

Council

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COUNCIL MEETING 8 DECEMBER 2021

**CABINET MEMBER PETITION FOR DEBATE PROPOSAL FROM COUNCILLOR
SIMONS**

Proposal to be moved as follows:

Having considered the petition, this Council

- (a) Thanks the petitioner for raising this issue within the community and for demonstrating the deep feeling many people have about the potential loss of this tree; and
- (b) Refers the issues to the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to consider prior to Cabinet, offering suitable but proportionate arrangements to allow interested parties to express their views to the Committee; and
- (c) Asks Cabinet to determine whether or not this Council should proceed to implement the consent already in place to fell this tree, taking account of the cost-benefit implications of either retaining the tree or implementing the felling consent.

**FULL COUNCIL 8 DECEMBER 2021
QUESTIONS**

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	Question from Lady Collette Francis Councillor Harper, Chairman of Planning Environmental Protection Committee /Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments. Given all the evidence available, and with the covid pandemic in 2020, please could you explain what decision process you used to come to the informed decision to grant the planning application 20/00652/TRE?

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. **Question from Councillor Sandford (1)**

Councillor Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities

A poll of 2,000 adults, commissioned by specialist hygiene services provider Citron Hygiene, has found that one in three are unhappy about the cleanliness of the public toilets in their nearest town or city.

Carried out by OnePoll, the survey found that seven in 10 adults would prefer to buy something from a nearby coffee shop to use the facilities than visit a free public toilet.

The study found that found 76% of UK adults believe a good quality public toilet is something their area can be proud of and 82% want more investment from local councils to ensure their public toilets are clean and safe.

A freedom of information request by Unison last year discovered that more than a fifth (22%) of public toilets have been closed down since 2010 due to council funding cuts.

In the light of these shocking statistics, could the relevant cabinet member tell me how many public toilets have been closed in Peterborough in the past five years and what is being done to improve public toilet provision in Peterborough, both in terms of numbers of toilets and quality and cleanliness of provision?

2. **Question from Councillor Murphy**

Councillor Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities

During the COVID-19 pandemic additional provision for homeless was made available and the City Council provided shelter for street homeless people into temporary accommodation. After a number of months this provision finished.

How many people were in temporary accommodation at this time and subsequently had the emergency accommodation taken away?

Why did the Council in the preceding months not assist them in successfully finding more suitable or permanent accommodation, or do the humane thing and extend the provision rather than see them homeless and vulnerable and living on the streets once again?

3. **Question from Councillor Qayyum**

Councillor Fitzgerald, Leader of the Council

	<p>It's reported in the local media that the Chairman of Peterborough United is 'angry' about Peterborough City Council not yet offering him an interest-free £30m loan to build their proposed arena and that the council should also give them the Embankment land for nothing.</p> <p>Can the Leader explain what involvement the administration has had and is having on this issue with the private embankment property firm and confirm what knowledge he has about Mr McAnthony's reported requests as specified in the media?</p>
4.	<p>Question from Councillor Wiggin</p> <p>Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>Representatives of Peterborough United Football Club have been in the media asking Peterborough City Council for an interest free loan to fund the building of a new stadium. What response has been given by the Council?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Barkham (1)</p> <p>Councillor Fitzgerald, Leader of the Council</p> <p>The Leader has referred to his ideology several times. Can the Leader share with Members what his political ideology is?</p>
6.	<p>Question from Councillor Hogg (1)</p> <p>Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p> <p>With plans for relocating the Regional Pool to a new location now cancelled can we be updated on the future for the existing regional pool, specifically the budgeted costs involved as it was reported that "over the next ten years, the Regional Pool will cost the Council £13.2m to keep it going, which includes £6m of capital finance to address works identified in the Council's June 2020 condition survey of the building?"</p>
7.	<p>Question from Councillor Hogg (2)</p> <p>Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p> <p>The recent phase of the consultation for the Embankment masterplan shows a removal of the athletics track and the two football pitches on all four of the options. What are the plans for moving these facilities and where are they being moved to?</p>
8.	<p>Question from Councillor Sandford (2)</p> <p>Councillor Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p> <p>When library opening hours were cut a few years ago, additional opening time was provided for many libraries in Peterborough by use of an unsupervised access facility.</p> <p>Since libraries have re-opened following the peak of the Covid pandemic, these additional unsupervised opening hours have not been reinstated. This means that, for example, Werrington Library, which serves my council ward, is only open for three hours each day.</p>

