>Oakdale Primary School Expansion</p> <p>The Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Authorised the construction of new school buildings and the refurbishment and remodelling of existing buildings to accommodate the expansion of Oakdale Primary School up to the value of the budget sum of £5m, subject to the Council obtaining consent pursuant to section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1988. This sum shall include the anticipated design and build contract costs of and funding for Information and Communications Technology (ICT), all site surveys and project management and technical advisers fees. 2) Authorised the Corporate Director, People and Communities in consultation with the Interim Corporate Director: Resources and legal services to award the contract for the

		<p>construction works to the successful contractor from Lot 3 of the Peterborough City Council Construction Framework following the mini-competition process.</p> <p>3) Authorised the Director of Governance or delegated officers to enter into any other legal documentation on behalf of the Council in relation to this matter.</p> <p>N.B. This expansion is subject to planning approval being obtained.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development</p> <p>Councillor Peter Hiller</p> <p>25 September 2017</p>	SEP17/CMDN/38	<p>Extension to Care and Repair Framework Agreement Lots 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>The Cabinet Member authorised an extension to the following Care and Repair Framework Agreement contractors for Lots 1, 2 and 3 whilst the procurement is completed for the new Care and Repair Framework Agreement, which will commence on 1 August 2018:</p> <p>Lot 1: Minor Aids and Adaptations PFS Builders and Contractors Lot 1 Framework Agreement Sum: £66,666.00 Contract Period: 1 October 2017 to 31 July 2018</p> <p>Lot 2: Installation Level Access Showering Facilities and associated works Allworks Home Improvements Casbon Building Services Morley Building Services Nadeem Construction Limited PFS Builders and Contractors Gaswise Services Ltd AB Lot 2 Framework Agreement Sum: £533,333.00 Contract Period: 30 November 2017 to 31 July 2018</p> <p>Lot 3: Central Heating Installations Gaswise Services Ltd</p> <p>Lot 3 Framework Agreement Sum: £200,000.00 Contract Period: 30 November 2017 to 31 July 2018</p> <p>Total of extension to the Care and Repair Framework Agreement for Lots 1, 2 and 3: £799,999.00</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Councillor David Seaton</p> <p>29 September 2017</p>	SEP17/CMDN/44	<p>Discretionary Rate Relief</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <p>1) Approved the award of Discretionary Rate Relief for charities and similar organisations shown on the attached schedule at Appendix A to 31 March 2019; and</p> <p>2) Rejected the applications for the award of Discretionary Rate Relief for charities and similar organisations shown on the attached schedule at</p>

		Appendix B.
<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Councillor David Seaton</p> <p>29 September 2017</p>	SEP17/CMDN/45	<p>Discretionary Rate Relief From Business Rates For Eligible Businesses Under the Support For Public Houses and Supporting Small Businesses Schemes Announced By The Government In The Spring Budget</p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved the award of Discretionary Rate Relief for Public Houses and to approve the award of Discretionary Rate Relief under the Support for Small Business up to 31 March 2018 in line with the scheme announced in the Spring Budget.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development</p> <p>Councillor Peter Hiller</p> <p>3 October 2017</p>	SEPT17/CMDN/46	<p>Department for Transport Challenge Fund Award</p> <p>The Cabinet Member authorised the issue of a work package to Skanska Construction UK Limited (“Skanska”) under the Council’s existing Peterborough Highway Services Contract (the “Contract”) for the Council to undertake a programme of works on drought damaged roads in Peterborough (the “scheme”). The total value of the work package will be £1.69m.</p>

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

RECORD OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting	Dates of Meeting	Representative
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	24 July 2017	Councillor David Over Councillor Ed Murphy
Combined Authority Board	26 July 2017	Councillor John Holdich

1.1 The above meetings have taken place in July.

2. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – MONDAY 24 JULY 2017

2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 24 July 2017 and the decision summary is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3. BOARD MEETING – WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2017

3.1 The Board met on 26 July and the decision summary is attached at **Appendix 2**.

4. THE AGENDAS AND MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS ARE ON THE COMBINED AUTHORITY WEBSITE

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/overview-and-scrutiny-committee-24th-july-2017/?date=2017-07-24>

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-combined-authority-26th-july-2017/?date=2017-07-26>

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee_ Decision Summary

Meeting: 24th July 2017

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Overview-and-Scrutiny-Committee/Overview-and-Scrutiny-Agenda-24th-July-2017.pdf>

Vice Chair Cllr Terry Hayward in the Chair as Cllr Batchelor had sent apologies.

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Batchelor, substituted by Cllr Hart and apologies received from Cllr Bradley.
2.	Declaration of Interests	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th June 2017	Committee members requested that 'Matters Arising' be added to the minute item on the agenda.

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
		<p>Committee members requested that in reference to the issue of public questions that was discussed at the last meeting, that a report be brought to the September committee meeting for the members to discuss.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the minutes from the June meeting, the minutes are on page 3 of the agenda. (see link above)</p>
4.	Interview – Portfolio Holder for Transport & Infrastructure	<p>The Committee invited the Portfolio Holder for Transport & Infrastructure to the meeting to talk about his transport plan and other issues which covered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenges faced in producing a transport plan for the Combined Authority area and the possible transport models being considered. • The work of the Independent Economic Commission • The importance of the Spatial and Transport Plans of the Combined Authority working together. • The possible development of Wisbech Town, the rail links required and the economic opportunities that could be opened up in this area. • Bus franchising for the Combined Authority. • Expansion of the M11, continual improvements to A10 and the inclusion of the A1 in future plans. • Development of existing rail links. • Working with neighbouring counties to achieve goals and secure joint funding on larger projects such as the six junctions.

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
		A full summary of the interview is in the minutes. http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/committees/overview-and-scrutiny-committee/
5.	Interview – Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning	<p>The Committee invited the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning to the meeting to talk about his spatial plan and other issues which covered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the spatial plan on disadvantaged areas and inclusive growth. • The establishment of a land commission using the work already carried out by the ‘Making Assets Count’ project. • The non-statutory spatial plan in addition to the existing local plans. • The spatial including work from the Independent Economic Commission and the LEP. • Land banking and the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders for the Combined Authority. • Building on existing relationships between the LEP and other organisations. • The Commitment for more sustainable and renewable energy being used and the need to work with the utility companies. <p>A full summary of the interview is in the minutes. http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/committees/overview-and-scrutiny-committee/</p>
6.	Shadow Portfolio Holders	The Committee received and agreed the report which outlined the role of the proposed shadow portfolio holders and asked members to decide if they would like to allocate members to undertake these roles. The agreed allocations can be found in Appendix A of the minutes.

