

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
12 APRIL 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. DECISIONS FROM THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2017

i. Management of Rough Sleeping Review

Cabinet received a report, the purpose of which was to consider the recommendations approved by the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee from a cross party review of the management of rough sleepers.

Cabinet considered the report and recommendations from the cross party task and finish group formed to review the management of rough sleepers, and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- 1) That a strategic group be set up which meets regularly in order to identify duplication and gaps in current provision for rough sleepers and which includes representation from partner agencies including from the faith and voluntary sector. This group will develop a Rough Sleeper Strategy to be developed and approved by Council to support the work of officers and the wider partnership arrangements, and will monitor and respond to fluctuations in the delivery of the council's homelessness policy.
- 2) The creation of a multi-agency task and targeting group to work on a long-term plan to ensure that individual rough sleepers are supported to move away from a street-based lifestyle.
- 3) That the staff resource dedicated to supporting rough sleepers is increased beyond the current single officer by one full time additional officer to provide greater resilience and capacity, including provision for weekend outreach work in addition to the existing Monday to Friday service, subject to the availability of funding.
- 4) That, with a growing rough sleeping population, the availability of suitable all year round night shelter accommodation is maintained, or increased if demand increases, to ensure that those most vulnerable are able to get some shelter especially during severe weather conditions.
- 5) That night shelter accommodation is identified for rough sleepers with dogs where the rough sleeper would not be willing to allow the council to place the dog into kennels as is current practice, subject to the availability of funding

Additionally, work with organisations in the voluntary sector to develop pet-sitting or other similar projects to enable a rough sleeper with a dog to access services.

- 6) That consideration be given to establishing formal daytime drop-in advice and advocacy services for rough sleepers, in partnership with the voluntary and faith sectors, focussed on offering advice and guidance as well as case management for service users, with the caveat that this is not a daytime shelter.
- 7) That consideration be given to a flexible approach to activating severe weather emergency provision (SWEP), taking into account the good practice guidelines provided by Homeless Link.

- 8) That an urgent solution is found to the deficit of on-street drugs and alcohol support through renegotiating the existing contract the council holds with the provider.
- 9) That a focussed and ongoing communications campaign is undertaken to encourage the public to report rough sleeping to the council so that the most appropriate support can be provided.
- 10) To design and print business card sized information cards for rough sleepers with contact details for rough sleeper touch points and durable conveniently sized hand-outs, which can be personalised with key advice and action plans for rough sleepers to support them to leave the streets.
- 11) That, following a recent announcement from Government about potential support to roll out the Housing First model, further work is carried out to understand the detail behind this announcement with a view to extending local provision by at least two further beds.
- 12) That the current Chronically Excluded Adults (CEA) project which provides personalised support to rough sleepers and others with the most complex needs be mainstreamed into normal council business from 1 August 2017, the point at which existing grant funding ceases, subject to the availability of funding.
- 13) That the relationship between affordable housing and rough sleeping be further explored. If it is found that there is a direct correlation between volumes of rough sleeping and availability of affordable housing, that a full report is prepared for Cabinet that explains this connection to enable Cabinet to consider the consequences in the Local Plan.
- 14) That, following the conclusion of the task and finish group, the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee continue to provide oversight of the recommendations and support to officers by way of a report to the committee in September 2017.

ii. **Review of Emergency Stopping Place Provision for Travellers within Peterborough**

Cabinet received a report, the purpose of which was to consider the recommendations made by the Adults and Communities scrutiny committee following a cross party task and finish group review regarding provision of emergency stopping places for Gypsies and Travellers.

Cabinet considered the report and recommendations to try to alleviate any future issues caused by, and increases in, unauthorised encampments, and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- 1) That the Council converts the existing emergency stopping place in Dogsthorpe to a temporary stopping place by seeking full planning consent to enable the site to be used more than the current 28 days per year. The site will require some capital investment to bring it up to a reasonable standard.

That the site, with its extended usage, be trialled for at least 12 months before any other locations are identified to determine its effectiveness, to make particular reference to the use of the site by 2 or more families.

That this site is effectively managed and controlled to prevent abuse, including capturing occupant details, charging a nightly rate, and ensuring relevant legal processes to move occupants on after a pre-agreed period are followed.

- 2) To distribute a flow chart to all Councillors which details the process of dealing with unauthorised encampments from assessment to removal, and that the flow chart describes the new approach to Gypsy and Traveller management being finalised with the Prevention and Enforcement Service between the Council and the police.

iii. Environment Policy and Action Plans (EAPS)

Cabinet received a report, the purpose of which was to seek support for the Environment Action Plans (EAPs) by Cabinet and, if such support is forthcoming, for Cabinet to recommend the EAPs to Council for adoption.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to recommend the ‘Environment Action Plan: City-Wide’ and ‘Environment Action Plan: Peterborough City Council’ documents to Council for adoption.

iv. The Draft Peterborough Housing Strategy 2016 to 2021

Cabinet received a report, the purpose of which was to seek support for the Peterborough Housing Strategy 2016 to 2021 and for Cabinet to recommend its adoption by Council.

