

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 6 (ii)
2 DECEMBER 2009	PUBLIC REPORT

**EXECUTIVE REPORT – FOR INFORMATION
RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

1. DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETING HELD 12 OCTOBER 2009

CULTURE TRUST

Cabinet received a report on the work undertaken to date to explore the formation of a trust for the delivery of cultural services and which sought agreement to proceed with further work to create such a trust, including formal consultation with staff and the development of a business plan.

It is anticipated that a further report will be presented to Cabinet in February 2010. This report will include the outcome of formal staff consultation on the principles of transferring staff to the trust, and a proposed business plan for the culture trust.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

1. Give authority to the Director of Operations to commence the process of establishing a not-for-profit distributing organisation (a 'trust') subject to appropriate consultation with staff and the agreement of a detailed business plan.
2. Approve the inclusion of the following services within the scope of this work: Arts (including the Key Theatre and Gallery), Heritage (including the Museum), Library (all existing services) and Sports Services (all existing services).
3. Approve a detailed full options appraisal of bereavement services (including the crematorium), to identify the optimum way of delivering this service.
4. Agree to the formation of a shadow board as part of the process of establishing a not-for-profit distributing organisation (a 'trust').

PETERBOROUGH CITY SERVICES ("PCS")

Cabinet has considered a report on the need for PCS to be freed from some Council controls to allow it to grow and develop. There were a range of options on how this could take place, hence PCS's portfolio was included in the Waste 2020 Programme procurement to test the market's appetite for working collaboratively with the Council to deliver services.

A high level commercial review of PCS's business portfolio was conducted during 2009. Its purpose was to review PCS's current operating activities, funding position and development prospects from a commercial perspective.

In May 2009 the Council took the opportunity to include PCS in its Industry Open Day for the Waste 2020 Programme to test market reaction to the proposals. The programme consists of Lot 1: Energy from Waste facility; Lot 2: Materials Recycling Facility; and Lot 3: Operational Services (PCS). Procurement is based on a

Competitive Dialogue procedure, allowing the Council and bidders to discuss and develop proposals that would be suitable to the Council and the market. The procurement has generated a healthy response from the market for all Lots and the Council is well positioned to test the full range of proposed value added solutions for Lot 3 through this exercise.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

Endorse the decision process for the Waste 2020 Programme outlined in paragraph 4.7 of the report.

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2010/11 TO 2014/15

A report was presented to Cabinet as part of the council's agreed process for integrated finance and business planning. The Council's agreed Annual Budget Framework requires Cabinet to consider the Council's budget and financial strategy and to set provisional cash limits for the forthcoming year.

Several budget scenarios on the impact of future funding levels have been modelled to assist decision making in setting the budget for 2010/11 and provisional budgets for the following four years. Cabinet received a summary of the anticipated financial position. The MTFs approved by Council in February 2009 assumed Council Tax increases of 2.5% in each of the years up to and including 2011/12. It has been assumed that the tax increase will follow through in each year to 2014/15 and is used for modelling purposes only at this stage. Further decisions will be required by Cabinet to establish an acceptable option on which to consult with the public, well before any final decisions next year. Key risks have been considered and will be continued to be monitored throughout the budget setting process and next financial year.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

1. Note the budget and performance report to the end of August, and endorses the actions to manage budgetary pressures in the current financial year and to deliver a balanced budget position.
2. Continue to endorse the Greater Peterborough Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2021 priorities of:
 - Creating the UK's environment capital;
 - Create strong and supportive communities;
 - Delivering substantial and truly sustainable growth; and
 - Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities.

These priorities continue to be underpinned by specific performance targets outlined in the Local Area Agreement

3. Note the future summary financial position and its implications for the medium term financial plan, in particular the potential impact of the state of national public finances on the Council's future grant settlements and financial position.
4. Approve plans to consult with Scrutiny and Stakeholders on the medium term financial plan.
5. Approve the approach that is proposed for the budget process incorporating the medium term financial strategy (MTFS).

6. Approve the control total figures for departments to enable them to begin to prepare a draft budget for financial years 2010/11 through to and including 2014/15.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT – QUARTER 1 – 2009/2010

The report provided an overview on the council's performance between April and June 2009 against the targets and indicators in the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

Note performance against the Local Area Agreement priorities for the first quarter of 2009/10.

OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

CABINET **RESOLVED** to note the action taken in respect of the following petitions presented to full Council:

PETITION FOR A PLAY AREA FOR ALLEXTON GARDENS

This petition was presented to Council on 6 July 2009 by Councillor Ash and asked for a safe play area for children in Allextion Gardens. The Council's Neighbourhood Manager, Central & East Locality, has advised that the neighbourhood management team operating within this locality will now undertake a thorough investigation of the issues. The team has already visited the area and started to collate data and local intelligence, all of which will be used to solve the matter.

PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A WALL FROM COMMUNAL AREA AT 39-49 BROOKFURLONG

This petition was presented to Council on 6 July 2009 by Mr E Murphy and asked for the removal of a wall in the vicinity of 39-49 Brookfurlong to prevent anti-social behaviour. The Council's City Wide Manager has confirmed that she and the Head of Operations, Peterborough City Services, Street scene and Facilities would visit the wall to carry out an assessment and would make contact with the petitioner afterwards.

