

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
8 OCTOBER 2008	PUBLIC REPORT

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS – FOR INFORMATION

1. DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETING HELD 15 SEPTEMBER 2008

1.1 CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR 16-19 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Cabinet received a report on the proposed national changes to the commissioning of education and training provision for 16-19 year olds. The report sought agreement to the Council's participation in a formal "sub-regional grouping" to be established for the sub-region.

In Spring 2008 the Government published the White Paper, 'Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver', which proposed radical changes to arrangements for the education and training of 16-19 year-olds and skill development for adults. Since the publication of the White Paper, the Government has pressed ahead with arrangements for implementation of these proposals

In respect of young people the key changes are as follows:

- Subject to the completion of legislation, funding for post-16 education and training will pass from the Learning and Skills Council to Local Authorities, with effect from April 2010.
- From 2010, Local Authorities will commission and fund sixth form (and where it exists, sixth form college) provision directly. With respect to further education provision, Local Authorities are being required to collaborate in formal sub-regional groupings, which will jointly commission further education provision for the sub-region.
- Formal regional groupings will also be established to ensure that the commissioning plans for each of the sub-regional groupings within the region, collectively deliver coherent provision for the region.
- A national Young People's Learning Agency will be established with responsibility for budgetary control and for securing coherence in the event that agreement cannot be reached locally.

CABINET HAS RESOLVED TO:

1. Approve participation in formal sub regional partnerships to enable Local Authorities (LA) in the Eastern Region to work together (with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and Government Office East (GOEast)) to plan, prepare and implement changes to 16-19 education and funding as a result of the White Paper 'Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver'.
2. Endorse the principles underpinning the model of collaboration as outlined in section 4.2.2 of the report.

3. Delegate to the Director of Children's Services a range of consultation exercises and activities to enable smooth transition arrangements and continued, improved learning outcomes for young people.

1.2 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2009/10 TO 2011/12

Cabinet was presented with the Medium Term Financial Plan 2009/10 to 2011/12 for consideration as part of the agreed budget setting process agreed by Council in February 2008. Members were advised that the agreed framework required Cabinet, commencing in September, to consider the Council's budget and financial strategy and to set provisional cash limits for the forthcoming year. The report updated Members on the key figures likely to govern the financial situation of the Council over the next three years and outlined the approach to the budget process and budget consultation.

Cabinet was provided with a summary of the anticipated financial position, showing the gap between spending and likely funding for each year from 2009/10 to 2011/12, with the assumptions underlying these figures. This has been rolled forward from the current Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Increased certainty about the savings achievable through the Business Transformation programme means that it is now reasonable to anticipate that a higher proportion of the programme will be realised in 2009/10 and 2010/11 than was shown in the MTFs. As a result, the key figures no longer show a budget deficit position for 2009/10.

CABINET HAS RESOLVED TO:

1. Endorse the Council's existing four Corporate Plan priorities:
 - To plan and deliver a safe, attractive and environmentally friendly city;
 - To achieve the best possible health and well-being;
 - To make Peterborough a better place in which to live and work; and
 - To provide high quality opportunities for learning and ensure children are healthy and safe.

These strategic priorities are underpinned by a driving principle, to be accessible, efficient and effective. These priorities and principles will form the basis of the refreshed Corporate Plan to 2011/12.

2. Note the Summary Financial Position and its implications for the medium term financial plan.
3. Approve plans to consult with Scrutiny and Stakeholders on the medium term financial plan.
4. Approve the approach that is proposed to the budget process incorporating the medium term financial strategy.
5. Endorse the assumption that there will be a 1.4% increase in Council Tax in each of the three years covered by the plan, as a basis for the initial calculations required for the budget process.
6. Approve the approach to the setting and issuing of control total figures to departments to enable them to begin to prepare a draft budget for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12.

1.3 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – PERIOD 4 2008/09

Cabinet has considered a report summarising financial results for revenue and capital to the end of July 2008, noted that the Corporate Management Team (CMT)/Cabinet, individually and collectively continue to take any necessary corrective action to ensure that the adopted outturn cash limits for 2008/09 are achieved and in particular seek to ensure proactive management of the impact of the ‘credit crunch’ on the authority, and noted the current performance on treasury management activities, payment of creditors in services and collection of performance for debtors, local taxation and benefit overpayments.

1.4 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT – QUARTER ONE 2008-2009

Cabinet has noted the latest Performance Monitoring report summarising the Council’s performance against the key priorities contained within the Corporate Performance Plan for the period 1 April 2008 to 30 June 2008 and the new pro-active approach to performance risk management.

1.5 OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

The responses to petitions to Council have been considered as follows:

PETITION – CHARTERIS PLAY CENTRE

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Saltmarsh and requested that the City Council reconsider plans to close the Charteris Play Centre.