The Strategy set out the Council’s priorities and commitments for the period 2016-2021 for a broad range of Housing matters, including rural housing issues. The Housing Strategy had been widely consulted on to ensure that all stakeholders and partners had had an opportunity to influence the final report.

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to support the Peterborough Housing Strategy as attached at Appendix A to the report, incorporating the amendments set out in the supplementary report, and agreed to recommend it to Council for adoption.

2. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

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

3. 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 had been invoked once. This was in respect of:

- i. The decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development on 13 March relating to ‘Planning Application Fee Increase’, due to the deadlines provided to the Council by central government. A delay in the implementation would mean the Council was no longer eligible to opt in to the 20% increase in planning application fees.

4. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION	REFERENCE	DECISION TAKEN
Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital	MAR17/CMDN/24	Empty Homes Strategy The Cabinet Member approved the Empty Homes Strategy 2017 – 2019.

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Councillor Irene Walsh 2 March 2017		
Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, housing and Economic Development Councillor Peter Hiller 13 March 2017	MAR17/CMDN/25	<p>Planning Application Fee Increase</p> <p>The Cabinet Member agreed to the opt in 20% increase in planning application fees that has been offered to the City Council.</p>
Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, housing and Economic Development Councillor Peter Hiller 17 March 2017	MAR17/CMDN/26	<p>DNA Programme</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved continuation of the 'Peterborough DNA' programme up to September 2017 following receipt of a grant to the value of £3m from Innovate UK (formally the Technology Strategy Board) in March 2013; and 2. Authorised the award of a grant to Opportunity Peterborough Limited to the value of £286,000 for accumulated and prospective projects under the Peterborough DNA programme.
Cabinet Member for Children's Services Councillor Sam Smith 20 March 2017	MAR17/CMDN/31	<p>Children's Centre Services</p> <p>The Cabinet Member authorised the award of a 1 year contract with an optional 1 year extension to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Barnardos, the Service Provider of Children's Centres for the Central and East Locality from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 for the sum of £812 663, and the optional extension for an estimated value of £812 663 from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019; and 2) Spurgeons, the Service Provider of Children's Centres for the South Locality from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 for the sum of £177 080, and the optional extension for an estimated value of £177 080 from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019; and 3) Spurgeons for the Service Provider of Children's Centres for the North, West and Rural Locality from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 for the sum of £413 360, and the optional

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		extension for an estimated value of £413 360 from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.
Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital Councillor Irene Walsh 27 March 2017	MAR17/CMDN/32	Implementation of Public Space Protection Orders The Cabinet Member authorised implementation of a City Centre Public Space Protection Order under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014.
Cabinet Member for Public Health Councillor Diane Lamb 31 March 2017	MAR17/CMDN/33	Transfer of Commissioning Responsibility for Healthwatch The Cabinet Member approved the transfer of commissioning responsibility for Healthwatch services from Peterborough City Council to Cambridgeshire County Council.
Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald 31 March 2017	MAR17/CMDN/34	Community Supported Living Services The Cabinet Member agreed to: 1. Award a contract for the delivery of a Community Based Supported Living service in Peterborough to Turning Point for a total value of up to £10,000,000 from 1 April 2017 until 31 March 2022 and a further option for the Council to extend for two 12 month periods; and 2. Authorise the Corporate Director: People & Communities to extend the contract for a further two 12 month periods at a cost of up to £2,000,000 per annum, should the Council exercise the option to extend.
Cabinet Member for Resources Councillor David Seaton 31 March 2017	MAR17/CMDN/35	Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipts programme through the sale of surplus farmland at America Farm, Fengate The Cabinet Member agreed to: 1. Authorise the Corporate Director – Growth and Regeneration, to negotiate and conclude terms for the sale of this surplus Farms Estate asset in order to support the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The proposal is that the asset is sold by private treaty and terms have been agreed with a Purchaser. The sale of surplus farm assets is included in the Council's approved MTFP for sale during Financial Year 2016/17; and

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		<p>2. In the event that the current proposed sale does not go ahead to authorise the Corporate Director – Growth and Regeneration to determine whether the asset is to be sold by private treaty or public auction and authority to negotiate and conclude terms as appropriate to complete the disposal of this Council owned asset.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Councillor David Seaton</p> <p>31 March 2017</p>	<p>MAR17/CMDN/36</p>	<p>Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipts programme through the sale of surplus farmhouse, farm buildings and paddock at America Farm, Fengate</p> <p>The Cabinet Member has agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorise the Corporate Director – Growth and Regeneration, to negotiate and conclude terms for the sale of this surplus Farms Estate asset in order to support the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The proposal is that the asset is sold by private treaty and terms have been agreed with a Purchaser. The sale of surplus farm assets is included in the Council's approved MTFP for sale during Financial Year 2016/17; and 2. In the event that the current proposed sale does not go ahead to authorise the Corporate Director – Growth and Regeneration to determine whether the asset is to be sold by private treaty or public auction and authority to negotiate and conclude terms as appropriate to complete the disposal of this Council owned asset.