

Council

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**FULL COUNCIL 9 DECEMBER 2020
QUESTIONS**

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	None received.

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 Hogg</p> <p>For Councillor Hiller, Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p> <p>Recently several temporary cycle lines have been setup around the city due to central government funding being made available, what mechanism was used to make the decision to approve the sites and was this decision eligible for call-in?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Councillor Murphy</p> <p>For Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Council will no doubt be aware of the financial difficulties of the police service in Cambridgeshire, which is one of the fastest growing areas of England. Peterborough's population is rising; however, police funding is not rising proportionately. The police executive has proposed a reduction in civilian staff including reducing PCSOs to a fraction of the previous levels.</p> <p>Do you agree:</p> <p>(a) That this is not the correct time during a pandemic to be cutting established staff who know their communities and in particular have been able to help engage with the public and educate on public health COVID matters and the rules? This is the time for security and continuity rather than the insecurity of cutting these staff.</p> <p>(b) Do you agree that the police service should seek additional funding for the additional Coronavirus work it is and has been undertaking and not progress any plans to cut these police service staff who play such a significant role in protection our communities here in Peterborough?</p>
3.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz</p> <p>For Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Cambridgeshire Constabulary intends to halve the number of police community support officers. This will have major repercussions for many areas in the city. Will this create extra work for council staff in terms of receiving more casework and how will the council budget for any likely additional budgetary pressure?</p>
4.	<p>Question from Councillor Sandford</p> <p>For Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment</p> <p>Could the relevant cabinet member tell me how many non-woodland trees were planted on Peterborough City Council land between 30 November 2019 and 1 December 2020 and how many non-woodland trees were felled or removed during the same period?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz</p> <p>For Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance</p>

	<p>What plans does the council have to support small local businesses post-pandemic in view of the financial difficulty most of them have endured?</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>WARD SPECIFIC: Question from Councillor Hogg</p> <p>For Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Stanground Community Centre has recently transferred from the Stanground Community Association to a new provider Wildheart. What funds, if any, has the SCA received from the council and what committee meetings has the council rep on the SCA attended in the last three years?</p> <p>Response from Councillor Seaton:</p> <p>The council has worked closely with Stanground Community Association and with the Wildheart Collective through the community asset transfer process. The Wildheart Collective has been selected as the new operator of the Stanground Community Centre following a competitive process. Legal work is now underway to agree the lease and handover the building; this is expected to conclude early in 2021.</p> <p>No grants have been awarded to Stanground Community Association in the last three years, however the council has invested £11,662 in repairs and maintenance of the building, which we own, since 2018.</p> <p>The council does not hold records of meetings attended by Members appointed to external organisations. However, I can confirm that officers have attended three formal meetings of the Stanground Community Association and have had numerous informal meetings and correspondence with the organisation as part of the asset transfer process.</p>

Questions on notice to:

d. The Combined Authority Representatives

None received.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10(a)
9 DECEMBER 2020	SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC 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 2021/22-2023/24- PHASE ONE

Additional Recommendation

That Council notes the final responses to the consultation received up to the 7 December 2020.

Background

- 1.1. This addendum has been produced in order that Members receive the most up to date position regarding the phase One Budget Consultation.
- 1.2. This document contains consultation feedback received, which we were unable to include within the main report due to the timing of publication.
- 1.3. The consultation concluded at 5pm on 7 December, as set out on the website and within the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22- 2023/24 Report which went to Cabinet on 30 November 2020. The original timetable published in the report which went to Cabinet on 26 October 2020
- 1.4. No paper (hard copy) consultation responses were received.

Changes to the Consultation Response

- 1.5. This update contains the following:
 - The 3 additional consultation responses received. These together with the 8 responses already reported takes the total amount of responses received via the online survey up to 11

Additional online Survey Responses:

<p>Do you have any comments to make about the phase one budget proposals?</p>	<p>Having read the phase one proposals document, how much do you now feel you understand about why the council must make total savings of almost £35.6million in 2021/22 and over £38.9million by 2023/24? Tick the answer you agree with.</p>	<p>If you have any specific ideas about how the council can save money or generate additional income to protect services, please state these here:</p>
<p>I think the council tax keeps rising and it's us the working class people that have to pay for it when then people scrounging off benefits having been given a break from paying it.</p>	<p>A fair amount</p>	<p>Make the people that can't be asked to work so community service. They should work for the free money they receive.</p>
	<p>Nothing at all</p>	
<p>It's pathetic.</p>	<p>A fair amount</p>	<p>Reduce the cost of council tax for all residents. The amount we pay is ridiculous and we get nothing useful in return, residents should not be forced to fund useless and pointless services, we work hard to have you take away money for nothing. Get rid of overpaid job roles that are not needed. Don't spend ridiculous amounts on putting plans together for updating junctions. It should not cost 100k for this type of thing. In reality, you should not be generating money to cover your short falls from your residents, you should have emergency plans in place for this type if thing and it should be the UK government that funds you.</p>

Via email: gillian.beasley@peterborough.gov.uk

07th December 2020

Dear *Gillian*,

I am writing in response to Peterborough City Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 Phase One Budget Consultation Document.

I fully understand the requirement to deliver a balanced budget which meets your statutory duties. I acknowledge the challenge is balancing the savings to be made with the potential risks that changes in services may generate for the public.

As Acting Police and Crime Commissioner I welcome your investment and commitment, for the second year running, in the system-wide 'Think Communities' approach which has at its heart true engagement with residents.

I was also pleased to see that the authority, despite difficult financial circumstances, is endeavouring to maintain services which have prevention at their core. This includes for example the Family Safeguarding approach and the Youth Offending Service which both offer intensive support to the most vulnerable members of our community. I also note your strategic approach to housing issues which acts as a solid foundation for addressing a range of other vulnerabilities.

However, I would like to highlight the issue of street lighting; I would seek your reassurance that you have balanced the need to make savings against the possible increased risk to local residents of becoming a victim of crime. The evidence bases around lighting being an effective deterrent is well documented.

Over the past nine months I have been impressed with the way all agencies have pulled together to tackle the risk and challenges posed by the Covid 19 pandemic to our residents. This has showcased true partnership working and I hope this strong relationship continues after the pandemic and the channels of communication remain open as all agencies work to manage the emerging risks caused by the need to balance budgets.

Yours sincerely



Ray Bisby
Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

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**AMENDMENT BY COUNCILLOR WIGGIN TO CABINET RECOMMENDATION – MEDIUM
TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2021/22 TO 2023/24**

Amendment from Councillor Wiggin to be moved as follows:

“IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet Recommendation set out in the ‘Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24 Tranche One’ is amended as follows:

- Remove from Phase 1 the proposed increase to the brown bin charge. Defer the outcome of the recommendation from Joint Scrutiny of the Budget on this item (to review the cost of increasing the charge against potential savings from scrapping the charge altogether) to Phase 2.”

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AMENDMENT BY COUNCILLOR HOGG TO MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN FOX

Amendment from Councillor Hogg to be moved as follows:

“During the recent lockdown members will have noticed the increase of cycle use within our City and more importantly our Rural areas.

Sadly, since the lockdown has been eased there has been an increase in road traffic accidents nationally and many have happened in the rural areas of our cities.

The Roman towpath from Peakirk to Eye, known as Carr Dyke was originally used to transport materials by barge, linking up the river Welland and Nene, creating the towpaths for the horses that towed the barges along its route.

This length of pathway is still there and is mainly only used for grazing horses and cattle. However, the route is equally used by walkers a lot and would make an ideal cycleway.

This would encourage more people to use a much safer route between the areas, especially bearing in mind the new estate at Manor Farm and proposed new estate on the Newborough Road, of which Carr Dyke passes alongside both estates.

Council resolves to:

Undertake a feasibility study regarding Ask the existing Cycling and Walking Task and Finish Group to look at whether an upgrade of Carr Dyke to be used as a cycle path, linking up Peakirk, Werrington, Gunthorpe & Eye, should be part of its recommendations to be considered by the Cabinet with the results of this feasibility study to be considered by the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments.”

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ALTERATION TO MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ALI

Alteration from Councillor Ali to be moved as follows:

“Peterborough City Council notes that Fox hunting, Deer hunting and Hare hunting with Dogs is illegal under the terms of the Hunting Act 2004, except where an exemption applies.

Most registered hunts claim to now be ‘trail’ hunting, an activity invented after the ban which allows hunts to claim that any chase of a wild mammal is an accident rather than intentional

This Council resolves to do everything within its legal powers to prevent ~~that it will not permit~~ trail hunting, exempt hunting, hound exercise and hunt meets on its land.”

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