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
7.	Review of Combined Authority Agenda	The Committee considered the agenda that had been published for the upcoming Combined Authority Board meeting on 26th July and agreed to note the agenda of the Combined Authority Board meeting on 26 th July acknowledging that now the committee had appointed shadow portfolio holders they would be able to look at the relevant reports on future agendas.
8.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	<p>The Committee had no comments to make at this time regarding the forward plan of the Combined Authority.</p> <p>The current forward plan can be found here: https://cmis.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ccs_live/Documents/PublicDocuments.aspx</p>
9.	Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme	<p>The Committee received the work programme and were asked to comment or make any amendments.</p> <p>The Committee discussed how they would like to structure their meeting going forward with various suggestions being put forward in regards to what type of scrutiny the committee should undertake and the timing of the meetings in regards to the Board meetings. It was resolved that the Committee would continue to hold their meetings before the Board meeting and would review the structure after the November meeting and after training with the Centre for Public Scrutiny.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that an action sheet be produced after each meeting to show what actions had been agreed either by the committee or the board members and officers invited to attend.</p> <p>The Committee resolved that they would like to invite the Chief executive for the Combined Authority be invited to attend the September meeting.</p> <p>The Committee resolved that they would like there to be an item on the Board agenda to enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide feedback on items that had been discussed at their meeting held beforehand and that the Chair would attend the Board meeting on Wed 26th July to present the Committee's proposal and other issues that had been raised at this meeting.</p>

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
		<p>The Committee Resolved to put forward the below recommendation to the Board:</p> <p>'The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends to the Board of the Combined Authority that at the end of the Mayor's 100 Day Plan (August 16th 2017) that should a further Combined Authority Plan be proposed, that plan is developed with involvement from the Overview and Scrutiny committee and that all future similar plans brought forward are developed in Consultation with the Overview and scrutiny Committee.'</p>
10.	Date & Location of Next Meeting	The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held at Cambridge City Council on the 21 st September 2017.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Summary of Decisions

Meeting: 26th July 2017

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-combined-authority-26th-july-2017/?date=2017-07-26>

Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies received from Councillor Herbert, substituted by Councillor Price, Councillor Roberts, substituted by Councillor Bailey, and Jess Bawden, substituted by Gary Howsam. There were no declarations of interest.
1.2	Minutes – 28 June 2017	The minutes of the meeting of 28th June 2017 were approved as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.
1.4	Public Questions	One question received, response published at the following link: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority meeting 26/07/2017

Item	Topic	Decision
1.5	Amendment to membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>Following notification of membership changes by Constituent Councils, it was resolved to approve the following amendments to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2017/2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Appoint Councillor David Mason as a Member and Councillor Maureen Davis as substitute member; (b) Appoint Councillor Jan French as a Member; (c) That the Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to accept future changes to membership of committees notified by constituent councils during the municipal year to ensure there was a full complement of members or substitute members at committee meetings, and to amend the constitution accordingly.
1.6	Community Representative to the Combined Authority	<p>The Board considered a proposal to create a non-voting co-opted community representative on the Board.</p> <p>It was resolved to examine the best way to reasonably involve the voice of all sections of our community in the decision making process, as early as reasonably possible.</p>
1.7	Officer and Support Structure	<p>The Combined Authority exists to enable economic growth and deliver public service reform. In the next twenty years, it is expected to support the growth of the local economy by over £20bn, oversee the delivery of 100,000 new homes, 70,000 new jobs and a world class public transport system. Furthermore it is tasked with designing and implementing a real transformation in end to end public service delivery. The Combined Authority is responsible for managing a significant investment fund, from the first devolution deal, of more than £1bn, making sound investment decisions and ensuring that programmes are delivered on time and on budget. It has always been intended that the Combined Authority will be small and strategic in its operation, and that it will commission the delivery of its programmes.</p> <p>To achieve its objectives, the Combined Authority requires an appropriate staffing structure. The purpose of this report was to:</p>

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		<p>(a) Consider the proposed officer structure for the Combined Authority</p> <p>(b) Consider arrangements for the provision of support services for the Authority</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) Approve proposals in respect of the officer structure as set out in this report</p> <p>(b) Confirm the arrangements for the provision of support services.</p> <p>Following a request by five members to call in the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 16 August and agreed to call in the decision. The Board met on 4 September to reconsider its decision and the comments of the Committee.</p> <p>The Board, following receipt of additional information provided by the Chief Executive agreed to:- (a) consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; (b) note the additional information provided by the Chief Executive in relation to the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; (c) approve the revised proposals in respect of the officer structure as set out in the report; (d) approve the following posts on the basis of the additional information set out in the report: 1) Director of Transport and Infrastructure 2) Interim Director of Skills 3) Housing Director 4) Assistant Director (e) approve an additional budget allocation for staffing for 2017/18 as set out in the report.</p>
1.8	Forward Plan	It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated 24 July 2017.
	Part 2 – Key Decisions & Other Policy Reports	
2.1	Development of a Centre for Skills and Apprenticeships	The current skills system is based on a highly centralised model, with £10.5 billion spent by Whitehall across 20 different national schemes. Furthermore, local delivery arrangements are fragmented, with many partners operating often with roles that overlap and with service models that lack depth and resilience. This has resulted in a significant skills gap.

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		<p>Current national forecasts predict that by 2024 there will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.2m low-skilled people chasing 3.1m low-skilled jobs (a surplus of 6.2m low-skilled workers) • 12.6m people with intermediate skills chasing 10.7m jobs (a surplus of 1.9m people) • 16.1m high-skilled jobs with only 11.9m high-skilled workers (a deficit of 4.2m). <p>The Combined Authority wants to create an ambitious vision to connect all the work that is taking place across its area in respect of skills and employment, bringing it under the umbrella of a Centre for Skills. It is believed that this will offer greater opportunity to reduce the fragmentation and duplication that currently exists; enable maximisation of funding opportunities and have the greatest impact for the local area in terms of developing higher level skills and enabling growth.</p> <p>The report presented this in conceptual format and sought approval to develop a more detailed report, containing a proposed vehicle, options and governance arrangements.</p> <p>The first step towards this which will also strengthen the approach, is to migrate the current Apprenticeship initiatives into the Centre for Skills concept, through the creation of an Apprenticeship Hub, whilst simultaneously developing the detailed proposal for the wider Centre for Skills.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>In relation to the proposal for a Centre for Skills:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve a review of the end-to-end skills system, 2. Note that the Chief Executive would work alongside the LEP and other partners to undertake this as a joint review, 3. Note that a proposal would be brought forward for a new skills system alongside a skills strategy by February 2018. <p>In relation to Apprenticeships:</p>