	<p>Could the relevant cabinet member tell me when full library opening hours, including unsupervised access time, are likely to be restored?</p>
9.	<p>Question from Councillor Barkham (2)</p> <p>Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Health tell me what assessment the Council and the various health organisations in Peterborough have taken of the current prevalence of gay conversion therapy in Peterborough and what measures these organisations are taking to prevent this practice from being used?</p>

	<u>Questions on notice to:</u> d. The Combined Authority Representatives
	Nil

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10(a)
8 December 2021	ADDITIONAL REPORT

Report of:	Peter Carpenter, Corporate Director of Resources	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Andy Coles Cabinet Member for Finance	
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COUNCIL ADDENDUM – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022/23-2024/25- PHASE ONE

Recommendation

That Council notes:

1. The final responses to the consultation received via the budget survey up to the 6 December 2021.
2. The recommendations made at the Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees and the responses to these recommendations.

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 10 additional consultation responses received, which we were unable to include within the main report due to the timing of publication. These together with the 27 responses already reported takes the total amount of responses received via the online survey up to 37.
- 1.3. The consultation concluded at 5pm on 6 December, as set out on the website and within the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23- 2024/25 Report which went to Cabinet on 29 November 2021. The original timetable published in the report which went to Cabinet on 25 October 2021.
- 1.4. No paper (hard copy) consultation responses were received.
- 1.5. The Joint Meeting of The Scrutiny Committees took place on 17 November, from which the recommendations are included within this report.

Additional online Survey Responses:

Do you have any comments to make about the phase one budget proposals?	how much do you now feel you understand about why the council must make total savings of almost £27.6million in 2022/23?	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>Yes, I'm very disappointed that you are proposing to remove the ADS Hit Squad, this team are fantastic. Regardless of the savings you need to make, keeping the city clean and tidy is taxpayers priority and therefore no compromise should be made in respect of this service. The city is still struggling with a significant amount of discarded litter, flytipping and general environmental issues and the Council should recognise that Council Tax payers do not want to see this or the cleansing teams affected by such budget cuts.</p>	<p>A great deal</p>	<p>Invest more in your Debt Management/Collection service with Serco. Interestingly I spoke with the Recovery Team last week and queried why I was on hold for such a long time. I was informed you only have x2 Recovery Officers as many of the team had recently left and not replaced! How can it be justified that you only have two people to deal with people that don't pay and how is this fair to those that do pay! This is negligent.</p>
<p>Aragon Service reduction The Green Flag award is an international standard for Parks and open spaces. The city has 4 green flag sites. The Council uses the Green flag status to demonstrate efficient management of the parks and open spaces concerned. In the past awards have been promoted in the press including photocalls with cabinet members and involved parties with a great amount of pride. The Green flag application fees are minor and the A £8000 allocated for the deep cleans before formal judging is minor compared to the savings required and a small price to pay to keep something the city can be proud of. The Friends of Itter park feel that not applying for green flag status in its parks would be a mistake and lead to a clear downturn in standards as the parks are not being independently judged on an annual basis. Whilst that brings us to the second point of the removal of spring and summer bedding. We appreciate this is a major expense for something that has a short lifespan. We have met with officers and the Cabinet member for Waste, street scene and the environment and representees from Central Park and Manor Farm to discuss how we can replace this going forward with something more environmentally sustainable but at the same time keeping a nice aesthetic to the area. One of the ideas is to put in perennial plants/bulbs and have these funded by 3rd party sponsors. Been able to keep the green flag applications live would majorly help any sponsorship bid. Further meetings on these ideas are forthcoming On the green flag formal judging whilst the bedding is an issue and nice to see it is a very small part of the story. Judges are looking for</p>	<p>A great deal</p>	<p>Look at alternative methods to replace the formal bedding. However, in order to aid this ring fencing the £8000 that is used to get things ready for green flag judging. Having a Green flag award for a park or set of parks will greatly improve the chances of being successful in any bid.</p>

