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QUESTIONS

Questions were received under the following categories:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6. Questions from members of the public

1. Question from Mr Francis Kisero

To Councillor Ayres, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University

What support can Peterborough City Council offer me in developing a sustainable and affordable community based employment service, that benefits secondary school pupils within Peterborough who use private science tuition services?

2. Question from Alan Bridger

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

In peak times Geneva Street, where I am a resident, gets severely congested, causing problems for regular motorists and emergency vehicles often not being able to pass through the street. I hope you will agree that this is not acceptable. Minor collisions are a regular occurrence with cars often parked on double yellow lines on one way street. Only recently a pedestrian was knocked down by a car.

The street has double yellow lines and a two way cycle way running parallel to it. This means that no parking is available, or loading or unloading, at any time. Problems, however, do occur in the daytime and more often in the evening. Enforcement officers are not frequently seen in the street, nor do they work at night.

I have previously written to parking services and also the police about the situation, but no improvement has been seen.

The parked cars are causing obstructions for cyclists and for pedestrians. In particular, the entrance to the car park of Endurance House has been blocked, causing long queues for visitors to the residents inside.

The matter is getting worse with the increase in the number of business in the areas, and increased traffic.

Can I ask that the Council take action to address this problem before someone is seriously injured or killed? I believe that increased enforcement in the area may go a long way into deterring offenders. Other solutions, however, could be investigated and I would be happy to discuss these with Council officers should they like to meet.

3. Question from Matthew Talbut

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

What is the Council's policy towards Airbnb?

4. Question from Heather Skibsted

To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities

The residents of Orton Malborne have experienced the loss of their local post office at Herlington in July this year. A petition to oppose the closure reached nearly 200 signatures in June and from speaking to many residents as a candidate for the ward, this is a great loss to their local community and creates many difficulties especially for the many elderly living in this area. I understood one of the reasons for the closure to be an increase in rent for the premise. Another nearly post office at The Orton Centre is also threatened with closure. What can or will the council do to support the reinstatement of this vital service for the residents of this community?

5. Question for Jelana Stevic

Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

What actions are Peterborough City Council taking to address the homeless numbers and shortage of housing for them for the foreseeable future?

6. Question from Beki Sellick

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development.

"My question is about animal welfare and our food after any Brexit. Multi-national corporations are lobbying for health, environmental and labelling standards to be lowered. Then cheap imports from outside the EU could put British food producers out of business, and would impact on jobs in Peterborough and the health of Peterborians. As an Environment Capital, what lobbing is Peterborough City Council doing and how will you engage Peterborians to support?"

COUNCIL BUSINESS

8. 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. Question from Councillor Ferris

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

What is the working definition and duration of Temporary Accommodation as used by this Authority?

2. Question from Councillor Hemraj

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

With the number of people requiring temporary accommodation, is the St Michael's Gate contract likely to be extended? As the council is now having to pay more for temporary accommodation, would it not be better to look at purchasing St Michael's Gate from Stef and Phillips?

3. Question from Councillor Murphy

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

What plans are there for a new pedestrian crossing or crossings on Hartwell Way to create safer access from Ravensthorpe and Westwood into the Bretton underpasses and when will a crossing be provided?

4. Question from Councillor Hogg

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

Following a recent application by Medesham Homes to convert commercial property in Bretton to flats, where there was no provision of units designated as social housing, why is this Council led venture looking to minimum legal provision and not looking to set an example by only building units which are designated as social housing?

5. Question from Councillor Davidson

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

Please can the relevant Cabinet Member confirm when the 100K for Norwood Lane improvement is to start? Faulty Electrical systems would benefit by having an Electrical system upgrade.

6. Question from Councillor Davidson

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

Please can the relevant Cabinet Member confirm when the Column Replacement and Lantern Upgrade for Fulbridge Road Werrington are going to be scheduled?

I was advised in January 2018 by Peterborough Street lighting Growth and Regeneration that the works would be completed in August 2018 and that is not the case.

7. Question from Councillor Coles

Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities

The state of private land on the riverside in Fletton and Woodston ward between the Asda footbridge up to Wharf Road and on derelict land south of Oundle Road is very poor; private landowners are not adequately maintaining their properties, cleaning graffiti or picking up litter.