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		<p>note the success of generating 524 new apprentices in the last 12 months, and in order to continue that success:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Approve £692,000 funding in order to build on the Apprenticeship Employer Grant (AGE) for Small and Medium Enterprises, to deliver a further 575 apprenticeships across the Combined Authority area, 5. Approve the development of a detailed options appraisal for an Apprenticeship Hub to be brought to the September meeting.
2.2	Career and Progression Innovation Pilot	<p>A key strategic objective of the Combined Authority is to raise the levels of productivity in the area. Across the Combined Authority area there is comparatively low unemployment, but within the area there are also areas of significant deprivation. Critically many residents are also working in low skilled and low paid jobs and there is a shortage of skilled workers in particular sectors.</p> <p>This report set out an exciting new Innovation Pilot to address this issue in the Health and Care Sector. Subject to final agreement by Government, the Combined Authority has successfully negotiated additional funding of over £5m that will help over 2,100 workers develop their skills and advance their position in order to progress both their pay and career.</p> <p>The report described how the pilot will work in practice, the governance model and what is needed of the Local Authorities involved.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) note that – subject to final agreement by Government – the Combined Authority had been awarded an additional £5.2m funding from Government to deliver a Pay and Progression Pilot for the Health and Care Worker Sector b) note that the pilot would create an additional 600 new apprenticeships in the area and provide an additional £20m of net present public value c) agree the proposed model of governance and delivery arrangements for the pilot

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		<p>d) note the expectations on each of the constituent councils and the LEP in the Combined Authority area</p> <p>e) delegate to the Chief Executive authority to take all necessary action, in consultation with the portfolio holders of the Delivery Group, to meet any grant conditions imposed by Department of Works and Pensions (DWP), provided that the action taken does not exceed the funding envelope.</p>
2.3	<p>Strategic Transport Development Across The Area's Key Growth Corridors: Rapid, Mass Transport and Strategy Options Appraisal</p>	<p>Greater Cambridge, including the areas covered by Huntingdonshire, South Cambridge and Cambridge City are of enormous economic significance locally and nationally. There is growing evidence that the economy of this geographic area is close to overheating. The Combined Authority is committed to improving accessibility and connectivity to boost growth and prosperity whilst also addressing the congestion and delays that face residents and visitors to the area.</p> <p>The Mayor and the Combined Authority's ambition is to deliver world-class public transport across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the city region and future growth centres as well as into neighbouring counties. This vision will enable strategic sites for new housing and business to be unlocked. This includes the potential development of major schemes at Wyton, St. Neots, Waterbeach, Northstowe, and Alconbury.</p> <p>The Combined Authority Board considered and agreed investment in the feasibility and business case development for a number of strategic schemes to the north and east of the area at its June meeting. As a first step in connecting Greater Cambridge and enabling people and businesses to move rapidly across and into the city of Cambridge this report asked the Board to proceed with a Strategic Options Appraisal into rapid, mass transport options for Cambridge City and the surrounding travel to work area in conjunction with the Greater Cambridge Partnership Board. The Strategic Options Appraisal will consider both the Inner City and scalable and extendable options for the wider area.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission a strategic options appraisal study into rapid, mass transport options for Cambridge City and the surrounding travel to work area in conjunction with the Greater Cambridge Partnership Board. 2. Agree a total budget allocation of up to £100,000 in 2017/18 for the delivery of the strategic options appraisal study. 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport & Infrastructure and in conjunction with the Chair of the Greater Cambridge Partnership Board, to award a contract for the study provided that the collective value of the contract does not exceed the approved budget allocation.
2.4	Future Local Transport Plan	<p>The purpose of this report was to ask the Board to agree the proposal to commission the development of a new Local Transport Plan for the Combined Authority.</p> <p>The future Local Transport Plan for the Combined Authority will set out a bold and ambitious vision for the future and clearly differentiate the added value afforded by the creation of the Combined Authority. The development of the new Local Transport Plan will take a strategic approach, with strong leadership and joint working across the Combined Authority area. It will align with other core strategies including the economic strategy, non statutory spatial plan, housing strategy and skills strategy.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission the development of a new Local Transport Plan for the Combined Authority. 2. Agree a total budget allocation of up to £500,000 in 2017/18 and 2018/19 for the delivery of the new Local Transport Plan. 3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport & Infrastructure, to commission the development of the new Local Transport Plan including requisite third party specialist inputs provided that the value of the commissioned services does not exceed the approved budget allocation.

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2.5	Housing Investment Fund Programme: Quick Wins	<p>The Combined Authority successfully secured £100million to deliver 2,000 affordable homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from the Government as part of the devolution deal.</p> <p>In March 2017 the Combined Authority Board agreed the business case for this housing investment programme. This report set out an initial portfolio that accelerates the delivery of affordable housing. Delivery of affordable housing is recognised as an issue across the Combined Authority and this first phase of schemes will see delivery in each of the constituent council areas targeted by the fund.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commit grant funding of £4.56m for the initial portfolio of affordable housing schemes 2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders of the Delivery Group to approve the release of grant funding on application for draw down of the funds by the providers and take all necessary steps to ensure delivery of the affordable housing schemes 3. Note the intention to bring forward detailed proposals for the management of the Housing Investment Fund including the rules, procedures and levels of delegation, to the Combined Authority Board in September 2017. <p><i>Councillors Bailey and Holdich declared disclosable pecuniary interests under the Code of Conduct as a Director of Palace Green Homes and a Director of Cross Key Homes respectively and did not vote on this item.</i></p>
2.6	Housing Strategy	<p>Across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough there is a need to build at least 100,000 new homes, including 49,000 affordable new homes and to accelerate their delivery.</p> <p>The Combined Authority proposes to develop a Housing Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for the next twenty years which will address the current housing challenges</p>

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		<p>facing the area. The principles of the strategy will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ambitious plan to deliver over 100,000 new homes by 2037 in order to meet the housing needs to support the growth of the local economy • A commitment to deliver 40,000 affordable homes within the same time period, to help address the affordability of housing, particularly for key workers and first-time buyers and in doing so, support the creation of more sustainable communities • Ensuring that housing supports the most vulnerable, helping to manage demands on primary health and social care by addressing current issues in the system in addition to ensuring increased choice and affordability for those requiring specialist care in the medium to long-term • Driving innovation and solution-focused approaches by supporting new types of building construction (including modular homes) and helping to boost small and medium sized building enterprises, by exploring ways to make sites more financially viable • Identifying and meeting housing need; exploring further opportunities for Community Land Trusts, extending choice through a choice-based lettings system and tackling homelessness through shared initiatives and action-planning • Ensuring that infrastructure to support new housing is co-ordinated and delivered as a coherent programme by making strong links across strategies and projects • Improving standards in existing homes and encouraging best use of all homes by tackling overcrowding, reducing fuel poverty, bringing empty homes back into use and tackling homes in poor condition. <p>The Combined Authority will work with partners to deliver on this ambition. It will provide strong leadership and use the additional investment and flexibility afforded through devolution to do this. It will take a strategic and collective view and make the necessary interventions and investments that are to deliver the homes that are needed for the future success and prosperity of our communities.</p> <p>In this context, the purpose of this report was to ask the Board to agree the approach to develop a bold and ambitious Housing Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p>

Item	Topic	Decision
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree the approach to developing the Housing Strategy 2. Agree a budget allocation of up to £150k in 2017/18 for the development of the Housing Strategy
2.7	Investment Strategy and Fund	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has a bold plan for the future growth and success of the area. Delivering its ambition will only be achieved by attracting a substantial level of investment and then by maximising the value of the resources that are available. This position requires the Combined Authority area to have a clear and single Investment Strategy.</p> <p>This report set out the principles and that should form the center of an Investment Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It was recommended that a Fund is established that builds on the financial package from Government that formed the basis of the Devolution Deal. The purpose of the Fund will be to attract further public and private sector investment, and to target resources into specific programmes and projects.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the features and principles of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Investment Strategy; 2. Approve the establishment of a Fund to attract further public and private sector investment; 3. Agree that the following key strategic projects were in the CPCA pipeline were taken to market to assess their potential for private and public sector investment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Dualling of the A47 b) Wisbech Garden Town c) Cambridge Rapid Mass Transport 4. Approve a budget of £25,000 to carry out this work.

