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**FULL COUNCIL 4 MARCH 2020
QUESTIONS**

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	<p>Question from Dorothy Ball</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>Petrol and diesel engines are a major source of air pollution, an effect that is significantly worse if the engines are idling. They are also a major contributor to greenhouse gases. There are laws about idling engines – what can the Council do to educate about and enforce the turning off of engines of stationary vehicles? Could the Council also use its licencing power for taxis & public transport to speed up the transition to electrification?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Miles Buntin</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>What safeguards are in place to ensure council is following the waste hierarchy, ensuring that only materials truly non-recyclable is sent for incineration? In addition, how are the council incorporating and promoting the circular economy within this process?</p>
3.	<p>Question from Laura Howes</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>As the environmental crisis is resulting in a need to review the way in which we use precious resources such as water, does the council have a plan to engage in looking at water efficiency across its profile, with water preservation in mind, but also with a view to take steps towards carbon neutrality by reducing the carbon emissions associated with the supply of water and the treatment of wastewater?</p>
4.	<p>Question from Joanne Piercy</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments:</p> <p>Would the relevant cabinet member please explain why adoption of the artery road that runs through Orton Northgate – Loch Lomond Way – and associated spur roads have yet to be adopted by the council given house building on this section of the development was completed in 2017?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Imtiaz Ali</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments:</p> <p>Following the recent listing of the former public house, The Cherry Tree, by Barker Storey Matthews, and the likelihood that this will again be a site that is developed into</p>

	<p>a monstrosity of flats in a revolting colour, what kind of support (not necessarily monetary) can the Community Interest Company “The Cherry Tree CIC” expect with respect to purchasing, planning applications, and general ongoing support, as an organisation representing hundreds of Woodstoners who seek only to retain the beautiful building that is a part of Peterborough’s history?</p>
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COUNCIL BUSINESS

Questions on notice to:

- a) The Mayor
- b) To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet
- c) To the Chair of any Committee or Sub-committee

1.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>How much will the Peterborough Renewables Infrastructure project cost the council net of external funding?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Councillor Ash</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments:</p> <p>The leader has in the past written about the sale of the London Road Stadium to the football club and mentioned that relocating the club and building a new stadium might be of benefit to the City.</p> <p>I am led to believe that a lot of supporters hope that a new stadium will be built on the embankment.</p> <p>I'm sure the Cabinet will agree that open space gives life and breathing space for a vibrant growing City and that it will be of benefit to the City Centre to enhance this much valued riverside location for leisure and relaxation for all.</p> <p>Are we able to have assurances that a new stadium will not be detrimental to existing amenities in the City Centre nor cause harm to the embankment as a public open space or have an adverse effect on the various events held on the embankment?</p>
3.	<p>Question from Councillor Murphy</p> <p>For Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance:</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Finance tell me if the commissioning of services and purchase of property from organisations such as Stef & Phillips and Magic properties (who have one company making big loans to the other, which is known as a trigger to check for tax avoidance measures) are compatible with our fair tax declaration and fair tax mark.</p>
4.	<p>Question from Councillor Wiggin</p> <p>For Councillor Holdich, Leader of the Council and Deputy Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority</p> <p>While the proposals for the building of the university are welcomed, it is concerning that there is no planned student housing to be built in phase 1. What assessments have been made on the future impact on the housing market in Peterborough, particularly the rental sector, due to the increase in population to be caused by the university opening?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Ellis</p>

	<p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>Given that we have taken in the landscaping contract, albeit to a devolved City Council Company, Aragon Services, does the Contract allow the Council to vary the terms, frequencies and standard of cutting back bushes and hedges in Peterborough?</p>
6.	<p>Question from Councillor Sandford</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>Could the cabinet member tell me how many trees in streets, parks, green spaces and housing areas have been removed by Peterborough City Council or Aragon Direct Services in the past 12 months and how many replacement trees have been planted in the same period?</p> <p>NB By “replacement trees” I mean standard trees, as are usually planted in street or greenspace locations, and not small “whips” used in woodland planting.</p>
7.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz</p> <p>For Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance:</p> <p>What is the exact amount of savings Grant Thornton have identified which will be implemented by the administration?</p>
8.	<p>Question from Councillor Ellis</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>Today, 4th March, is Peterborough City Council Climate Change Day. Will Peterborough City Council meet the Climate Emergency Deadline of 2030?</p>
9.	<p>Question from Councillor Wiggin</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment:</p> <p>A recent Friends of the Earth report showed that 51% of homes in Peterborough are well insulated. Can I ask the relevant cabinet member what action is being taken to help the other 49% to insulate their homes to meet this standard?</p>
10.	<p>Question from Councillor Murphy</p> <p>For Councillor Ayres Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education, Skills and the University</p> <p>Does Peterborough City Council have plans or policies not to use unregulated children’s homes, how many children (aged up to 16 and over) are currently in such homes, and how many have been placed in such homes for each year since 2015?</p>

