

SHAREHOLDER CABINET COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
11 SEPTEMBER 2023	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Kitran Eastman – Managing Director Peterborough Limited	
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PETERBOROUGH LIMITED UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Peterborough Limited	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Shareholder Cabinet Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Note the information contained within the Annual Report and the progress made by Peterborough Limited (P-Ltd) during the 2022-23 year. B. Note the audited Company Accounts. C. Request that the P-Ltd Business Plan 2024-2029 be reviewed by the Shareholder Cabinet Committee in February 2024. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is presented to the Shareholder Cabinet Committee following a request from the Committee for an update on Peterborough Limited (P-Ltd) services and performance.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to: update the Shareholder Cabinet Committee on key achievements and progress against the P-Ltd Business Plan; update on the company status of Peterborough Limited (P-Ltd) through its Annual Report; and highlight current and potential future pressures and risks facing the company.

2.2 This report is for Shareholder Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.3.2(a):

To monitor performance of the companies, partnerships, and charities in line with Cabinet approved business plans and particular the company's performance:

(a) in financial matters

(b) against the social goals of the company as set out in the company's Objects. Business Case or Business Plan; and against the values of the Council by means of monthly performance monitoring and scrutiny.

2.3 This report contains exempt appendices that are NOT FOR PUBLICATION by reason of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 because they contain commercial information. The public interest test has been applied to the information contained within these exempt appendices and it is considered that the need to retain the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing it

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 Peterborough Limited (P-Ltd) is wholly owned by Peterborough City Council and was formed as a Teckal compliant Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo). This means that the company is autonomous from the Council but does require a council appointed board and relies on the Council for guidance and input on strategic matters or important issues of policy. See background papers for company set up reports.

4.2 In February 2019 Peterborough Limited operating as Aragon Direct Services commenced delivery of services for the Council, and private works to offset the cost of services to the Council. These include:

- Recycling and Waste
- Street Cleansing
- Parks, Trees, and Grounds Maintenance
- Passenger Transport
- Building Cleaning
- Vehicle Workshop
- Property Services

4.3 On the 1st October 2020 Vivacity Leisure Services were transferred into the P-Ltd. These services have continued to be operated under the Vivacity branding:

- Reginal Pool and Fitness Centre
- Lido
- Vivacity Premier Fitness (VPF)
- Hampton Leisure Centre
- Bushfields Leisure Centre
- Werrington Leisure Centre
- Jack Hunt Pool
- Swim Academy/School
- Health and Wellbeing Services
- Disability/Inclusive Sport and Leisure

4.4 1st April 2022 Culture Services were transferred into the P-Ltd for the operation of:

- Peterborough Museum
- Libraries
- Flag Fen

4.5 The Peterborough Limited Annual Report 2022-2023 can be seen in Appendix 1.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 No consultation is required at this time.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 The Company will continue to run its core services as efficiently as possible, as well as expanding its commercial services offering.

The company welcomes feedback from the Shareholder Cabinet Committee, to incorporate into its new business plan, to present to the Committee in Q4 2023/24.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Shareholder Cabinet Committee note the information within the report and the progress made against the business plan to enable the company to move forward with the creation of the 2024–2029 Business Plan.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Shareholder Cabinet Committee could choose to not Note this report but instead request alternative directions are explored for the Company.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 As set out in Appendix 1 section 6, the P-Ltd 2022/23 outturn position was £5,031 profit, a stronger performance than expected due to strong operational performance from the Aragon trading arm, as well as an above forecast performance by the Vivacity Leisure trading arm. This stronger performance helped to offset the additional inflationary pressure, including fuel cost rises and above budget pay award.

The audited Company Accounts have been filed with Companies house and a link is provided below.

There are no direct financial implications arising for Peterborough City Council from this report.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 Peterborough limited is a “Teckal” compliant company (advice is detailed in KEY/11JUN18/04 – Link found in background documents) and operates in accordance with Regulation 12 Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The recommendations within this report are in accordance with the functions of the Shareholder Cabinet Committee at Section 3.32, Scheme of Cabinet Delegations, Section 3 – Executive Functions of the Council’s Constitution.

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 There are no negative equalities implications.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 **2022/23 Company Account** - Companies’ House Filing History, “09 Aug 2023 Full accounts made up to 31 March 2023”

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/11493249/filing-history>

Cabinet Meeting, 11th June 2018. Item 6

<https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=116&MId=4142>

Cabinet Meeting, 17th December 2018. Item 4.

<https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=116&MId=4214>

Shareholder Committee Meeting, 2nd March 2020. Item 5.

<https://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=721&MId=4346&Ver=4>

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 - Peterborough Limited Annual Report 2022-2023