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2.8	The Non-Statutory Spatial Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	<p>The Non Statutory Spatial Plan enables the Combined Authority to reflect spatially across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough its vision, objectives, and growth and investment priorities.</p> <p>The Mayor's 100 Day Plan includes a commitment to 'Commission the Non-Statutory Spatial Plan for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough'. In accordance with this commitment, the report recommended the approach to developing the Non-Statutory Spatial Plan (NSSP) for the Combined Authority area; a broad programme for delivering the plan based on this approach; and the initial resources and budget required to do so.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the purpose and value of the Non Statutory Spatial Plan (NSSP) for the achievement of the Combined Authority's vision and objectives; 2. Agree the approach outlined to undertake the development of the Non-Statutory Spatial Plan for the Combined Authority area; 3. Note that work on producing the first part of the NSSP was to be completed by no later than February 2018 in parallel with other key workstreams; and 4. Approve a budget of up to £150,000 to support the necessary work to develop the first part of the NSSP, including sufficient officer capacity and external support.
Part 3 – Financial Management & Audit		
3.1	Budget Update	<p>Constituent members when agreeing to the establishment of the CPCA considered the resource allocations from central government and the initial expenditure plans which have since been further developed. This report provided an update of the 2017/18 budget.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the budget updates as requested for approval in other Board reports on this meeting's agenda.

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		2. Note the updated budget and indicative resources for 2017/18 and 2018/19 as set out in Appendix A.
	Part 4 – Urgent Items	<i>The Chairman agreed to take the following two urgent items. The reasons for urgency were that the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) for the Combined Authority had resigned, and Overview and Scrutiny Committee had only met two days before the Board meeting.</i>
4.1	Appointment of the Interim Chief Finance Officer and Section 151 Officer	<p>The purpose of this report was for the Combined Authority to agree to appoint an interim statutory Chief Finance Officer for the Combined Authority from amongst the constituent Council's Chief Finance Officers.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <p>(a) appoint a Chief Finance Officer from amongst the constituent Councils Chief Finance Officers; and</p> <p>(b) report the named appointee to the September meeting of the Board.</p>
4.2	Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	<p>At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 24th July 2017, the committee resolved that the Chair should attend the Combined Authority Board meeting on the 26th July 2017 to present the following recommendations:</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendations as amended:</p> <p>1. That the Board consider that a standing item is placed on its agenda to allow the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to present recommendations from the Committee to the Board regarding items on its agenda;</p> <p>1. to consider any written recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Board at consideration of the relevant report, and that the Chair was available to answer any questions the Board might wish to ask, at the discretion of the Mayor.</p> <p>2. that should a further Combined Authority Plan be proposed, following the end of the</p>

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		<p>first 100 day plan, that plan was developed in consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that all future similar plans brought forward were also developed in consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>3. to note that the Committee had agreed to appoint shadow portfolio holders from within the Overview and Scrutiny Committee membership (Appendix 1);</p> <p>4. to note that the Committee had heard from the Mayor and two portfolio holders at their last two meetings. The Committee welcomed discussions with the portfolio holders and would propose that for future meetings:</p> <p>a) the Portfolio Holders should prepare a 10 minute presentation for the Committee;</p> <p>b) the Committee will send questions to portfolio holders in advance of the meeting but may ask a number of supplementary questions.</p>
	Part 5 – Date of Next Meeting	
5.1	Date of Next Meeting	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 10.00am at Cambridge City Council, The Guildhall, Market Hill, Cambridge CB2 3QJ

Notes:

(a) Statements in bold type indicate additional resolutions made at the meeting.

(b) Five Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may call-in a key decision of the Mayor, the Combined Authority Board or an Officer for scrutiny by notifying the Monitoring Officer.

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notice of motion has been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:

1. Motion from Councillor Shaz Nawaz

A number of people from Peterborough have expressed grave concern over the crisis in Myanmar. With regard to the humanitarian disaster, persecution, suffering and displacement of the Rohingya people in Myanmar, this council urges the UK government to:

- 1) Supply medial & financial aid to the victims of these appalling acts of violence.
- 2) Put pressure on the government of Myanmar, both directly and indirectly, through the UN, to ensure that violence against the Rohingya people comes to an end.
- 3) Stop giving aid to the Myanmar Administration until its Government officially recognises the Rohingya people.
- 4) Allow International observers human rights organisations and media unhindered access to all areas in Rakhine Province.
- 5) Support the Bangladeshi government in their endeavours to support the Rohingya People.

2. Motion from Councillor Ed Murphy

Council notes the distress caused to animals and residents from the use of fireworks in an inconsiderate manner, and the dangers to individuals and the general public.

Council believes that fireworks should be used primarily at controlled events and that the further restriction of sale and use benefit public safety, community cohesion, reduce casualties and such a policy receives support from the Fire Service, animal welfare charities and the NHS.

Council resolves to call upon the government to introduce further legislation on this matter and do all we can locally to encourage people not to use fireworks themselves and take actions to educate and prosecute those using fireworks in an antisocial or dangerous manner. Council also requests a review by Government as to the types of fireworks available for general public sale to remove firework types that result in the most public disturbance due to noise.

3. Motion from Councillor John Peach

Many citizens of Peterborough were extremely worried and horrified by the events happening in Burma against the residents of Rohingya state in Myanmar.

As we have seen horrific, graphic scenes of continuous violence on social and mainstream media and also confirmed reports by the United Nations, Human Rights organisations as well as many countries worldwide. There are reports of ethnic cleansing taking place by the Myanmar army and extremist Buddhists who are brutally killing the Rohingya people using severe acts of bloody violence by beheading, burning, chopping limbs and dishonouring women. Consequently, over 400,000 people have been displaced and the number is growing.

These people are taking refuge on the border of Myanmar and Bangladesh. The situation is chaotic, people are starving and children are severely affected. This is a serious humanitarian crisis which is beyond description.

The United Kingdom has a proud history of being a leading example for reacting appropriately to such crisis and human rights violations around the globe. The residents of Peterborough are urging this to be continued and shown in this crisis. Indeed H.M. Government has already raised this matter at the United Nations and we understand that either the Foreign Secretary or Minister in the Foreign Office will try to talk to the Burma Government and/or visit soon.