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<p>biodiversity and community involvement more than pristine formal bedding. Whilst the bedding will have to be replaced with something, we have found judges are fully aware of council cuts so long as ideas to improve and do things differently are on the table. The Friends of Itter Park would be actively enthusiastic about being part of any discussions with Peterborough City Council and Aragon to make this happen.</p>		
	Not very much	<p>An active approach to appeal for volunteers to assist with council duties for example some of the street cleaning services have been removed recruiting campaign for assistance with cleaning areas in the city a great deal of residents in the city take pride in the area where they live and I'm sure there would be a general interest in offering help and support a good example of this is the city hospital which have a great support of volunteers who are committed to support the hospital and have been doing this for many years and without there support the hospital would notice a noticeable impact in some of the day to day running of the hospital</p>
<p>Before you start cutting the Core Services like Cleaning , social care etc you should consider reducing the number of Councilors - you never hear from them until they want your vote - actually during the pandemic which is ongoing never heard a word from them - I think PCC have wasted so much money - I think they should be placed like Northampton Shire under special measures -</p>	A great deal	<p>Reduce the number of Councilors stop wasting money , they should be put by the Government under Special Measures -</p>
<p>Don't work for the council but I know from working in other local authorities and large organisations that there is a lot of waste in the way things are done so I hope you have in place stringent business process reviews. You've identified some serco savings but impossible for us to comment without working there. Re planting - agree annual flowers though lovely are a waste of money but given that we should consider well being and some people don't have their own gardens could you not plant flowering bushes. Not paying for replacement bins might increase fly tipping although charging developers for new bins is good idea.</p>	Not very much	<p>Quality of some of the work contractors do should be reviewed, I think you pay twice for things due to poor quality workmanship. Do you review complaints log properly to spot themes and recurring issues - this can identify areas need to improve and potentially save money. Personally I think the university idea is ridiculous. No idea how much it's costing the council but hopefully nothing! We don't need to spend council money on the queens jubilee. I'm sure lots of other organisations will do things so council doesn't need to</p>
<p>You cant take away money from Social Care, there are many whom dont have family or good family networks. Complex Care will go through the floor and</p>		