Questions on notice to:

d) The Combined Authority Representatives

1.	<p>Question from Councillor Sandford</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee Representative</p> <p>Last year a consultation was carried out by the Combined Authority on the draft Local Transport Plan for Cambs and Peterborough. Could our representative tell me what has happened to the plan since then and whether any significant changes have been made to the draft following the consultation, particularly in relation to transport projects proposed for the Peterborough council area?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Councillor Ellis</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee Representative</p> <p>What additional Public Transport Services, i.e. Buses have been allocated by the Combined Authority and how much money does this represent?</p>

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FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9(a)
4 MARCH 2020	SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Report of:	Peter Carpenter, Acting Corporate Director of Resources	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance	
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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21-2022/23 – TRANCHE TWO

Revised Appendix A

1.1 The Addendum includes a revised Appendix A- 2020/21-2022/23 MTFS Detailed Budget Position. The overall net budget remains the same, however the gross and income position has slightly changed due to a revised forecast in relation to the Housing Benefit Grant. The forecast Housing Benefit grant has reduced significantly due to the implementation of Universal Credit and transfer of claimants on to the new system. This appendix reconciled to the net and gross budget outlined within the Council Tax Resolution.

Revised Appendix A –2020/21- 2022/23 MTF5 Detailed Budget Position-Tranche Two

Appendix A- (a) 2020/21- 2022/23 MTF5 Detailed Position

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	£000	£000	£000
NNDR	(51,397)	(50,253)	(50,253)
Revenue Support Grant	(10,413)	(10,413)	(10,413)
Council Tax	(83,972)	(86,904)	(90,638)
New Homes Bonus	(4,701)	(2,066)	(1,461)
Business Rate Pool	(1,320)	-	-
Improved Better Care Fund	(7,260)	(7,260)	(7,260)
Social Care Grant	(4,680)	(4,680)	(4,680)
TOTAL CORPORATE FUNDING	(163,743)	(161,576)	(164,705)
PLANNED EXPENDITURE			
Chief Executives			
Chief Executive	157	168	173
Human Resources	1,047	1,000	1,023
Total Chief Executives	1,204	1,168	1,196
Governance			
Director of Governance	165	161	165
Constitutional Services	2,007	2,029	2,041
Legal Services	1,890	1,953	1,985
Performance & Information	208	216	219
Total Governance	4,270	4,359	4,410
Place & Economy			
Director, OP & JV	(101)	(141)	(134)
Development and Construction	(145)	(86)	(61)
Sustainable Growth Strategy	1,618	1,656	1,675
Peterborough Highway Services	4,813	5,124	5,401
Waste, Cleansing and Open Spaces	13,313	14,074	14,427
Westcombe Engineering	106	133	145
City Centre Management	387	408	420
Energy	478	478	478
Service Director Environment & Economy	(4)	-	2
Total Place & Economy	20,465	21,646	22,353
People & Communities			
Director	1,236	1,300	1,366
Communities	5,955	6,306	6,526
Adults	46,370	49,350	49,530
Children's & Safeguarding	10,147	11,183	11,352
Education	6,856	6,992	7,045
Commissioning & Commercial Operations	16,737	16,906	17,020
DSG	-	-	-
Total People & Communities	87,301	92,037	92,839
Public Health			
Children 0-5 Health Visitors	3,987	3,987	3,987