PETITION AGAINST THE ERECTION OF HIGH SECURITY FENCE AROUND PLAYING FIELD ADJACENT TO NORWOOD SCHOOL

This petition was presented to Council on 6 July 2009 by Councillor Fower and objected to the proposed erection of a high, security style fence around the playing field adjacent to Norwood School and to the loss of public access to the land via the gates on Elter Walk and Coniston Avenue. The Council's Neighbourhood Manager, Central and East Locality responded stating that the neighbourhood management team operating with this locality will now undertake a thorough investigation of the issues. He confirmed that the team has already visited the area and has started to collate data and local intelligence, all of which will be used to solve the matter.

2. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

The Council's call-in mechanism has not been invoked since the last report to Council.

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 the special urgency provision has been invoked in respect of the following decision which is further outlined within paragraph 4 below:

Special Urgency

Extension to Woodston Primary School to Provide Three Additional Classrooms and Associated Facilities

The Chairman of the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee was advised that the project completion date had to remain as the beginning of September 2010 to accommodate the number of children to be admitted for the academic year 2010/11 and that the published admission number for September 2010 was 30 and could not be changed. For these reasons he therefore agreed to waive the consideration period.

Waive of Call-In

There has been no waive of call-in since the last report to Council.

4. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION	REFERENCE <i>(a new referencing system was introduced in November 2009)</i>	DECISION TAKEN
5 October 2009 Councillor Holdich		Appointments of LEA Governors – (a) Gladstone Primary School – to appoint Mrs Marina Cullen, nominated by the local authority (b) St Botolph's Primary School – to appoint Mrs Jo Proud, nominated by the governing body (c) Eyrescroft Primary School – to appoint Mrs Rita Davey, nominated by the local authority (d) Oakdale Primary School – to appoint Mr Peter Morris, nominated by the governing body
10 October 2009 Councillor Croft		Cross Keys Homes The Cabinet Member: 1) approved the adoption of the new articles of association of Cross Keys Homes Limited; and

		2) authorised the Solicitor to the Council to sign any appropriate documents to confirm the Council's approval of the new articles of association of Cross Keys Homes Limited.
14 October 2009 Councillor Seaton		<p>Discretionary Rate Relief from Business Rates for Charities and Similar Organisations not Established or Conducted for Profit and Rural Businesses</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <p>1) Approved the award of Discretionary Rate Relief for charities and similar organisations and approved the award of Discretionary Rural Rate Relief for the organisations shown on schedule attached to the decision notice for a period of 3 years from 1 April 2008 until 31 March 2011.</p> <p>2) Rejected the applications for awards of Discretionary Rate Relief for charities and similar organisations as shown on a schedule attached to the decision notice.</p>
14 October 2009 Councillor Seaton		<p>Discretionary Rate Relief from Business Rates on the Grounds of Hardship</p> <p>The Cabinet Member refused an application for hardship relief in relation to a company named in an exempt annex to the decision notice.</p>
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16 October 2009 Councillor Holdich		<p>Appointment of LEA Governor to Norwood Primary School</p> <p>To appoint Mrs Sarah Betambeau, nominated by the governing body.</p>
26 October 2009 Councillor Hiller		<p>Real Time Passenger Information Partnership Agreement</p> <p>Authority was given to enter into partnership working with Cambridgeshire County Council, Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Luton Borough Council to provide a county wide bus real time passenger information (RTPI) system (covering Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Luton). The</p>

		partnership agreement was due to commence on 1 November 2009 and will last until 28 February 2015.
2 November 2009 Councillor Holdich	NOV/09/001/CMDN	Appointments to Peterborough Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Committee “D” To authorise the re-appointment of Councillor Over, Councillor Sandford and Councillor Kreling as members of SACRE Committee “D”.
9 November 2009 Councillor Holdich	NOV/09/002/CMDN	Extension of Woodston Primary School to Provide Three Additional Classrooms and Associated Facilities Authority to award the contract for the extension of Woodston Primary School to provide three additional classrooms and associated facilities to Burmor Construction Limited for the sum set out in the exempt annex to the decision.
18 November 2009 Councillor Holdich	NOV/09/003/CMDN NOV/09/004/CMDN NOV/09/005/CMDN NOV/09/006/CMDN	Appointments of LEA Governors – (a) Thorpe Primary School – to appoint Ms Karen Marcus, nominated by the local authority (b) Matley Primary School – to appoint Mrs Linda Elmore nominated by the local authority (c) Wittering Primary School - to appoint Mr Christopher Sendell, nominated by the governing body (d) William Law Primary School – to appoint Councillor Judith Anne Fox, nominated by the Peterborough Independent Forum
19 November 2009 Councillor Croft	NOV/09/007/CMDN	East of England Plan to 2031 – Scenarios for Housing and Economic Growth Consultation – Response To approve Peterborough City Council’s response to the East of England Regional Assembly’s <i>“East of England Plan to 2031: Scenarios for housing and economic growth - consultation”</i> .