Both Peterborough's members of Parliament have written to the Foreign Office and Shailesh Vara MP attended a packed meeting at Gladstone Park Community Centre on this subject recently.

Therefore Peterborough City Council calls upon Council Leader to write a letter to the Prime Minister urging her to work with the international community to put pressure on the Burmese government to achieve the following:

- Take necessary steps to stop the violence and genocide in Burma against the Rohingya people.
- Provide sufficient support and humanitarian aid to the refugees.
- Take the necessary steps to ensure that the Burmese government allows the safe return of the refugees back to their homes and accepts them as their citizens.
- Rebuild their homes and infrastructure and provide enough medical facilities to enable the victims to overcome the trauma.
- Bring the perpetrators to justice to ensure that this not happen again.
- Strip the Honorary title held by the Prime Minister Aung San Suu Kyi as she is clearly not worthy of this.

I urge members to support this to demonstrate that we are against any violence and violations of human rights.

4. Motion from Councillor Matthew Mahabadi

Council notes the recent decision to borrow £15m which council will loan to a hotel company, using public money to build a hotel in a public-private venture. Council also notes that Peterborough is the 3rd fastest growing city in the UK and notes the disgraceful ongoing failure of this council to build safe and affordable social housing in Peterborough to meet the demand of residents in the lowest income brackets. Council furthermore notes that commercial lending is a far riskier activity than investment in building houses, which are a far safer investment for public money due to the near guarantee that they rise in value over time.

Council believes that Peterborough council should focus its attentions not on borrowing for risky commercial ventures backstopped by the public purse, but on borrowing to invest in building safe and affordable social housing for Peterborough residents. Council is not a commercial bank, it is there to serve the public good, not showboating with flashy projects that will serve no direct benefit to many of our fellow residents in Peterborough, many of whom are urgently seeking safe and affordable places to live.

Council resolves that any further borrowing to lend will be only for investment in social housing and other public projects, such as building of social housing.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(a)
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Contact Officer(s):	Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive and Returning Officer	Tel. 01733 452390
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REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N
FROM : Returning Officer
That Council receives and notes the results of the Local Park Ward By-Election held on Thursday 17 August 2017 and the Local Eye, Thorney, and Newborough Ward By-Election held on Thursday 7 September 2017.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The results of the Local Park Ward By-Election held on Thursday 17 August 2017 and the Local Eye, Thorney, and Newborough Ward By-Election held on Thursday 7 September 2017 can be seen at **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** to this report respectively.

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DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Peterborough

Election of a City Councillor for

Park

on Thursday 17 August 2017

I, Rachel Edwards, being the Deputy Returning Officer at the Park ward by-election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ENGLISH, Carolyn Anne	Green Party	83
HARDMAN, Ian Edward	Liberal Democrats	109
KHAN, Arfan	The Conservative Party Candidate	1375
NAWAZ, Shahzad	Labour and Co-operative Party	1713 (Elected)
WHITEHEAD, Graham John	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	176

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A	want of an official mark	0
B	voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	8
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	1
D	being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	3
E	rejected in part	0
Total		12

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 6948

Ballot Papers Issued: 3470

Turnout: 49.93%

And I do hereby declare that Shahzad Nawaz is duly elected.

Dated 18 August 2017

Rachel Edwards
Deputy Returning Officer

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DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Peterborough

Election of a City Councillor for

Eye, Thorney & Newborough
on Thursday 7 September 2017

I, Gillian Beasley, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ALEXANDER, Michael	Green Party	61
DEFEO, Christian Joseph	Labour & Co-operative Party Candidate	555
HERDMAN, Mary	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	279
ROBERTSON, Callum Andrew	Liberal Democrats	35
SIMONS, Nigel	The Conservative Party Candidate	1018 (Elected)

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A	want of an official mark	0
B	voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D	being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	1
Total		1

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 7141

Ballot Papers Issued: 1949

Turnout: 27.29%

And I do hereby declare that Nigel Simons is duly elected.

Dated 07 September 2017

Gillian Beasley
Returning Officer

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(b)
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

POLITICAL BALANCE, ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO COMMITTEES FOLLOWING THE PARK WARD BY-ELECTION AND THE EYE, THORNEY, AND NEWBOROUGH BY-ELECTION

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
FROM : Director of Governance
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <p>(a) Notes that there are 102 seats on committees, as agreed at Annual Council on 22 May 2017;</p> <p>(b) Agrees the allocation of seats on those committees subject to the political balance arrangements (Appendix 1); and</p> <p>(c) Confirms the allocation of seats on those committees not subject to political balance arrangements remains unchanged.</p>

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the impact of the Park Ward By-Election and the Eye, Thorney, and Newborough Ward By-Election results on the political balance of the Council.

2. IMPACT UPON THE POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY FOLLOWING THE BY-ELECTION

2.1 At the Park Ward By-Election, held on 17 August, Councillor Shaz Nawaz was elected as a Labour and Co-operative Councillor. On 7 September 2017 at the Eye, Thorney, and Newborough By-Election, Councillor Nigel Simons was elected as a Conservative Councillor. This increased the Labour Member numbers from 14 to 15 and Conservative Member numbers from 29 to 30.

2.2 On the 18 September 2017 Councillor Fower resigned from the Liberal Democrat group and joined the Labour Group on 27 September 2017. This decreased the Liberal Democrat Member numbers from 7 to 6 and increased the Labour Member numbers from 15 to 16.

2.2 The political proportionality was calculated resulting in the following variances:

- Conservative Group entitlement to seats, increases by 1.
- Labour Group entitlement to seats, increases by 1.
- Liberal Democrat entitlement to seats, decrease by 2.

2.3 There were no further variances other than those outlined above. All other Groups retain the same number of seats as allocated at the Annual Council meeting in May 2017.

3. NUMBER OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

3.1 In order to allocate seats, the Council must first confirm the total number of seats on each committee. For the purpose of calculating the entitlement of each political group to seats on committees, the following are included:

Committee	Seats
Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	11
Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee	11
Health Scrutiny Committee	11
Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	11
Employment Committee	7
Licensing Committee (Regulatory)	11
Planning and Environmental Protection Committee	11
Appeals and Planning Review Committee	11
Corporate Parenting Committee	11
Audit Committee	7
TOTAL	102

4. POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

4.1 Once it has decided the number and size of committees, Council needs to decide how many seats each group is to have on its committees. In accordance with the legislation, the following principles should apply to the allocation of seats as far as reasonably practicable:

- (a) That not all the seats on the body to which appointments are being made are allocated to the same political group;
- (b) That the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
- (c) Subject to (a) and (b) above, when allocating seats to a political group, the total number of their seats across all the ordinary committees of the Council, must reflect their proportion of the authority's membership; and
- (d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee is as far as possible in proportion to the group's membership of the authority.