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
	£000	£000	£000
Children 5-19 Health Programmes	944	944	944
Sexual Health	1,938	1,938	1,938
Substance Misuse	2,187	2,187	2,187
Smoking and Tobacco	306	303	303
Miscellaneous Public Health Services	1,340	1,326	1,326
Public Health Grant	(10,982)	(10,982)	(10,982)
Total Public Health	(280)	(297)	(297)
Resources			
Director's Office	273	281	286
Financial Services	3,285	3,152	3,142
Corporate Items	3,743	2,667	2,520
Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership	6,506	5,555	5,898
Corporate Property	1,612	1,019	1,076
Cemeteries, Cremation & Registrars	(1,507)	(1,478)	(1,466)
Total Resources	13,912	11,196	11,456
Customer & Digital Services			
Director Customer & Digital Services	75	75	75
ICT	7,127	7,326	7,501
Marketing & Communications	349	340	348
Resilience & Health & Safety	282	292	297
Total Customer & Digital Services	7,833	8,033	8,221
Business Improvement			
Programme Management Office	602	576	579
Total Business Improvement	602	576	579
NET SERVICE EXPENDITURE	135,307	138,718	140,757
Corporate Expenditure	5,368	5,392	5,416
Capitalisation Directive	(1,217)	-	-
Capital Financing Costs	25,795	31,711	33,340
Contribution from/to Reserves	(1,510)	-	-
TOTAL PLANNED EXPENDITURE	163,743	175,821	179,513
REVISED DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)	-	14,245	14,808

Appendix A- (b) 2020/21-2022/23 MTFS Detailed Position outlining the Gross, Income and Net Budget position

	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23		
	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000
NNDR	459	(51,855)	(51,396)	2,856	(53,109)	(50,253)	2,924	(53,177)	(50,253)
Revenue Support Grant	-	(10,413)	(10,413)	-	(10,413)	(10,413)	-	(10,413)	(10,413)
Council Tax	(662)	(83,310)	(83,972)	-	(86,904)	(86,904)	-	(90,638)	(90,638)
New Homes Bonus	-	(4,701)	(4,701)	-	(2,066)	(2,066)	-	(1,461)	(1,461)
Business Rate Pool	-	(1,320)	(1,320)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Improved Better Care Fund	-	(7,260)	(7,260)	-	(7,260)	(7,260)	-	(7,260)	(7,260)
Social Care Grant	-	(4,680)	(4,680)	-	(4,680)	(4,680)	-	(4,680)	(4,680)
TOTAL CORPORATE FUNDING	(203)	(163,539)	(163,742)	2,856	(164,432)	(161,576)	2,924	(167,629)	(164,705)
PLANNED EXPENDITURE									
Chief Executives									
Chief Executive	157	-	157	168	-	168	173	-	173
Human Resources	1,396	(349)	1,047	1,349	(349)	1,000	1,372	(349)	1,023
Total Chief Executives	1,553	(349)	1,204	1,517	(349)	1,168	1,545	(349)	1,196
Governance									
Director of Governance	165	-	165	161	-	161	165	-	165
Constitutional Services	2,012	(5)	2,007	2,034	(5)	2,029	2,046	(5)	2,041
Legal Services	2,531	(641)	1,890	2,597	(644)	1,953	2,632	(647)	1,985
Performance & Information	208	-	208	216	-	216	219	-	219
Total Governance	4,916	(646)	4,270	5,008	(649)	4,359	5,062	(652)	4,410
Place & Economy									
Director, OP & JV	(5)	(96)	(101)	(45)	(96)	(141)	(38)	(96)	(134)
Development and Construction	1,795	(1,940)	(145)	1,862	(1,948)	(86)	1,896	(1,957)	(61)
Sustainable Growth Strategy	1,985	(367)	1,618	2,022	(366)	1,656	2,041	(366)	1,675
Peterborough Highway Services	9,750	(4,937)	4,813	10,063	(4,939)	5,124	10,342	(4,941)	5,401
Waste, Cleansing and Open Spaces	18,418	(5,105)	13,313	19,186	(5,112)	14,074	19,539	(5,112)	14,427

