

<b>Community Development Scrutiny Panel</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 4</b>
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**STREETS, SQUARES AND SPACES STRATEGY (PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY)**

**1. PURPOSE**

To advise members of the detailed designs for Cathedral Square proposed in the above strategy.

**2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

This links to the priority outcome “to plan and deliver a safe, attractive and environmentally friendly city; and to make Peterborough a better place in which to live and work” and to the priority outcome of the Sustainable Community Strategy – Creating a safe, vibrant city centre and sustainable neighbourhood centres.

**3. BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on 18 June 2008, the Panel received a presentation outlining the Public Realm Strategy (now re-named the Streets, Squares and Spaces Strategy). Members’ views were sought on the strategy prior to the Council and Opportunity Peterborough proceeding to ‘implementation phase’ of the public realm work, initially focusing on Cathedral Square.

The Panel agreed that it wished to be engaged with the project as it progressed and welcomed the opportunity to consider detailed designs and timescales in due course. These have been prepared and the subject of wide consultation prior to and during their evolution.

**4. KEY ISSUES**

An officer from Opportunity Peterborough will attend the meeting to advise the Panel of the detailed designs for Cathedral Square and give members an opportunity to comment.

**5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

That the Panel and its Members continue to stay engaged with the Public Realm Implementation work as plans proceed for transforming Cathedral Square

**6. NEXT STEPS**

Members support for the transformation of Cathedral Square.

**7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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The Streets, Squares and Spaces Strategy

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