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people will die. Look after your people, they are the currency of a good community.		
Why have no savings been found in Highways and Traffic? Peterborough does not need more speed humps, yellow lines. Huge savings can be found in Highways as this is not essential to have traffic islands, humps. It provides no benefits. A few reductions in headcount will also make further savings. The only money that should be spent in highways is on quality pothole filling and resurfacing when urgent.	A fair amount	Huge savings can be found in Highways as this is not essential to have traffic islands, humps. It provides no benefits. A few reductions in headcount will also make further savings. The only money that should be spent in highways is on quality pothole filling and resurfacing when urgent. Local Land Charges fees traditionally provided the Council with surplus income and more could be raised. Parking charge increases need to be resisted as this will deter economic growth. Councillors could take a 10% cut in their allowances or reduce the number of councillors. Spending money on new vehicles must be resisted as this is not urgent nor is changing street lighting to LED. Parks spending needs to be maintained as this is a valued public resource. Headcount in the Authority? Do we need so many audit and policy people. Can we share resources jointly with neighbouring authorities and split the costs resulting in savings for both. Do public buildings need to be heated so extensively. Reduce heating by 2 degrees will save money and still remain pleasant. I can't afford to keep my own heating in my home above 19.5c so why council buildings and schools are so hot and have windows and doors opened as it's too hot inside. A bit of theft all round is needed.
		STOP WASTING MONEY ON ALL TRAFFIC SCHEMES, BOLLARDS, HUMPS. TOTAL WASTE OF MONEY AND DOES NOTHING.
Are they really going to resolve the situation, when they insist on paying high salaries to those who make the decision within the council.	A fair amount	Why are they not closely looking into the performance of NPS, what benefits to the provide and at what cost.
The city needs the central governments grants removed and reduced since 2010 reinstating to it. Peterborough is a unique place with many people coming to the city from many other parts of the country / world. These groups do not have the support of family and friends that one might expect from a more established and stable communities to receive support and care from family as is suggested here. It is a naive suggestion and takes no account of the burdens put on LAs by government. It will also lead to expensive legal challenges in my opinion.	Not very much	The state of the roads is perilous. If you examine many of the roads in Peterborough most are damaged and worn by poor quality repairs and patching. This has been caused mainly by utility companies. Moving the money from Highway repairs to maintain services and employing managers to identify and force utility companies to repair the roads they have damaged would save considerable sums of money and make those who have done the damage to our highways pay for it. Many people commute into Peterborough each day for work, leisure and other purposes as is evidenced by the traffic volumes and

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		<p>queues. These people do not contribute to Peterborough but live in their leafy suburban villages. They need to contribute via non resident congestion, parking and access charges. They need to pay their part in contributing to the financial health of Peterborough and support the green agenda. Remove Councillors allowances and make being a Peterborough council member a voluntary role. Thousands of people in the city act as volunteers why not councillors? Look to build the Castor township and use the downstream incomes to develop Peterborough further. Challenge the two local MPs to show how much income and investment they are bringing into the city. Make them an integral part of your annual budget building activities.</p>

The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES ON 17 NOVEMBER 2021	RESPONSE
<p>It was recommended that no proposals on the hydrotherapy pool funding would be put to Council until the users' group and wider disability communities that may be affected had been fully consulted and reported back.</p>	<p>Jamie Fenton (Partnership Manager) has been meeting with Karen Oldale (Chair of the Friends Group) every 3-4 weeks.</p> <p>When our proposal was published it was immediately shared with the Pool's Friends email group with a link to the consultation.</p> <p>Karen posted the news with a link to the Budget Consultation on their website - http://www.hydrotherapypeterborough.com/community/st-george-s-community-hydrotherapy-pool-12973/news/possible-sale-of-st-george-s-community-hydrotherapy-pool-50054</p> <p>The same information was shared on their Friends and Service Users Twitter and Facebook accounts.</p> <p>Karen was questioned by the Peterborough Disability Forum about the sale as there were concerns but everyone seemed genuinely happy after she had explained her view and what was planned.</p> <p>Users have been contacted by the purchaser via Karen, to ask what they would like to see in a refurbishment.</p>
<p>It was recommended that the Cabinet Member for Finance consider a differential charge for a replacement green and black bin and that the proposed charge would be less for the green bin than the black bin. This was hoped to encourage residents not to put recycled waste into their black bin.</p>	<p>We will look at a different cost model for the replacement of recycling bins as opposed to residual bins, whilst still ensuring this delivers the same level of financial benefit as the proposal included within phase one. The current proposal for replacement bins is based on the current true costs of this service, when we complete the modelling to look at this recommendation one of the options, we will consider is to increase the costs of the replacement residual bins, which would allow us to reduce the cost of the recycling</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES ON 17 NOVEMBER 2021	RESPONSE
	<p>bins. Options will be drafted by officers in Place & Economy and Finance, with the options being presented to the Financial Sustainability Working Group for review. It is important to remember the Council needs to work on the delivery of Financial Sustainability, therefore we need to ensure any options presented are delivering to that priority.</p> <p>For some additional context last financial year the Council replaced roughly the same of each bin type with 1054 residual and 908 recycling bins being replaced</p>