The result of this lack of action is to have made the area a focus for drug dealing and misuse and local residents are increasingly reporting concerns about drug abuse, rough sleeping and drunkenness in this area.

Could the Cabinet Member please give an update on actions that are being taken to ensure private landowners deal with nuisances on their land and what additional actions are being taken to deal with anti-social behaviour in the area?

8. Question from Councillor Ferris

Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources

PCC signed up to an energy agreement with OVO Energy which was touted as being the best deal available to local residents, so can the leader now explain why these residents are faced with a 35% price hike, which has led to a significant reduction in the number of accounts, from around 9,000 to 5,000?

9. Question from Councillor Fower

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

According to a recent FOI request (CRN1809545256) £545,000 has been allocated for a bus service in relation to the Norwood/Paston Reserve development. Could the relevant Cabinet member please let me know when this money was received, how much has been spent to date and on what?

10. Question from Councillor Murphy

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

The cost of homelessness is currently over £200,000 per month and new social homes for rent will mitigate these costs. How much expenditure so far has been defrayed in providing new homes and/or acquiring homes for homeless families and how many new homes for rent have been built?

11. Question from Councillor Fower

Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities

Shopkeepers in and around the Gunthorpe Ward are fed up with the levels of shoplifting occurring in their stores.

One of them told me "I do not bother calling the police now. They just give you a crime number and that's the end of it. I never hear back."

Could the relevant Cabinet Member let me know whether the same level of tenacious tactics used by the Council's Prevention and Enforcement Service regarding cycling along Bridge Street, could be emulated to support these local businesses? Either way, will the Cabinet Member agree to visit the local stores with me, in order to offer them some advice as to what help can be offered to them from Peterborough City Council?

12. Question from Councillor Sandford

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

Much concern has been expressed recently about accumulations of plastic in rivers and oceans around the World and the threat which they pose to wildlife and to ecosystems. In its recently published 25 Year Environment Plan, the Government stated its intention of eliminating single use plastic materials during the lifetime of the plan. This will only be achieved through a concerted effort by Government, private industry, local authorities and individual citizens. Could the relevant Cabinet Member tell us what Peterborough City Council is doing and what it intends to do in response to this urgent environmental problem?

13. Question from Councillor Sandford

To Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources

The live streaming of Full Council meetings has now been operating in Peterborough for just over a year. Could the cabinet member for Resources give us a short report on how many people have been tuning in to the broadcasts and any feedback which has been received from users?

14. Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz

To Councillor Ayres, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University

What plans has the cabinet member put in place to address the recent SATS results which place us at 149 out of 149 in the league tables?

15. Question from Councillor Coles

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

It is great to see that the significant roadworks on Bourges Boulevard have now been completed after complex series of roadworks and that traffic now appears to have returned to normal. Residents in Fletton and Woodston have been concerned about the impact of the roadworks on journeys into town and on public transport bus times.

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that the substantial investment in road improvements and the work done by other agencies on the route will mean that we will not face similar disruption to journey times into the centre of Peterborough in the future?

16. Question from Councillor Hemrai

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development

Back in 2016 the relevant Cabinet Member stated that Peterborough City Council will not be using Travelodges. Now it has come to light that Peterborough residents are being housed in Travelodges as far away as Sheffield and Doncaster. Can you please advise how many families from Peterborough are being placed in temporary accommodation away from Peterborough?

17. Question from Councillor Farooq

To Councillor Ayres, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University

We are all aware that Hampton is growing at a very rapid pace. The developers are attracting young families to Hampton for it's convenience, modern properties and education.

As young families are moving to Hampton throughout the year, they are facing difficulty in finding school places for their children in Hampton and are having to drive them to surrounding areas.

All of the Hampton primary schools have waiting lists in each year group.

May I ask the cabinet member for education to allocate additional resources to create school places for the parents in Hampton throughout the year?

8. Questions on notice to:

d) The Combined Authority Representatives

1. Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz

To Councillor Holdich, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Deputy Mayor

Mayor James Palmer has backed Community land trusts to address the housing crisis. Could you explain what this will mean for Peterborough specifically addressing how it will benefit the city?

