

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 8 (ii)</b>
<b>13 OCTOBER 2010</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **EXECUTIVE REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1. REVISED BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

Cabinet, at its meeting of 29 September 2010, received the City Council's updated Biodiversity Strategy for consideration and was requested to refer it to Full Council for adoption as part of the major policy framework if appropriate. The update to the City Council's Biodiversity Strategy is in order to take account of the Biodiversity Duty introduced by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act S40 and Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Guidance to Local Authorities with respect to this Duty.

Cabinet has endorsed the Strategy, prior to its submission to full Council. The Cabinet report is attached at **Appendix A**. The appendices to the report were sent to all Councillors with the Cabinet papers and copies are available in the Members' Group Rooms.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council endorses the Biodiversity Strategy as part of its Major Policy Framework.

### **2. PROGRESS ON THE ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL PORTFOLIO**

Cabinet, at its meeting of 29 September 2010, received the proposed Home of Environment Capital Policy 2010 policy and was requested to recommend it to Council for adoption as part of its Major Policy framework.

The Council's current Environment Policy (2000) is now out of date and does not adequately take into account Peterborough's growth targets or the global environmental challenges which we now face, nor does it take into account the wide range of policies, plans and strategies, developed since 2000 that contribute to environmental improvement. The adoption of the Home of Environmental Capital Policy will ensure that environmental considerations are placed at the heart of all Council policies, strategies and services ensuring that Peterborough grows both substantially and sustainably. The communication and marketing approach will ensure local, national and international recognition for the emphasis it places on environmental quality and performance.

Cabinet has endorsed the Policy, prior to its submission to full Council. A copy of the report to Cabinet is attached at **Appendix B**.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council adopts the Home of Environment Capital Policy 2010 as part of its Major Policy Framework.

### 3. EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Cabinet, at its meeting on 29 September, received a report outlining the response of the public consultation concerning changes to the Executive arrangements used at the council. The Council has a legal obligation to change to one of the two models currently permissible by December 2010 and Cabinet was asked to recommend the preferred model to Council for adoption.

Cabinet has endorsed the recommended model and a copy of the Cabinet report is attached at **Appendix C**. A separate report from the Solicitor to the Council will be submitted to full Council (13 October 2010) for consideration.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council adopts the Strong Leader and Cabinet style of Executive Arrangements to take effect from May 2011.

### 4. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FLETTON WARD TO FLETTON & WOODSTON WARD

Cabinet, at its meeting on 29 September, considered a request to change the name of Fletton Ward to Fletton & Woodston Ward to reflect the fact that Fletton ward is made up of the Fletton and Woodston areas and to recommend to Council that it agrees to consult all appropriate persons on the proposed change of name for Fletton Ward to Fletton & Woodston Ward.. The Council has a legal obligation to consult with appropriate persons about proposed changes to the names of electoral areas.

Cabinet has accepted the request, prior to its submission to full Council. A copy of the report to Cabinet is attached at **Appendix D**.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council agrees to consult all appropriate persons on the proposed change of name for Fletton Ward to Fletton & Woodston Ward.