The Council’s Assistant Director of Children’s Services (Family and Children’s Division), has responded and advised that the City Council’s play service is currently under review for a variety of reasons, one of which being the allocation of £1.1 ‘Playbuilder’ funding for new sites. There is a need to ensure that such funds are allocated in the most appropriate way and a review has therefore been instigated. However, at the present time a range of options are under consideration and no decisions have been made. A consultation exercise will be carried out in respect of the play service as a whole in due course in order to provide an opportunity for the public and other stakeholders to respond to proposals prior to decisions being made.

PETITION – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN STONE LANE/NORTHFIELD ROAD

This petition was presented to Council by Councillor Lowndes on behalf of residents of Stone Lane and Northfield Road. The petition requested that action be taken to address incidents of anti-social behaviour, and associated problems, in the area.

The Council’s Drug and Alcohol Action Team Strategy Manager has investigated and confirmed that a number of agencies, including Council officers, Community Protection Officers and the Neighbourhood Policing Team are involved in joint work to address the matter. Action has been taken to clear the site (where drug users were congregating) in order to make it safe from drug-related litter and officers will be visiting the site on a regular basis to engage with users and assist them to move into treatment services. In addition, residents’ concerns with regard to the off-licence in the area have been passed to the relevant Council and Police licensing teams who will work together to monitor the issues stemming from the off-licence and to establish whether there is sufficient evidence to review its licence.

1.6. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED

- (i) Cabinet Member updates.

2. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Council's call-in mechanism has not been invoked since the last update to full Council on 16 July 2008.

3. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVE OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS

Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13.1 and Executive Procedure Rule 7 require any instances where the Council's special urgency provisions have been invoked, and/or the call-in mechanism was not applied, to be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with reasons for urgency.

Since the last report to Council, there have been no instances where the special urgency measures have been invoked or the call-in mechanism suspended.

4. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION	DECISION TAKEN
2 July 2008 Councillor Goldspink	Appointment of LEA Governors: 1. Heltwate School – Mr Brian Wolohan – nominated by the governing body; 2. Hampton Hargate Primary School – Councillor David Seaton – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling; 3. Braybrook Primary School – Mr Stephen Jenkins – nominated by the local authority.
3 July 2008 Councillor Scott	Supporting People Resettlement/Floating Support Contract To authorise the award of the resettlement/floating support contract (supporting people services for vulnerable people) to Axiom Housing Association Limited. Such contract to be for the period of 3 years from 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2011 with an option to extend the contract for a further year from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012 and then a further year from 1 August 2012 to 31 July 2013. The option to award the contract for a maximum two further years will be at the discretion of the Supporting People Commissioning body after reviewing the performance of the contractor.
4 July 2008 Councillor Scott	Corporate Hardware Contract To award the Corporate Hardware Contract to Dell UK for a term of three years commencing on 14 July 2008 and ending on 31 May 2010 for the provision of Hardware (PCs, Laptops, Servers, etc) and associated services to

	<p>Peterborough City Council. The services offered will include pre-imaging asset tagging and delivery and set up at desk of PCs, laptops, servers along with such other like equipment that the Council may require from time to time.</p>
<p>14 July 2008 Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Award of Street Lighting Maintenance Contract 2008-2012</p> <p>To amend an earlier decision made on 29 May 2008 to award Street Lighting, Maintenance, Repair and Installation contract to Mechanical and Electrical Works Services Limited (MEWS) by amending the end date of the contract to 31 March 2012.</p>
<p>25 July 2008 Councillor Goldspink</p>	<p>Delivering Sustainable Development – Southbank Phase 1 – Carbon Challenge Site</p> <p>To authorise the Chief Executive, (in consultation with the Head of Strategic Property (as Corporate Property Officer), Head of Strategic Growth and Development, Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement (in liaison with the Leader of the Council) and Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Development, to :</p> <p>(a) Negotiate and conclude terms for the Council to enter into a Tri Partite Partnership Agreement with public partners East of England Development Agency (EEDA), English Partnerships (EP) and the preferred developer, together with a formal Agreement with Opportunity Peterborough (OP), who will provide local project management expertise throughout the project .</p> <p>(b) Agree that the Council can dispose of the land at less than the unencumbered OMV (Open Market Value). It is proposed that net receipts from the disposal of the land to a Third Party Developer, appointed by way of a two stage Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) Procedure, reflect the Code for Sustainable Homes (the Code) level requirement on this site.</p> <p>(c) To accept the principles of "English Partnerships - Best Practice Note 28 - Land Sales with obligations", by which it is intended that (via the OJEU process) the land will be disposed of by the public bodies with certain development obligations attached to and running with the land.</p> <p>(d) This agreement will commit the Council contractually to the Land assembly, development route and timetable of actions for delivery, the basis upon which Sites are being released and the ultimate split of any enabling costs and Land receipts which are produced by the Development.</p> <p>(e) The disposal is conditional upon the developer securing full planning consent for their proposed development and on third party funding being available. As a result of the</p>