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ALTERATION TO 'CABINET RECOMMENDATION – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022/23 TO 2024/25 – PHASE ONE' FROM COUNCILLOR COLES

Alteration to be moved as follows:

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council approves:

1. The Phase One budget proposals as outlined in Appendix B to the report.
2. The updated budget assumptions, to be incorporated within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 – 2024/25. These are outlined in sections 5 of the report.
- ~~3. The revised capital programme outlined in section 5 and referencing Appendix C to the report.~~
43. The Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25 - Phase One, as set out in the body of the report and the following appendices:
 - Appendix A – 2022/23-2024/25 MTFS Detailed Budget Position Phase One
 - Appendix B – Phase One Budget Consultation Document
 - ~~• Appendix C – Capital Programme Schemes 2022/23-2024/25~~
 - Appendix D – Financial Risk Register
 - Appendix E – Equality Impact Assessments
 - Appendix F – Carbon Impact Assessments
 - Appendix G – Budget Consultation Feedback

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council notes:

- ~~54.~~ The strategic financial approach taken by the Council outlined in section 4 of this report.
- ~~65.~~ The forecast reserves position, and the provisional statutory advice of the Chief Finance Officer outlined in section 6, The Robustness Statement for Phase One.
- ~~76.~~ The feedback received on the budget proposals, received via the consultation detailed in Appendix G to the report.
7. A revised capital programme outlined in section 5 and Appendix C will be presented to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 16th December to ensure that the Council places a temporary moratorium on some of the capital spending pending the presentation of a revised capital programme at its meeting in March 2022.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
8 DECEMBER 2021	PUBLIC REPORT

RECORD OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting	Dates of Meeting	Representative
Audit and Governance Committee	N/A	Cllr Shaz Nawaz
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	25 October 2021 22 November 2021	Cllr Coles Cllr Shaz Nawaz
Combined Authority Board	27 October 2021 24 November 2021	Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald

1.1 The above meetings have taken place in October and November 2021.

2. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25 OCTOBER AND 22 NOVEMBER

2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 25 October and 22 November, the decision summary is attached at Appendix 1 and 2.

3. COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD – 27 OCTOBER AND 24 NOVEMBER

3.1 The Combined Authority Board met on 27 October and 24 November, the decision summary is attached at Appendix 3 and 3.

3.2 The agendas and minutes of the meetings are on the Combined Authority’s website – Link in the appendices.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 25 October 2021

Agenda/Minutes: [Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 25 October 2021](#)

Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupré

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Rippeth, substituted by Cllr Fane. Apologies were received from Cllr Coles, Cllr Dew and Cllr Goldsack.
2.	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
4.	Public Questions	There were no public questions received.
5.	Transport Update	The Mayor in his role as the Chair for Transport and Infrastructure Committee and the Transport Manager, provided the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the work being carried out by officers across the transport schemes requested by the committee.
6.	Confirmation of Lead Member Appointments	The Committee received the report which requested they confirm the appointment of the Lead Members for Housing, Skills and the Transport & Infrastructure Committees, the Business Board and Climate Change & Environment. The Committee agreed to:

Item	Topic	Decision [<i>None of the decisions below are key decisions</i>]
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Confirm the appointments of members to the roles of Lead Members for the Housing, Skills and the Transport & Infrastructure Committees, the Business Board and Climate Change & Environment. b) Appoint Cllr Hay as the Rapporteur for the Bus Reform Review and Cllr Davey as the Rapporteur for the CAM.
7.	Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements Update	<p>The Committee received the report, which provided the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update on the work being carried out by officers in relation to the actions recommended by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the Action Log from officers. b) Approve the Information Sharing Protocol. c) Note the feedback from the Combined Authority Board meeting.
8.	O&S Trading Companies – Terms of Reference	<p>The Committee received the draft terms of reference report in relation to the Committee’s role in scrutinising the Combined Authority’s trading companies, and highlighted the main points raised and issues identified in the report.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the terms of reference of the Committee in relation to the Combined Authority trading companies subject to the removal of part A as they found this sat within A&G Committee’s terms of reference, and that part C be amended to state ‘Review any matter within the Committee’s power, pertaining to the Combined Authority’s trading companies and any future activities of those trading companies.’