4.2 The political balance of the Council can be calculated by using the following formula.

$$\frac{\text{No of Group Members} \times 100}{60}$$

4.3 Following the recent by-elections held on 17 August 2017 and 7 September 2017, and the moving of Cllr Fower from the Liberal Democrat Group to the Labour Group, the political balance of the Council is as follows:

Group	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Liberal Party	Werrington First	UKIP	Total
Councillors	30	16	6	3	3	2	60
Proportionality %	50	26.67	10	5	5	3.33	100

4.4 The calculation to determine the strict entitlement of political groups to seats on committees is:

$$\frac{\% \text{ from table 1}}{100} \times \frac{\text{Total No of seats available (102) – see above}}{100}$$

5. APPLYING THE RULES

5.1 The allocation of seats between political groups for each committee is set out in **Appendix 1** (to be tabled) based on a total of 102 seats.

6. APPOINTMENTS EXEMPTED FROM POLITICAL BALANCE

6.1 Some Committees are automatically exempt from the internal political balance rules. These Committees are as follows:

- The Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003); and
- The Health and Wellbeing Board.

6.3 These Committees have statutory exemption from the political balance calculations. As agreed at the Annual Council meeting the membership of the Licensing Committee (Licensing Act 2003) reflects the same membership as the Licensing Committee (Regulatory). The Health and Wellbeing Board has a prescribed membership.

6.4 Council is asked to confirm that the appointments to these Committees agreed at the Council meeting in May 2017 remain unchanged.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

7.1 The change in political balance has no impact upon the seat entitlement of groups on the following other authorities:

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Audit and Governance Committee.
- Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel.
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority.

7.2 Council is asked to confirm that the appointments to these Committee agreed at the Annual Council meeting in May 2017 remains unchanged.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial Comments: There are no direct financial consequences.

8.2 Legal Comments: These are addressed in the report

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

9.1 Peterborough City Council's Constitution.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 - Allocations of seats on Committees subject to political balance (**to follow**)

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(c)
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Stephen Gerrard, Interim Director of Law and Governance	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources	
Contact Officer(s):	Mark Emson, Electoral Manager	Tel. 452282

CREATION OF NEW POLLING DISTRICT IN STANGROUND SOUTH WARD

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources	Deadline date: 1 December 2017
<p>It is recommended that Council agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) create a new polling district named STS4 in the Stanground South ward; and 2) designate the new polling district STS4 as the polling place, <p>to take effect from the publication of the revised register of electors on 1 December 2017.</p>	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To create a new polling district in Stanground South ward to provide suitable polling arrangements for electors residing with the Cardea development. Under Schedule 1 of the Representation of the Peoples Act 1983, the returning officer shall provide a sufficient number of polling stations and shall allot the electors to the polling stations in such manner as she thinks most convenient.
- 1.2 To designate the polling district as the polling place.

2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 Representations made by ward Councillors and electors residing within the Cardea estate indicated that electors have too far to travel to their current polling station which is located at St Michael's Church, Mace Road, STS1 Polling District, within Stanground South ward.
- 2.2 Guidance issued by the Electoral Commission suggests that a polling station should cater for a maximum of 2500 electors. There are currently 2800 electors within polling district STS1 who are registered to vote at the St Michael's Church polling station.
- 2.3 The Cardea Community Sports Pavilion on Bellona Drive has been proposed as a suitable polling station for the electors of the new polling district (STS4).

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The ward Councillors for Stanground South have been consulted and have all welcomed the proposal.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications of this proposal would be the Hire Cost for polling station, staffing costs during election, administration costs for elections. This would amount to a total annual cost of £1500.00.

Legal Implications

- 4.2 There are no legal implications.

Equalities Implications

- 4.3 There are no equality implications.

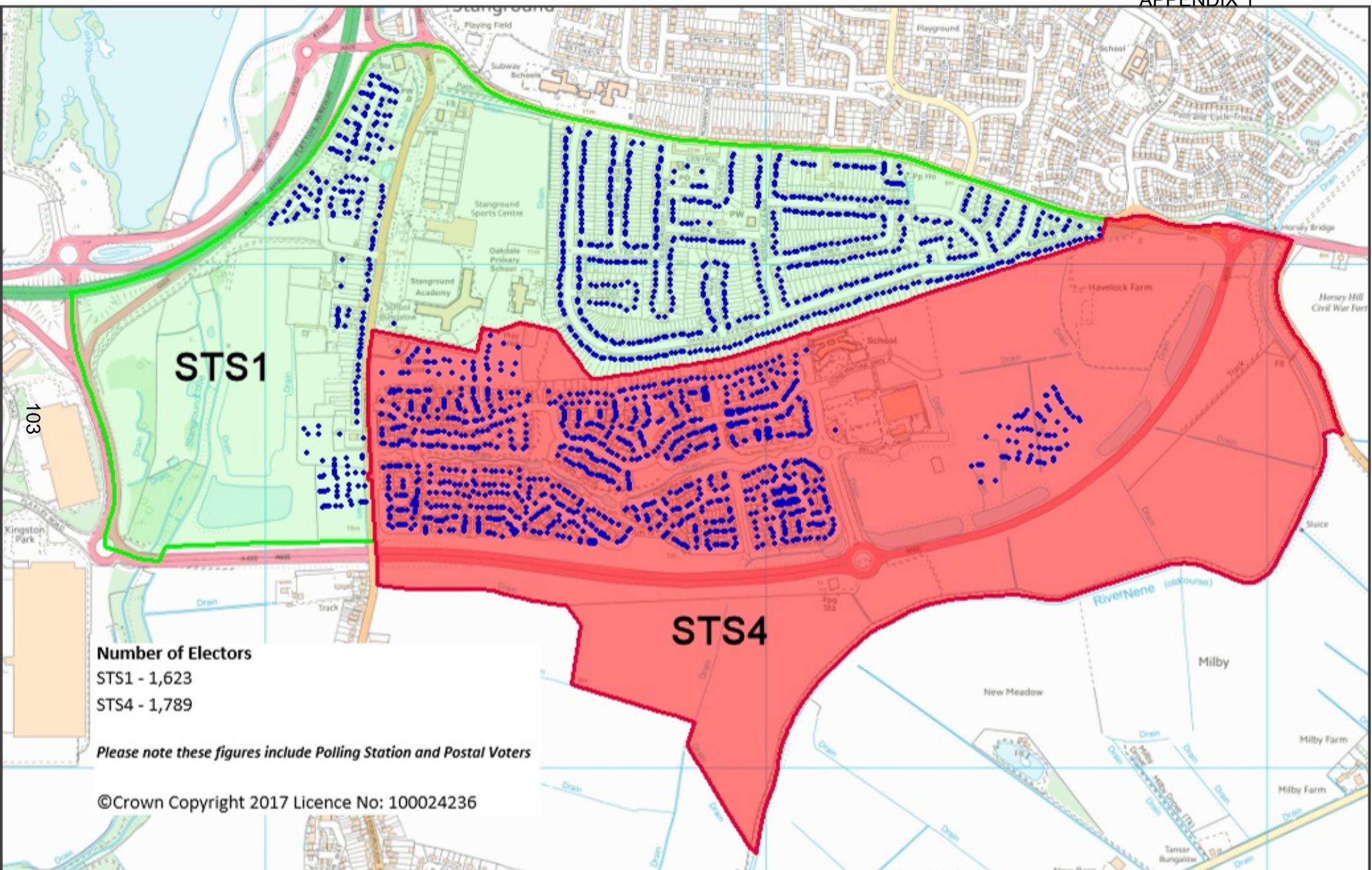
5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 5.1 None.

