

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING
HELD AT 10:00AM, ON
MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2020
BOURGES/VIERSON ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Cabinet Members Present: Councillor Holdich (Chair), Councillor Allen, Councillor Ayres, Councillor Cereste, Councillor Farooq, Councillor Fitzgerald, Councillor Hiller, Councillor Seaton, Councillor Walsh

Cabinet Advisors Present: Councillor Bashir

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

59. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD:

(a) 20 December 2019 – Budget Meeting

The minutes of the Cabinet – Budget meeting held on 20 December 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

(b) 13 January 2020

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 13 January 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

STRATEGIC DECISIONS

60. CLIMATE CHANGE – CITY COUNCIL CARBON MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Climate Change – City Council Carbon Management Action Plan.

The purpose of this report was to see Cabinet endorsement of a 'Peterborough City Council Carbon Management Action Plan' (Council-CMAP) and seek Cabinet approval to recommend to Council-CMAP to Council.

Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment, introduced the report and advised that the Council had committed to become carbon net zero by 2030. At the current time the majority of the Council's carbon emissions came from energy use and transport. Work was being undertaken to identify emissions from other areas. It was intended to update the Action Plan annually with updated reduction figures, with a city wide plan also being drafted as a separate document.

Cabinet debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- It was suggested that a Parish Council representative be included on the Climate Change Member Working Group.
- Comment was made that capital would be available and the Council were applying for a number of different funding schemes.
- It was noted that a number of previous energy saving proposals, such as street light dimming and wind and solar farms, were opposed by the scrutiny committees.
- Work was already underway to explore the possibility of online council tax billing.
- Members were advised that as current per capita data did not include any CO2 equivalent information, the Council did not know its total emission figures. This data was being sought; however, it was felt that work to improve emission figures should not wait until this total number was known.
- Lessons were being learnt from other authorities and the Council was working closely with Cambridgeshire County Council.
- It was noted that any detail relating to emissions from bus services would be included within the City-Wide Carbon Management Action Plan.
- In relation to points raised about the introduction of 'Green Walls', it was felt that the key question would be where such items were placed and whether these would be suitable. It would need to be established that this would be the best use of Council resources.
- It was noted that the top 20 commitments outlined in the report include a school action plan. Officers had also been working with the Youth Council to identify possible ways to work with schools.
- Comment was made in relation to the prospect of a Citizen's Assembly, and it was advised that the cost of such an assembly would be around £50,000 to £150,000. It was noted that a Citizen's Assembly was due to be set up as part of the Council's Integrated Communities work and officers were intending to monitor this to establish if the Climate Emergency could be discussed through this route.
- Members were advised that a survey would be rolled out to establish what kind of events would be most beneficial to promote the Council's message and actions.
- Members discussed the possibility of a 'jobs near home' style initiative and it was noted that Peterborough had one of the shortest home to work times in the country.
- Further discussion was had in relation to the installation of fast electric car charging stations for on road parking. External funding was currently being investigated to help this progress.
- Climate Action Day was discussed, and it was advised that Councillors and officers could take part by committing to take an individual action, for example, cycling to work, or eating only local food. Officers would like to hear about any action taken to promote the work being done.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to endorse the Peterborough City Carbon Management Action Plan (Council-CMAP) and recommend to Council:

1. That it adopts the Council-CMAP at its meeting of 4 March 2020, subject to the addition of a Parish Council representative on the Climate Change Member Working Group.
2. That delegation be given to the Executive Director of Place and Economy to undertake any presentational, factual or other minor amendments to the Council-CMAP before it is published, provided such amendments do not materially amend the content of the Council-CMAP.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council had already committed to the principle of preparing an 'Action Plan' by March 2020 (via the unanimously agreed Motion of July 2019). The precise content of such an Action Plan as recommended for approval had been developed by officers, working with the Member Working Group, and had taken account of reasonable and viable options for the council to cut its carbon emissions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The option of not preparing an Action Plan was dismissed, because Council had already committed in principle to its preparation.

Alternative content within the Action Plan could have been prepared and recommended, which could have committed more, less or different projects to reduce the Council's carbon emissions. However, in order to start to reduce the Council's emissions to net-zero by 2030, yet take account of the resources available, the content of the action plan was deemed a reasonable and practical set of actions, especially for the next 12 months.

61. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2019 - 2022

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2019-2022.

The purpose of this report was to set out the objectives and priorities within the Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan 2019-22, which had been developed and submitted through the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Management Board. The Youth Justice Plan was endorsed by the Joint Management Board and the central Youth Justice Board prior to release of the Youth Offending Team's Youth Justice Grants.

Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities, introduced the report and advised that the service provided to youth within the city was a strong focus of the plan and that the service was achieving its objectives.

Cabinet debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- It was advised that, in relation to training for vulnerable young people, many had more complex needs. A group had been formed with relevant partners to consider individual cases.
- A Targeted Youth Support Service had been created jointly with Children's Services, which had resulted in a much more collaborative approach.
- The Youth Justice Management Board had established a quarterly dashboard with oversight of statistics, including the overrepresentation of black, Asian, and minority ethnic people, as well as looked after children.
- It was advised that it was expected that the Council would continue to provide a budget for this service, which would be matched by the Ministry of Justice.
- It was advised that Targeted Youth Service Support funding was not affective.
- Members raised the issue of whether Peterborough had a problem with gangs or youth violence, and it was advised that the situation in Peterborough reflected that of small towns across the county.
- It was further noted that figures in relation to a decline in performance on reoffending were out of date, and that in the most recent 12 months Peterborough had returned to the national average.

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

1. Recommend to Council the approval of the Joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Youth Justice Plan.
2. Endorse and agreed the strategy objectives of the Youth Justice Management Partnership.
3. Endorse and agree the Peterborough Youth Offending Service operational priorities.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a statutory requirement to have an agreed Partnership Youth Justice Plan as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and best practice to seek approval from committee. This 3 year plan would be reviewed annual.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

MONITORING ITEMS

62. NOVEMBER 2019 BUDGET CONTROL REPORT

The Cabinet received a Budget Control report for November 2019.

The purpose of this report was to provide the Cabinet with the forecast for 2019/20 as at November 2019 budgetary control position.

Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance, introduced the report and advised that there had been a substantial improvement in the Council's position. It was, however, vital that work continued in order for the position to improve for the end of the year.

Cabinet debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- It was considered that the next key challenge would be to restore money back to the Council's reserves fund, as approximately £4 million had been removed.
- Comment was made that capital expense typically seemed to underspend compared to revenue. Officers explained that this was due, in part, reduction of the capital programme down to a deliverable level and a number of highway schemes that were pending agreement from the Combined Authority, which had caused a lag in delivery.

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

1. The Budgetary Control position for 2019/20 at November 2019 included a forecast overspend of £4.412m against budget.
2. The key variance analysis and explanations were contained in Appendix A.
3. The estimated reserves position for 2019/20 at November 2019 outlined in Appendix B.
4. The Asset Investment and Treasure Budget Report was contained in Appendix C.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The report updated Cabinet on the November budgetary control position.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There had been no alternative options considered.

63. OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

The Cabinet received a report in relation to the outcome of the submission of e-petitions, the presentation of petitions to Council officers, and the presentation of petitions at Council meetings.

The purpose of this report was to update the Cabinet on the progress being made in response to petitions submitted to the Council.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note the actions taken in respect of petitions.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

As the petitions presented in the report had been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers, it was appropriate that the action was reported to Cabinet.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There had been no alternative options considered.

Chairman
10:00am – 11:12am
3 February 2020