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9.	Topics for Mayor's Question Time	<p>The Committee received the report, which requested the Overview and Scrutiny Committee discuss and agree the topic of questions for the Mayor's Question Time scheduled for the 22nd November 2021.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the topics would be affordable housing and the Mayor's priorities.</p>
10.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The Committee received and noted the Forward Plan.
11.	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme	<p>The Committee received the report which requested the Committee discuss and make suggestions on the suggested work programme and review any scoping reviews that have been received by the Scrutiny Officer.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approve the work programme. b) note the additional date in March to accommodate the second Mayor's Question Time. c) approve the scoping report for the Accommodation Strategy to be taken forward.
12.	Combined Authority Board Agenda	The Committee agreed that no questions should be asked at the CA Board meeting.
13.	Date and Time of Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Committee would be on Monday, 22 November 2021 11:00am at Sand Martin House, Peterborough.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: 22 November 2021

Agenda/Minutes: [Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 22 November 2021](#)

Chair: Cllr Lorna Dupré

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Apologies	Apologies received from Cllr M. Davey by Cllr S. Smith
2.	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.
4.	Mayor's Opening Statement	There were no public questions received.
5.	Questions to the Mayor from Members of the Committee	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the pre-submitted questions for which the written responses had now been published on the website, which are available to view at Mayor's Questions and Responses.</p> <p>Supplementary questions were asked of the Mayor and he responded accordingly.</p>
6.	Closing Statement from the Mayor and Chair	Following the Mayor's contribution, the Chair opened discussion around areas that the Committee might wish for the work programme either in the short-, medium-, or longer-term or for future briefings. The following were raised as areas the Committee could consider moving forward:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic/commercial waste: delivering similar processes across all constituent authorities • Growth Ambition Statement: when the indicators are revealed the Committee to consider these • Affordable and Social Housing: the issue of developers not being accommodating to build such housing and developers not meeting their affordable housing targets; and the issue of funding from central government and the Mayor's ongoing discussions with the DLUHC • Retrofitting and insulation: the ability of the Mayor to push his authority downwards to constituent authorities to spend money on this; and support and advice for residents across all tenures • Flooding and water management: what influence can the Mayor bring to these with constituent authorities? • The Mayoral philosophy: reflecting on how the Committee understands the developing metrics and how these are applied to skills, transport, and housing
7.	Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme	<p>The two scoping documents presented to the meeting were noted. Cllr Atkins stated he would be presenting a complementary timeline to the Committee on the Climate Change scoping document.</p> <p>The Chair stated she would bring a report on the Devolution Deal to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>

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		Cllr Goldsack as rapporteur for the work on the Combined Authority's Accommodation Strategy agreed to prepare an update for the Committee's next meeting.
8.	Date and Time of Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting of the Committee would be on Monday, 13 December 2021 at 11:00 at New Shire Hall, Alconbury.</p> <p>There was some discussion over the use of New Shire Hall as a future venue for Committee meetings as concern was raised to its accessibility for those travelling by public transport or active travel. It was agreed that the December meeting would remain at the venue but the scheduled Committee meetings in February and April be moved to alternative venues.</p>

Combined Authority Board Decision Summary

Meeting: 27 October 2021

Agenda/Minutes: [Combined Authority Board - 27 October 2021](#)

Chair: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor Lewis Herbert, substituted by Councillor Martin Smart, and Councillor Chis Boden, substituted by Councillor Jan French.