	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23		
	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000
Westcombe Engineering	1,630	(1,524)	106	1,657	(1,524)	133	1,669	(1,524)	145
City Centre Management	939	(552)	387	962	(554)	408	975	(555)	420
Energy	1,175	(697)	478	1,175	(697)	478	1,175	(697)	478
Service Director Environment & Economy	96	(100)	(4)	100	(100)	-	102	(100)	2
Total Place & Economy	35,783	(15,318)	20,465	36,982	(15,336)	21,646	37,701	(15,348)	22,353
People & Communities									
Director	1,565	(329)	1,236	1,665	(365)	1,300	1,768	(402)	1,366
Communities	18,636	(12,681)	5,955	18,977	(12,671)	6,306	19,196	(12,670)	6,526
Adults	70,582	(24,212)	46,370	73,562	(24,212)	49,350	73,742	(24,212)	49,530
Children's & Safeguarding	15,153	(5,006)	10,147	15,436	(4,253)	11,183	15,605	(4,253)	11,352
Education	17,028	(10,172)	6,856	17,164	(10,172)	6,992	17,217	(10,172)	7,045
Commissioning & Commercial Operations	23,931	(7,194)	16,737	24,100	(7,194)	16,906	24,214	(7,194)	17,020
DSG	99,291	(99,291)	-	99,291	(99,291)	-	99,291	(99,291)	-
Total People & Communities	246,186	(158,885)	87,301	250,195	(158,158)	92,037	251,033	(158,194)	92,839
Public Health									
Children 0-5 Health Visitors	3,987	-	3,987	3,987	-	3,987	3,987	-	3,987
Children 5-19 Health Programmes	944	-	944	944	-	944	944	-	944
Sexual Health	1,938	-	1,938	1,938	-	1,938	1,938	-	1,938
Substance Misuse	2,282	(95)	2,187	2,282	(95)	2,187	2,282	(95)	2,187
Smoking and Tobacco	306	-	306	303	-	303	303	-	303
Miscellaneous Public Health Services	1,641	(301)	1,340	1,627	(301)	1,326	1,627	(301)	1,326
Public Health Grant	-	(10,982)	(10,982)	-	(10,982)	(10,982)	-	(10,982)	(10,982)
Total Public Health	11,098	(11,378)	(280)	11,081	(11,378)	(297)	11,081	(11,378)	(297)
Resources									
Director's Office	273	-	273	281	-	281	286	-	286
Financial Services	3,870	(585)	3,285	3,737	(585)	3,152	3,727	(585)	3,142
Corporate Items	3,794	(52)	3,742	2,717	(50)	2,667	2,570	(50)	2,520

	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23		
	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000	Gross Exp. Budget £000	Income Budget £000	Net Exp. Budget £000
Peterborough Serco Strategic Partnership	48,015	(41,509)	6,506	47,064	(41,509)	5,555	47,407	(41,509)	5,898
Corporate Property	5,057	(3,445)	1,612	4,752	(3,733)	1,019	4,809	(3,733)	1,076
Cemeteries, Cremation & Registrars	1,522	(3,029)	(1,507)	1,565	(3,043)	(1,478)	1,590	(3,056)	(1,466)
Total Resources	62,531	(48,620)	13,911	60,116	(48,920)	11,196	60,389	(48,933)	11,456
Customer & Digital Services									
Director Customer & Digital Services	75	-	75	75	-	75	75	-	75
ICT	7,463	(336)	7,127	7,662	(336)	7,326	7,837	(336)	7,501
Marketing & Communications	495	(146)	349	486	(146)	340	494	(146)	348
Resilience & Health & Safety	317	(35)	282	327	(35)	292	333	(36)	297
Total Customer & Digital Services	8,350	(517)	7,833	8,550	(517)	8,033	8,739	(518)	8,221
Business Improvement									
Programme Management Office	602	-	602	576	-	576	579	-	579
Total Business Improvement	602	-	602	576	-	576	579	-	579
NET SERVICE EXPENDITURE	371,019	(235,713)	135,306	374,025	(235,307)	138,718	376,129	(235,372)	140,757
Corporate Expenditure	5,368	-	5,368	5,392	-	5,392	5,416	-	5,416
Capitalisation Directive	(1,217)	-	(1,217)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Financing Costs	30,574	(4,779)	25,795	32,924	(1,213)	31,711	34,553	(1,213)	33,340
Contribution from/to Reserves	(1,510)	-	(1,510)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL PLANNED EXPENDITURE	404,234	(240,492)	163,742	412,341	(236,520)	175,821	416,098	(236,585)	179,513
REVISED DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)	404,031	(404,031)	-	415,197	(400,952)	14,245	419,022	(404,214)	14,808

COUNCIL MEETING 4 MARCH 2020

CABINET RECOMMENDATION – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2022/23

Amendment from Councillor Amjad Iqbal to be moved as follows:

We propose the following amendments which are cost neutral at this stage and as such do not propose a different level of council tax from the present Council Tax Resolution:

- 1. Set up an Investment Fund for Local Business of £10m to invest in digital infrastructure in order to more fully leverage the digital economy (Job creation):**
 - a) Loans will provide capital investment in new buildings, plant and equipment;
 - b) Timespans will be limited to 3 years in length (5 by agreed exception) with a maximum loan level (to be agreed);
 - c) Interest will be a State Aid rate plus 1.5-3.0%. No Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) payment is required as the loan would be short term and requires full repayment at the end of this period but will need to be made attractive to business;
 - d) Loans will be linked to security to mitigate the risk of default and protect taxpayers.
 - e) Fulfils the requirement of a loan set out in the TMS but will need to update the TMS for this use;
 - f) Return is 1.5% to 3% - therefore for every £1m, £15k to £30k.