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Map Showing New Polling District Boundary.



STS1

STS4

Number of Electors

STS1 - 1,623

STS4 - 1,789

Please note these figures include Polling Station and Postal Voters

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM 13(d)
11 OCTOBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Marion Kelly, Interim Corporate Director: Resources	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Resources portfolio holder, Cllr Seaton	
Contact Officer(s):	Peter Carpenter, Service Director: Financial Services	Tel. 384564

TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR UPDATE

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Marion Kelly, Interim Corporate Director: Resources	Deadline date: N/A
<p>Council is asked to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review current performance against the Treasury Management Strategy (TMS) set in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2. To approve the use of Loans as a form of Investment to organisations delivering services for the Council (2.3). 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2011 recommends that Members receive reports on its treasury management policies, practices and activities, including an annual strategy and plan in advance of the year, a mid-year review and an annual report after its close.
- 1.2 The annual strategy is approved by Council as part of the MTFS. The original strategy was approved on 8 March 2017. The final performance against the revised strategy will be reported to Audit Committee in June 2018 alongside the Statement of Accounts. This report forms the mid-year review against the Revised TMS. As part of the Governance processes, following scrutiny by the Audit Committee, the recommendations of this report are required to be received and approved by Council.
- 1.3 The Audit Committee considered the report on the 25 September 2017 and resolved to:
 1. Note current performance against the Treasury Management Strategy (TMS) set in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
 2. Approve the use of loans as a form of investment to organisations delivering services for the Council.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 To report current performance and the forecast outturn position against the Prudential Indicators in the strategy.
- 2.3 The Council will allow loans (as a form of investment) to be made to organisations delivering services for the Council where this will lead to the enhancement of services to Peterborough City

Council Stakeholders. The Council will undertake due diligence checks to confirm the borrower's creditworthiness before any sums are advanced and will obtain appropriate levels of security or third party guarantees for loans advanced and review State Aid. The Council would expect a return commensurate with the type and duration of the loan. A limit of £50 million for this type of investment is proposed with a duration of over the life of the asset and Council's cash flow requirements. All loans would need to be in line with the Council's Scheme of Delegation and Key Decision thresholds levels.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

4.1 The Prudential Code underpins the system of capital finance. Local authorities determine their own programmes for capital investment in long term and current assets that are central to the delivery of quality local public services. Prudential indicators are developed as part of the annual MTFS process to ensure that:

- a) Capital investment plans are affordable;
- b) All external borrowing and other long term liabilities are within prudent and sustainable levels; and
- c) Treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with professional good advice.

4.2 The 2017/18 Prudential Indicators are shown in **Appendix 1**. The Council's performance to date and forecast performance are all within the limits set in the Revised MTFS.

4.3 The Council has continued to operate a restrictive lending list due to the continued economic uncertainty. Surplus cash is only invested for short periods with Barclays, Bank of Scotland (part of the Lloyds Banking Group) and the Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) money market fund. The Council also invests with other Local Authorities and the Debt Management Office (DMO).

4.4 The Council has continued to borrow to fund the capital programme. Loans have been arranged at interest rates to achieve budget certainty and for varying periods to fit in with the Councils debt maturity profile.

4.5 The Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee reduced the Base Rate to 0.25% in August 2016. This was the first change to interest rates since 2009. This reduction continues to have an impact on the cost of any new borrowing taken after this date as well as on income received from investing surplus cash balances.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 The Council's Prudential Code and Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18-2026/27 has undergone full consultation and been through the scrutiny process as it forms part of the Annual MTFS and Revised MTFS.

5.2 The Council continues to liaise with its treasury advisors, Capita Asset Services.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 As set out in the report.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 This report is given to the Committee to review performance against the Prudential Indicators in

the TMS set in the MTFS and Revised MTFS. As part of the Governance processes, following scrutiny by the Audit Committee, the recommendations of this report are required to be received and approved by Council.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Prudential Code and Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18-2026/27 is required to be prepared in accordance with the Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2011. This report sets out the performance against the associated indicators. The options are therefore limited.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 To provide the Committee the opportunity to review current performance against the revised Prudential Indicators.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 Treasury Management activities have to conform to the Local Government Act 2003, the Local Authorities (Capital; Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/3146), which specifies that the Council is required to have regard to the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and also the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/414), which clarifies the requirements of the Minimum Revenue Provision guidance

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 There were no equalities implications arising.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 10.1 The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities –2011 Edition, CIPFA; and Treasury Management in the Public Services, Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes – 2011 Edition, CIPFA, MRP Guidance

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Treasury Management Strategy – Prudential Indicators – Forecast Outturn as at 31 August 2017.

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Treasury Management Strategy – Prudential Indicators – Forecast Outturn as at 31 August 2017

The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities provides a framework for local authority capital finance to ensure that:

- (a) capital expenditure plans are affordable,
- (b) all external borrowing and other long term liabilities are within prudent and sustainable levels;
- (c) treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with professional good practice.

In taking decisions in relation to (a) and (c) above, the local authority is accountable by providing a clear and transparent framework.

The Code requires the Council to set a range of Prudential Indicators for the forthcoming financial year and at least the following two financial years. The Council has set out indicators for the next 10 financial years in line with setting a 10 year budget. During the financial year to date the Council has operated within the treasury limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the Council's Revised Annual Treasury Management Strategy. The actual and forecast outturn for the Prudential Indicators for the financial year is detailed below. The indicators include the Invest to Save scheme however the costs of borrowing associated with the scheme will be offset by the income generated by these projects.

The updated 2017/18 Prudential Indicators are shown below and the Council's performance to date against them. All performance is within the limits.

1. Indicator 1: Capital Expenditure

This indicator is the estimated capital expenditure for the year based on the Capital Programme for that period.

Capital Expenditure	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
Capital Expenditure	140.6	18.1	138.1
Invest to Save	78.7	7.5	122.5
Total	219.3	25.6	260.6

The position shows the forecast as at 31 August 2017. The forecast is revised every month. The forecast outturn is higher than the MTFs indicator due to the slippage of the Invest to Save and other capital budgets from 2016/17 to 2017/18, resulting from delays in progressing the planned schemes.

2. Indicator 2: Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

The CFR measures the Council's underlying need to borrow money in the long term for capital purposes. Any capital expenditure which has not immediately been paid for will increase the CFR.

Capital Financing Requirement	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
CFR b/fwd	609.8	509.8	509.8
Underlying Need to Borrow	6.2	(6.7)	74.9
Underlying Need to Borrow - Invest to Save	78.3	7.5	122.5
Total CFR C/fwd	694.3	510.6	707.2

3. Indicator 3: Actuals and Estimates of the Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Budget

The Council must estimate the proportion of the revenue budget, which is taken up in financing capital expenditure i.e. the net interest cost and to make provision to repay debt.