	ongoing collaboration between project partners, developers and Planning Services, no significant obstacles to securing planning consent are anticipated at this time.
28 July 2008 Councillor Scott	<p>Request for Approval to use the Midlands Works Framework Contract 3, (2008 - 2010)</p> <p>Authority for the Council to use the Highways Agency's Midlands Framework 3 Contract to procure a number of major highway and regeneration / public realm schemes which are estimated to have an aggregate value of around £ 28,000,000 for the following schemes:-</p> <p>Major highways schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junction 8 access - Nene Bridge - Bourges Boulevard & Crescent Bridge <p>Public Realm works in partnership with Opportunity Peterborough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cathedral Square - Bridge Street - St John's Square <p>Subject to authority being given, further Cabinet Member decisions will be sought before the award of any contract is made to any contractor under the provisions of the said Framework. This decision is also subject to a separate joint decision by the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Development; in relation to the allocation of Growth Area Funding Round3 2008 -11, for the works detailed above.</p>
28 July 2008 Councillor Goldspink	<p>Appointment of LEA Governors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parnwell Primary School – Councillor Stephen Goldspink – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling 2. Welland Primary School – Mrs Maria Goldspink – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling
29 July 2008 Councillor Murphy	<p>Affordable Housing Fund Allocation for Woodston</p> <p>To approve the allocation of £90,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund to Cross Keys Homes in response to a bid for the provision of 9 shared ownership units.</p>
30 July 2008 Councillors Goldspink and Murphy	<p>Growth Area Funds 2008-2011</p> <p>To allocate the Growth Area Funding Round 3 (2008-2011) money to the proposed projects identified within the GAF 3 Programme of Development. Opportunity Peterborough and Peterborough City Council submitted a bid to the department of Communities and Local</p>

	<p>Government (CLG) for Growth Area Funding (GAF) Round 3, on 1 October 2007 for a total of £75.5 m. In late December 2007, Peterborough City Council was awarded £17.5m (23% of requested funding), split as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ £7.8 m awarded for year 2008/9 (£7.5m capital and £0.3m revenue) □ £9.6 m (indicative) for years 2009/10 and 2010/11 (£9.2m capital and £0.4m revenue) <p>The GAF 3 Programme Executive Group, which includes key lead Council and Opportunity Peterborough officers, have used a range of criteria to prioritise the allocation of funds. This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ the ability to deliver growth (or contribute to sustainable growth) □ the security of the project delivery □ the ability to secure non-public sector (or other partner) support <p>As only the first year funding is definite, the group have assumed additional funding will be available for 2009 to 2011.</p>
<p>1 August 2008 Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Professional Services Partnership</p> <p>To award the Professional Services Partnership contract to Amtec Consulting Plc for the agreed rates subject to satisfactory contractual terms and conditions being agreed between both parties for a four year contract subject to a quarterly review of the Business Transformation Programme to commence on 1 September 2008. The Director of Strategic Resources to award all call off arrangements within the scope of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Professional Services Partnership to Amtec Consulting Plc for projects to the value of the Business Transformation Budget currently £9.5 million. Projects to be awarded in accordance with officer delegated powers under Contract Regulations.</p>
<p>5 August 2008 Councillor Goldspink</p>	<p>Appointment of LEA Governors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Phoenix School – Mrs Julie Skipworth – nominated by the school 2. Marshfields School – Councillor Colin Burton – nominated by Councillor Pam Kreling
<p>7 August 2008 Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Provision and Management of Sports Facilities at Bretton Park</p> <p>To authorise the waiver of delegated authority 3.20.3 (b) & (k) to permit the Head of Strategic Property in consultation with Chief Executive, Director of Strategic Resources and Solicitor to the Council to enter into negotiations with</p>

	<p>Peterborough Lions Limited and to grant:</p> <p>(a) temporary use of the sports facilities (subject to certain works being carried out) for a period not exceeding 12 months whilst the main project is being developed;</p> <p>(b) within the 12 month temporary use period an agreement to lease for a period not exceeding 5 years for the development to take place; and</p> <p>(c) superseded by 60 year lease to commence on completion of construction works (within the 5 year period of the agreement to lease). All subject to terms and planning permission being granted by the Local Planning Authority:</p> <p>For the provision and management of sports facilities at Bretton Park in accordance with the principles of Best Value and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services.</p>
<p>18 August 2008</p> <p>Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Refurbishment and Enhancement of Clare Lodge, Glinton, Phase 3</p> <p>Authority (i) for an exemption under Contract Regulations to negotiate with Peterborough City Services for the delivery of the third phase relating to refurbishment and enhancement of Clare Lodge Secure Unit and (ii) Authority for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Director of strategic Resources and the Solicitor to the Council, to award the contract for the refurbishment and enhancement of Clare Lodge Secure Unit to Peterborough City Services, subject to:</p> <p>(a) the satisfactory outcome of findings from a report undertaken by an independent consultant that value for money will be achieved by Peterborough City Services submission .</p> <p>(b) the value of the phase three contract does not exceed the value indicated within the exempt annex to the report.</p>