- 2. Invest in the purchase of a Technical Building - as an Invest to Save initiative (Job Creation):**
 - a) Evidence from the Allia centre is that there is a market for this type of accommodation;
 - b) Leverage the fast rail link and fibre network;
 - c) Investment and purchase price approximately £4 -£10m (or could lease);
 - d) Requirement to cover MRP and Debt charges (or lease charges) and make a return. Aim is a return of 3-5% after costs;
 - e) Requirement to source the right existing property or land/site close to the railway station to take advantage of this.

- 3. Increase the speed in moving to an HRA in order to meet the 600 house per year target (Housing).**
 - a) Leverage the £2.7bn being offered by central Government;
 - b) Assumption is there would be a range of funding sources, with HRA borrowing being the majority. To build 600 homes per year has a cost of circa £90m (including acquisition of land) per year;
 - c) As an example of income and expenditure, assuming tenants were receiving Housing Benefit at Local Housing Allowance Rates for 3 bed homes, this would bring in an income of £4.2m per year. Of this, £2.3m would cover debt charges leaving £1.9m to manage the portfolio;

- d) Presently the city builds 1,000 homes per year. There would be the requirement to negotiate with developers and other providers to ensure this size of HRA development.
 - e) Increase levels of Affordable Homes in the City significantly above present rates helping a number of initiatives like Temporary Accommodation.
 - f) Provide suitable accommodation for families in Temporary Accommodation so that they can have a good long-term home.
- 4. Set up a Company to enable the Council to build and sell houses (Housing).**
- a) The Company would develop and sell on a commercial basis and would need to be a company limited by guarantee or have a mechanism that allows all the profits to be remitted back to the Council.
 - b) It is envisioned that 20-30 houses per year would be delivered by this route each year at an estimated profit level of approximately £20k per property.
 - c) There would be the requirement to source land to build on as part of this process.
- 5. Movement of Council Services to digital delivery (to act as an example for other sectors) - here there is significant possibilities for cost reductions/efficiencies (Digital):**
- a) Movement of appointments to digital (to replace face to face where appropriate) - still need face to face meetings but consider how PCC can minimise these;
 - b) Development of a Public Sector Housing application.
 - c) The Council would need to consider an investment requirement of £10k to £100k per application with revenue savings from channel shift away from present delivery method and the access to “live” information.
- 6. Investigate the opportunity of setting up a brokerage firm for transport – use a digital platform (application) to offer the service to end users (Digital)**
- a) This could replace what is being reduced in relation to bus routes and the wider concessionary fares budget but at minimal cost to the Council;
 - b) Presently the Council offers Community Link/Dial a Ride services. This moves the offering to the next level with an application linked to a wider range of transport services delivered by a range of providers.
 - c) Examples of councils using this technology for transport services include St Helens Council, Bristol, Manchester and Nottingham. Watford presently are advertising to technology companies to provide this sort of application to commuters across Watford.
 - d) It would be necessary to provide or buy in expertise to develop an application that delivers this which would link to local transport providers.
- 7. The Council will, when considering its contracting and service option, aim to deliver as many services as possible either in-house or via its arms-length trading company Aragon. (Contracting)**
- This will mean:
- a) Consider bringing back as many of the top 50 council contracts which are due for renewal in 2020/21 back in house as is economically viable as in-house services