Ratio of net financing costs to net revenue stream	2017/18 Indicator	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17	2017/18 Forecast Outturn
Total Ratio	6.2%	5.5%	5.6%

4. Indicator 4: Actuals and Estimates of the Incremental Impact of Capital Investment on Council Tax

This indicator is intended to show the impact of the Council's decisions about capital investment on the level of Council Tax required to support those decisions over the medium term.

The calculation of this indicator has been done on the basis of the amount of the capital programme that is financed from borrowing. The calculation is based on the interest assumption for borrowing that was included in the capital financing budget for the MTFs. The revenue costs are divided by the estimated Council Tax base for the year, and performance is shown in the table below.

Incremental impact on capital investment decisions on Council Tax	2017/18 Indicator	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17	2017/18 Forecast Outturn
Total Incremental Impact	£13.49	(29.65)	(26.51)

5. Indicator 5: Proportion of Gross Debt to the CFR

This indicator shows the proportion of the Council's external borrowings (Gross Debt) against the CFR.

Proportion of Gross Debt to the CFR	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
CFR	694.3	510.6	707.2
Gross Debt	613.2	423.4	626.9
% of Gross Debt to CFR	88.3%	82.9%	88.6%

6. Indicator 6: The Operational Boundary

The Operational Boundary is a measure of the day to day likely borrowing for the Council. The code recognises that circumstances might arise when the boundary might be exceeded temporarily, but if this continues for a lengthy period then it ought to be investigated.

This indicator takes into consideration the capital programme over the life of the MTFs and the ability to phase the borrowing over this period. The indicator provides flexibility for the Council to take advantage of favourable interest rates in advance of the timing of the actual capital expenditure.

Operational Boundary	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
Borrowing	774.3	389.4	717.2
Other Liabilities	36.7	34.0	34.0
Total Operational Boundary	811.0	423.4	751.3

7. Indicator 7: The Authorised Limit

The Authorised Limit represents the maximum amount the Council may borrow at any point in time in the year. It is set at a level the Council considers is “prudent”.

The indicator takes account of the capital financing requirement estimated at the start of each year, plus the expected net borrowing requirement for the year. This makes allowance for the possibility that the optimum time to do all borrowing may be early in the year.

The limits also incorporated margins to allow for exceptional short-term movements in the Council’s cash flow, bids from service departments to finance efficiencies, changes to the timing of capital payments and fluctuations in the realisation of capital receipts.

Authorised Limit	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
Borrowing	877.4	389.4	727.2
Other Liabilities	36.7	34.0	34.0
Total Authorised Limit	914.1	423.4	761.3

It is ultra vires to exceed the Authorised Limit so this should be set to avoid circumstances in which the Council would need to borrow more money than this limit. However, the Council can revise the limit during the course of the year. The forecast outturn is lower than the indicator as the Council does not currently anticipate borrowing in advance of need due to the additional cost of holding the funds until required.

8. Indicator 8: Fixed Interest rate exposure

This indicator places an upper limit on the total amount of net borrowing which is at fixed rates secured against future interest rate movements. The upper limit allows flexibility in applying a proportion of the investment portfolio to finance new capital expenditure. It also reflects a position where the majority of borrowing is at fixed rate which provides budget certainty with 100% of borrowing being at fixed rate. The upper limit for fixed interest rate exposure was set to allow for flexibility in applying a proportion of the investment portfolio to finance new capital expenditure. It also reflected a position where the majority of borrowing was at fixed rates to provide budget certainty.

Upper limit for fixed rate exposure	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
Upper Limit	877.4	389.4	727.2
% of fixed interest rate exposure	100%	100%	100%

9. Indicator 9: Variable interest rate exposure

This indicator places an upper limit on the total amount of net borrowing (borrowing less investment) which is at variable rates subject to interest rate movements. The intention is to keep the variable rate borrowing below 25% of the total gross borrowing (CFR).

The limit is expressed as the value of total borrowing less investments

Upper limit for variable rate exposure	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
Upper Limit	219.3	0.0	0.0
% of variable interest rate exposure	25%	25%	25%

The indicator for actual and forecast outturn is zero due to the current borrowing strategy of borrowing only at a fixed interest rate in the current economic climate of volatile interest rates. Borrowing at fixed interest rates provides budget certainty for the Council.

10. Indicator 10: Maturity structure of borrowing

The prudential limits have been set with regard to the maturity structure of the Council's borrowing, and reflected the relatively beneficial long term rates that were expected to be available over the next few years. The borrowing that the Council has actually taken up to the end of August is £389.4m (shown in the indicator below).

Period	Upper Limit Indicator	Actual Borrowing @31.08.17	Actual Borrowing @31.08.17 £m
Under 12 months*	40%	8%	30.3
1 – 2 years	40%	4%	17.0
2 – 5 years	80%	5%	18.1
5 – 10 years	80%	4%	15.0
Over 10 years	100%	79%	308.9
Total Borrowing			389.4

* The borrowing for under 12 months includes £17.5m of Lenders Option Borrowers Option (LOBO) loans. Although the loans are due to mature in 30-40 years time, they are classed as loans repayable within the financial year due to LOBO's having a call-in date every 6 months.

Although this table is not a Prudential Indicator it gives a breakdown of the types of borrowing held by the Council and the average interest rates for each:

Borrowing	31 Mar 2017		31 Aug 2017	
	Amount (£m)	Average Interest Rate	Amount (£m)	Average Interest Rate
Long Term:				
Public Works Loan Board	329.6	3.72%	329.6	3.68%
Market Loans	17.5	4.53%	17.5	4.53%
Local Enterprise Partnership	3.8	0.00%	3.8	0.00%
Short Term:				
Local Authorities	44.5	1.80%	38.5	1.64%
Total 'Market' Borrowing	395.4		389.4	
Public Finance Initiative & Leases	35.6		34.0	
Total Borrowing	431.0		423.4	

11. Indicator 11: Total Investments for periods longer than 364 days

Authorities are able to invest for longer than 364 days; this can be advantageous if higher rates are available. However it would be unwise to lend a disproportionate amount of cash for too long a period particularly as the Council must maintain sufficient working capital for its operational needs.

	2017/18 Indicator £m	2017/18 Actual @31.08.17 £m	2017/18 Forecast Outturn £m
Principal sums invested >364 days	10.0	0.0	0.0

This indicator reflects the Council's current lending policy of keeping investments short term for liquidity purposes. Also the Council has run down its cash balances as an alternative to new borrowing and does not have the available cash balances to invest for long periods.

The indicator was set at £10m to allow for the accounting treatment of the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (LAMS). At present the Council has £1m deposited in the LAMS scheme with Lloyds TSB and this is treated as capital expenditure, as a loan to a third party, (see section 3.5 of the TMS).

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