2. Question from Councillor Sandford

To Counillor Holdich, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Deputy Mayor

Could our representative tell us what progress has been made on the mayors review of bus services across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire and when will we, as Peterborough Councillors, be consulted about this important piece of work

3. Question from Councillor Amjad Iqbal

To Councillor Seaton, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Audit and Governance Committee Member

Looking at the allocated budget and amounts of the defrayed expenditure for projects in the Peterborough area, can you tell me if there was there an amount allocated for Bayard place and was this then removed? Please let us have any dates when decisions were made, revoked or expenditure defrayed?

4. Question from Councillor Murphy

To Councillor Holdich, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Deputy Mayor

£100 million was provided for the Combined Authority for housing. How much of this has been allocated for Peterborough, how much has been spent so far and how many new social housing tenancies created to date using these funds.

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PETITION FOR DEBATE

Proposal from Councillor Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services to be moved as follows:

That Council note the petition 'Stop the close of The Manor, Respite home for children and young people with disabilities' received from Helen Harbour and the comments raised, and take no action.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9(b)
17 OCTOBER 2018	SUPPLEMENTARY PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources

APPOINTMENT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

RECOMMENDATIONS		
FROM: Employment Committee	Deadline date: 17 October 2018	

It is recommended that Council:

- Note the decision by the Employment Committee on 19 September 2018 to appoint a shared Monitoring Officer by way of secondment arrangements with Cambridgeshire County Council, and
- 2. Formally appoint Fiona McMillan to the shared Monitoring Officer role.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report follows discussion between the Leaders and senior officers of Peterborough City Council (PCC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to explore the possibility of a shared Director of Legal and Governance, and Monitoring Officer given that the post has been covered on an interim basis since July 2017.
- 1.2 The report is presented for the Council to consider under its constitutional responsibilities for the appointment of the Monitoring Officer.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001, matters relating to the appointment of a Monitoring Officer are reserved to the Full Council.
- 1.4 Given that the role carries the statutory responsibilities of Monitoring Officer, in accordance with the Local Government Act, the appointment requires the approval of the Full Council following a recommendation from Employment Committee.
- 1.5 This appointment will be to a CCC contract of employment, with the postholder seconded to PCC to fulfil the required duties.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 4 September 2018 CCC's Staffing and Appeals Committee met to consider proposals to share a Director of Legal and Governance and shared Monitoring Officer role, and agreed the recommendation to proceed with this approach.
- 2.2 PCC's Employment Committee subsequently met on 19 September 2018 to consider the proposal and agreed this recommendation, which enabled a joint role to be advertised in September.

- 2.3 Within PCC, until 30 June 2017, the substantive postholder of the Director of Legal and Governance also held the delegated statutory Monitoring Officer role. From the 1st July, the postholder was seconded to the Combined Authority to take on their Monitoring Officer post full-time, and this has now become a permanent arrangement. This has therefore, left a full time, permanent vacant position within PCC. The duties have been fulfilled on an interim basis.
- 2.4 At CCC, the role of Director Legal and Democratic Services, and Monitoring Officer function has been provided by the Executive Director of LGSS Law until May this year.
- 2.6 The role of Monitoring Officer is a statutory appointment under the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, which means that any appointment must be confirmed by Full Council.
- 2.7 The key areas of accountability that the post will hold are:
 - Providing advice to Cabinet, Committees and Full Council and supporting meetings (CCC and PCC).
 - Legal Services for PCC and CCC commissioning legal and democratic services for CCC from LGSS Law Ltd.
 - Democratic and Constitutional Services (PCC).
 - Scrutiny services (PCC).
 - Members Services (PCC)
 - Civic Office and Mayoral Support (PCC).
 - School admission appeals, exclusion and transport appeals (CCC and PCC).
 - Data Protection and Freedom of Information provision (PCC).

3. INTERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT

- 3.1 The role was advertised internally and externally on 11 September 2018 and two candidates were interviewed.
- 3.2 A joint interview process took place on 11 October 2018 with PCC's Employment Committee and the Staffing and Appeals Committee in CCC.
- 3.3 Fiona McMillan was appointed. Both committees agreed to proceed with recommending her appointment to their respective Councils.
- 3.4 Fiona has a wealth of experience to bring to this role:
 - An experienced Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer with over 20 years' experience of working in local government.
 - Fiona's substantive role is Head of District Law at LGSS Law Ltd which she was appointed to in February 2016.
 - Since December 2017 she has been acting as Director of Law and Governance at PCC and since April 2018 she has been acting Monitoring Officer at CCC.
 - Significant experience in providing corporate legal and governance advice, advising Full Council, Cabinet, Audit Committee and Constitution & Ethics Committee.
 - Strategic management at executive board level including 6 years on South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) Executive Management Team, 2 years on LGSS Law's management team, and ten months on PCC's Corporate Management Team.

4. POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY

4.1 At the heart of this arrangement is the maintenance and respect of political sovereignty for each Council ensuring that each Council can deliver its own political priorities, strategy and policies. The shared arrangement supports the sovereignty of each Council and at the same time enables the benefits of the arrangement to be realised across both Councils.

5. GOVERNANCE AND TIMESCALES

- 5.1 The role was advertised as a post employed by CCC and the successful candidate will be appointed on a CCC contract of employment.
- 5.2 A formal secondment agreement has been drafted for both Councils to ensure that the interests of all parties are protected.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial The role has been graded using the CCC grading system (a similar scheme to that used within PCC). Both councils will meet 50% of the costs of the proposed role and therefore, depending on appointing salary, will afford a saving of approximately £70k for PCC along with significant efficiencies and benefits from the joint arrangement.
- 6.2 Human Resources if the arrangement is agreed a secondment agreement has been drawn up and framed in such a way which protects the interest of all parties.
- 6.3 Legal Under section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 a local authority is permitted to enter into an agreement with another local authority to place its officers at the disposal of the latter for the purposes of their functions. This is the section which governs these shared service proposals.

7. APPENDICES

7.1 **Appendix A** - Job Description of the role of Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Peterborough City Council Constitution Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Local Government Act 2000 Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001

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MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR FERRIS

Amendment from Councillor Seaton to be moved as follows:

"Peterborough City Council recognises that fossil fuels have played a central role in the past 150 years of social and technological development, but that their continued use poses a serious risk to the stability of the climate upon which our well-being and economy depends. Climate change endangers the health of local residents in Peterborough, directly through impacts such as heatwaves and indirectly through impacts on food systems and global security. Scientists have recently estimated that fossil fuel reserves still in the ground are approximately three times the amount which can be burned to have a 50:50 chance of staying below the agreed target of 2 degrees C of global average warming. A rapid large-scale shift away from fossil fuels towards energy efficiency and alternative sources of energy is needed to avert catastrophic climate change. This will soon render investments in fossil fuel reserves 'stranded assets', representing substantial risk for investors and pensioners. This shift to a zero-carbon economy presents significant opportunities for Peterborough in its mission to become the UK's Environment Capital.

In response to this Peterborough City Council pledges notes:

- it has introduced an ethical procurement policy.
- it does not hold any direct or indirect investments in fossil fuel producers
- it has proposed and implemented significant energy infrastructure, with an Energy from Waste plant, solar on all council buildings and many schools and has offered free solar power to residents.
- to develop and implement an ethical investment policy, including a commitment to not knowingly invest directly in businesses whose activities and practices pose a risk of serious harm to individuals or groups, or whose activities are inconsistent with the Council's mission and values. This will include avoiding investment in the top 200 publicly-traded fossil fuel companies. It may also include other companies associated with environmentally or socially harmful activities.
- with respect to its indirect investments, to work with a ratings agency to develop a workable ethical policy aligned with the above mission and values with the aim of achieving full divestment within 5 years.

However the Council is please to:

- te work <u>further</u> with <u>local councillors</u>, businesses and community groups to support further positive investment in local companies and projects, including community energy schemes, which are hastening a rapid shift to a zero-carbon economy.
- to undertake <u>such work</u> the above pledges in the context of a city-wide energy descent plan and energy security policy which will be developed with <u>councillors</u>, <u>local</u> business<u>es</u> and community groups including Peterborough in Transition.
- to call on the Cambridgeshire Pension Fund, which already has an to adopt a similar

ethical investment policy, <u>agreed by cross party and employee / union representatives, to use its good offices to persuade companies involved in the production of fossil fuels to seek alternative approaches and divest from fossil fuels.</u>

to call on the national U.K. government to support the principle of fossil fuel divestment, to seek alternative approaches, to stop subsidising the fossil fuel industry and to advocate for all other countries to commit to this in the wake of the Paris Agreement."

