COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No.11
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MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Order 13.1:

1. Motion from Councillor John Fox

Although the numbers of stray horse incidents are nowhere near the large numbers seen elsewhere in the country, there have been 97 incidents in the last five years in the Peterborough area alone.

There have been some incidents that have occurred that could easily have proven fatal and my concern is that without positive action it will not be long before we see a major fatality on our roads, which involves stray horses.

The introduction of a Green Yard Scheme would go towards addressing the issue. Such schemes have already been piloted by Police Forces across the country and the Council could work in cooperation with Cambridgeshire Constabulary to implement a similar scheme.

Any stray horses would be rounded up and taken to a place of safety until the owner is traced and if the owner cannot be found, the Green Yard Scheme would be called to collect and stable the horse until the owner is found.

Enquiries would be made to contact the owner who would be required to reimburse the Constabulary for the Green Yard callout, transportation and livery fees. Payments, in cash only, could be made at the police station before the Green Yard will return the horse to the owner.

The Green Yard would keep the horse for up to 14 days and if during that time no owner could be established, the horse would become the property of Green Yard. In every case, police officers would look to prosecute the owner under Section 155 Highways Act for allowing animals to stray onto the highway.

I ask that this Council make a request to Cambridgeshire Constabulary to look into the feasibility of introducing a Green Yard Scheme to combat these concerns.

2. Motion from Councillor Ferris

In recognition of the poor Public Health Profile for Peterborough, published in June by Public Health England, and the continuing health inequalities across our city; it is timely to consider the need to work in a more coherent cross-cutting manner, which puts meeting public health targets at the heart of all that this Council does.

This motion proposes that the Health & Wellbeing Board should refocus efforts on a limited number of targets, each of which should become part of its annual work programme and that of all Scrutiny Committees, as well as being incorporated into the work programmes of all Council Departments.

These targets will be reported on and communicated at regular intervals, with a more joined-up approach being taken in order to improve health outcomes. This Council's success will be measured by a step change in the health of our residents.