18 August 2008

Councillor Peach

Peterborough City Council Lottery Grants

To approve applications for grant funding from the City Council Lottery Grants Fund for the following grants:

1. Start Up Grants: To approve payment (up to the maximum) of £150 each for the groups below:

- **Eye Junior Football Club - £148.49:** Stationery and website design
- **Societa Sportiva PIO - £150:** Room hire for committee meetings, website design to create PR identity
- **Zimbabwe Peterborough Community - £150:** Website design and launch of website

2. Special Project Grants: To approve payment (up to the maximum) of £300 each for the groups below:

- **Peterborough & District Football League - £222.20:** hire of hall and supplying refreshments for AGM
- **Societa Sportiva PIO - £300:** to hold a 'get into football' festival to learn and develop football skills
- **Zimbabwe Peterborough Community - £300:** to host a social and cultural event to promote Zimbabwean heritage

3. Capital Grants: To approve payment (up to the maximum) of £500 each for the groups below:

- **Eye Community Social Carpet Bowls Club - £500:** to replace old bowls carpet and storage bag
- **Eye Junior Football Club - £500:** Football kit and training equipment
- **Millfield and New England Regeneration Partnership - £500:** office equipment i.e. printer, filing cabinet, suspension files, presenter/display board
- **Orton Bridge Club - £494.09:** to replace old equipment i.e. bid boxes, bridge tables
- **Peterborough & District Football League - £499.97:** to replace computer
- **Peterborough Football Association Youth & Community Centre - £500:** to have football pitches 'verti-drained' to improve drainage
- **Societa Sportiva PIO - £500:** to purchase PC and printer
- **Zimbabwe Peterborough Community - £483.50:** to purchase PC and printer

4. Sport, Individual and Team Sponsorship:

Individual Sponsorship: To approve payment of £300 each for the following persons

- **Alex Boxall - £300 :** to participate in Hockey training days in UK

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Corr - £300 : to participate in a Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal • Adam Fox - £300: to participate in the National Rowing Championships in Nottingham • James Fox - £300: to participate in the National Rowing Championships in Nottingham • Correy Irvine - £300: to participate in Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal • Louie Irvine - £300: to participate in Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal • Oscar Smith- £300 : Represent England in a Roller Hockey tournament in Portugal <p><u>Total Allocation: £7,348.25</u></p>
<p>20 August 2008</p> <p>Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Eastern Regional Term Maintenance Framework Contract</p> <p>Authority to award individual contracts for Term Maintenance (general building, electrical and mechanical maintenance) for Council buildings in the Peterborough Area within the Eastern Regional Term Maintenance Framework Contract, to the following contractors.</p> <p>Building Maintenance and Installations L Garfield Builders Ltd Peterborough City Services Bull and Company Ltd Kier Building Services Engineers</p> <p>Electrical and Mechanical Maintenance and Installations A G Aylward EMS Ltd Princebuild Ltd Kier Building Services Engineers</p> <p>Contracts will commence on 1 September 2008 and expire on 31 August 2012.</p> <p>Authority to extend the existing interim Term Maintenance contract arrangements to 31 August 2008 under the current terms and conditions. Interim contracts with the incumbent contractors to cover the Council's requirements were previously approved by the Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement.</p>
<p>4 September</p> <p>Councillor Goldspink</p>	<p>Appointment of LEA Governors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paston Ridings Primary School – Councillor Sue Day – nominated by ward councillor 2. St Botolph’s Primary School – Mr Mark Phillips – nominated by the School Governor One Stop Shop 3. Welbourne Primary School – Mrs Jean Crouchman – nominated by Councillor Stephen Lane

<p>8 September</p> <p>Councillor Scott</p>	<p>Contract for the Provision of Specialist Family Assessment Services</p> <p>Authority to:-</p> <p>(i) Negotiate with a specialist local provider to deliver a range of specialist family assessment services (residential and community based)</p> <p>(ii) Delegate the award of contract to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Strategic Resources and the Solicitor to Council, subject to the successful completion of negotiations for a period of 3 years (September 2008 – October 2011) for sum outlined in the Exempt Annex to the Decision Notice.</p>

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