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MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR SHAZ NAWAZ

Amendment from Councillor Seaton to be moved as follows:

"This council notes:

- That issues with the approach and roll-out of welfare reform policies have had a negative impact on certain residents. The far-reaching negative impact of national government welfare reform policies and austerity measures on residents of Peterborough.
- That increased demand and reduced Government funding is making the sustainability of Council finances challenging.

The council believes:

- That action <u>is vital</u> needs to be taken to support the weakest and <u>most</u> vulnerable in society who have been impacted the most by the austerity measures.
- Welfare reform is a key part of delivering a just and fair society but must be undertaken in an empathetic and clear way to ensure the weakest and most vulnerable are fully support.
- The Council already plays a vital role in supporting such people
- The government should do more through its Fair Funding Review to support its work and the people of Peterborough.

This council resolves to:

- Call upon all city council group leaders to be signatories to a letter to the government raising concerns over the impact of welfare reform and <u>reduced Revenue Support</u> <u>Grant</u> the effects of government austerity on the residents of Peterborough.
- In particular to raise concerns about the increasing levels of homelessness, increased dependency on food banks, the detrimental impact on child poverty and those the suffering inflicted on people living with a disability as a result of the introduction of measures such as Universal Credit, Bedroom tax and Personal Independence Payments.
- Most importantly urge the government to consider the issues outlined above in its Fair Funding Review."

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MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR MARTIN

Alteration from Councillor Martin to be moved as follows:

"This council notes:

- There is a housing crisis in our city
- Travelodge and other accommodation is costing the Council millions
- Families in temporary accommodation are suffering in many ways

This council believes:

- More needs to be done to address the housing crisis in the city
- Families need to be kept within Peterborough with longer-term accommodation so that they can live normal lives
- The financial costs are unsustainable and a better solution must be sought

The council resolves that:

- It will commit to delivering at least 100 homes per year via its joint venture company Medesham Homes
- As part of this commitment it will consider the option of using modular homes due to the speed of delivery. We would also welcome other house building initiatives such as co-operatives, community land trusts and schemes funded by the Combined Authority and Homes England."

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MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR FOWER

Amendment from Councillor Hogg to be moved as follows:

"I would hope colleagues agree that it was with dismay and disappointment to recently discover It has been recently reported that Peterborough City Council had have treated vulnerable individuals from our city like chess pieces, by sending them to Travelodges in Bedford, Luton, Hemel Hempstead, Nottingham and Doncaster, as part of their attempts to deal with homeless levels in our city.

It is the <u>Residents of Peterborough are of the</u> opinion of myself and others, that such actions are an embarrassment to our city, exercises an air of hypocrisy and shows incompetence a <u>lack of control from this Conservative controlled led City Council</u>, in their attempts to resolve the increasing homeless crisis in Peterborough.

According to the Council's website, Councillor Hiller is responsible for "housing including homelessness and ensuring adequate supply" and in that role, enjoys an extra £15,150 a year, on top of his basic councillor allowance.

Given Cllr Hiller would no doubt happily associate himself with any positive "housing" news associated with the City Council, he should also be held responsible for any negative coverage.

Therefore, Council recommends to the Leader of the Council that:

- 1) Cllr Peter Hiller be removed from the Office of Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning Services, Growth and Economic Development, and
- 2) a replacement is appointed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Council recommends that a cross-party task and finish group is set up to help tackle this important issue. On completion, this will report to the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee."

Agenda Item 12(7) Withdrawal of Motion

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MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR FAROOQ

Withdrawal of Motion from Councillor Farooq

Please be advised that Councillor Farooq will no longer be moving his motion as set out in the Agenda. As such, this motion will not be debated at this meeting.

Peterborough

Election of a City Councillor for

Orton Longueville on Thursday 2 August 2018

I, Gillian Beasley, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
AIREY, Alexander North	Green Party	201
ELSEY, Gavin Anthony	Conservative Party Candidate	713 Elected
GIBBS, Daniel David	Liberal Democrats	237
SKIBSTED, Heather Caroline Joy	Labour and Co-operative Party	657
WHITEHEAD, Graham John	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	143

^{*} If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
Α	want of an official mark	0
В	voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	1
С	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D	being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	2
	Total	3

Vacant Seats: 1 Electorate: 7,538 Ballot Papers Issued: 1,954 Turnout: 25.92%

And I do hereby declare that Gavin Anthony Elsey is duly elected Councillor for Orton Longueville.

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