- will be able to be directed more easily to change Council priorities and will exclude profit levels which give contractors their margins;
- b) Using our trading company will mean we can make it attractive and economic as alternatives to the Local Government Pension Scheme and pay rates can be offered;
 - c) An acceptance that for some services continuing to contract via the most appropriate and cost-effective route might still represent the best financial option
8. **Climate Emergency** - Following the Council's unanimous declaration of a "Climate Emergency" in 2019 it is committed to working with its stakeholders and partners to accelerate a programme of activity to move the Council to a net-zero carbon position by 2030. It will do this by:
- a) When setting policies and implementing contracts, to critically assess the full costs and implications of alternatives over the short, medium and long term to ensure that decision making includes a full consideration of impact on the environment of both direct and indirect carbon emissions.
 - b) Assessing schemes that will increase the speed of achieving a net-zero carbon position including:
 - Street lighting LED project
 - Green Schools
 - Better use by communities of open spaces
 - Transport and infrastructure improvements
 - Property Investment Fund to support Climate Emergency initiatives
 - District heating schemes
 - Wind turbine and solar projects
 - Fleet renewal
 - Alternative travel schemes including cycleways
 - Building controls on corporate buildings
 - Installing EV points
 - Tree planting
 - Reducing the environmental impact of schemes within the existing capital programme
 - c) It may be necessary to provide or buy in expertise to assist the Council in implementing this accelerated programme.
9. **Policy on Eco-Living** – the Council will consider introducing a policy which will maximise the building of eco-communities. It will consult councils such as Central Bedfordshire which have already done so in order to formulate a business case.

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COUNCIL MEETING 4 MARCH 2020

MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR YASIN

Amendment from Councillor Ayres to be moved as follows:

“Recorded sexual offences against children have reached an all-time high. New figures released by NSPCC found there were 76, 294 sexual offences against children in the UK in 2018/2019; a rise of over 60% since 201/15. These offences include rape, grooming and sexual assault.

More than 70% of sexual exploitation took place on the main social media networks such as Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and Snapchat. The NSPCC also found 20% of the victims were under the age of 12 despite the minimum age of most social media platforms being 13 or 16 for WhatsApp. Online risks also include viewing sexual and violent content.

However, it can be difficult to measure the true scale and nature of all forms of abuse as victims often feel unable to report their experiences and the adults around them are not always able to recognise that abuse is taking place. This is particularly true for the rapidly changing world of online communications.

To prevent online and offline abuse those working with or supporting children and young people need access to timely and effective guidance to aid them in reducing risks, promoting healthy relationships, spotting issues and reporting concerns.

Therefore, this council resolves to:

- Call upon the government to expedite ~~the~~ an Online Harms Bill to impose a statutory duty of care on tech companies to protect their users from harm.
- Call upon both of Peterborough’s MPs to ensure the government delivers its commitment to regulate tech companies.
- Support our local schools in their safeguarding efforts by promoting the need for an online safety policy and sharing the latest guidance to Heads and Governing bodies about online safety including the DfE’s ‘Teaching online safety in school: Guidance supporting schools to teach their pupils how to stay safe online, within new and existing school subjects’ 2019.
- ~~Ensure that the safeguarding training offered to the council’s youth workers and foster carers covers online safety plus provide signposting to information that they can use to up-skill children and young people on this issue.~~
- Circulate to registered early years settings in Peterborough a link to the latest UKCIS guidance about online safety ‘Safeguarding children and protecting professionals in early years settings: online safety considerations for manager’ 2019.”

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COUNCIL MEETING 4 MARCH 2020

ALTERED MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BURBAGE

Alteration from Councillor Burbage to be moved as follows:

~~“Autistic people~~ People with Autism see, hear and feel the world differently to other people. Autism is a spectrum condition and all ~~autistic people~~ people with Autism share certain difficulties, but being autistic will affect them in different ways.

Some ~~autistic people~~ people with Autism also have learning disabilities, mental health issues or other conditions, meaning people need different levels of support. All people on the autism spectrum learn and develop. With the right sort of support, all can be helped to reach their potential and live a fulfilling life of their own choosing.

Our vision is to make Peterborough an autism-friendly city where people with autism have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Council notes:

- Autism is much more common than most people think. There are around 700,000 ~~autistic people~~ people with Autism in the UK - that's more than 1 in 100;
- Whilst many ~~autistic people~~ people with Autism are able to live a full independent life, some find certain situations difficult to cope with;
- Peterborough has a strong track record in supporting children with special educational needs and vulnerable adults, and is currently working towards the creation of Autism Strategy to cover all ages across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.
- Peterborough MP Paul Bristow has become a Vice Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Autism, and has called for Peterborough to become an autism friendly City.

Council resolves:

- To engage with health and social care organisations, education, the police, charities, people with autism and their families and carers, with input from local MPs Paul Bristow and Shailesh Vara, in drafting the Autism Strategy.
- To ensure that the Autism Strategy currently in development is designed to make Peterborough an autism friendly City and improve the lives of those who live in Peterborough who have autism.
- That Council officers identify opportunities for frontline staff and Councillors, who have regular interactions with residents, to receive appropriate training to help residents with autism receive the best service from the Council and their ward Councillors.”

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