There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 Minutes of the Combined Authority Board meeting on 29th September 2021

The minutes of the meeting on 29 September 2021 were approved as an accurate record, subject to some factual corrections in relation to comments attributed to Councillor Bailey.

1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

1.4 Public Questions

One public question was received. The question and written response (once published) can be viewed [here](#).

Part 2 – Combined Authority Decisions

2.1 Future Proposals for One CAM Ltd and Local Transport Plan Refresh

It was resolved to:

- a) Note progress on the Local Transport Plan (LTP) refresh;
- b) Provide feedback on the development of the Local Transport and Connectivity (LTCP) programme, outlining key areas to be addressed within the Soft Launch engagement, in relation to the overarching vision, aims and objectives as well as key challenges and opportunities;
- c) Note that the Transport and Infrastructure Committee has invited officers to review the relevance of the LTP CAM Sub-Strategy following a decision on the ONECAM SPV, and to report back to a future Transport and Infrastructure Committee;
- d) Permanently stop the development of the CAM programme and agree that One CAM Limited can permanently cease work; and
- e) Agree to a programme of initial public engagement for four weeks in November 2021, followed by a six-week consultation in January 2022 of the framework document, with the Final Plan delivered to Board March 2022 meeting.

In respect of One CAM LTD, to:

- a) Agree that the company be placed into dormancy, followed by strike off from the register of companies;
- b) Approve that the costs associated with the closure of One CAM Limited (as set out in this report) be met;

- c) Agree the remaining shareholders' funds repaid by One CAM Limited be returned to the Recycled Growth Fund as partial reimbursement for the Business Board's £995k investment in the project; and
- d) Agree to transfer funds from the Combined Authority's Capital Single Pot to the Recycled Growth Funds to reimburse any shortfall between the £995k invested by the Business Board and the shareholder's funds received by the Combined Authority from One CAM Limited.

2.2 Bus Service Reform

It was resolved to:

- a) Delegate authority to the Head of Transport, in consultation with the Chair of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer, to submit the Authority's Bus Service Improvement Plan to the Department for Transport no later than 29th October 2021;
- b) Delegate authority to the Head of Transport, in consultation with the Chair of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer, to progress at the earliest opportunity the designated BSIP activities should the funding from Department for Transport (DfT) be approved; and
- c) Approve public engagement on the Bus Reform proposals following completion of the independent audit of the Outline Business Case.

2.3 OxCam Arc Spatial Framework Position Statement

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the response to the government's consultation attached at Appendix 1;
- b) Note the issues raised by constituent authorities, parish councils and other respondents to the consultation in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; and

- c) Mandate the Mayor, Lead Members and officers to engage proactively in discussions with government as it enters the next phase of developing its proposed spatial framework.

2.4 Strategic Water Issues

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree that the Combined Authority should send a senior representative to the Sponsor Group of the Future Fens Integrated Adaptation Initiative, and approve a financial contribution of £40,000 in 2021-22 from the Non-Strategic Spatial Framework budget line to support the initiative in developing a business case for investment in water management and climate change adaptation in the Fens;
- b) Agree that the Combined Authority should join the Water Resources East (WRE) Board and approve the expenditure of £7,500 in 2021-22 from the Non-Statutory Spatial Framework budget as a subscription to WRE membership; and
- c) Subject to recommendation (b) being approved, delegate authority to the Chief Executive to nominate a senior officer to represent the Combined Authority on the Water Resources East Board.

2.5 Net Zero Compliant Policies: Making an Immediate Difference

It was resolved to:

- a) Endorse the proposed framework for an Action Plan as set out at Appendix 1, and ask the Climate Working Group to prepare by 28 February 2022, for subsequent consideration by the Board on 30 March 2022, a more ambitious, comprehensive and public friendly Action Plan setting out how the Combined Authority will take action to implement the recommendations of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate, or if agreement cannot be reached among partners by that time, to report on the outstanding issues; and thereafter, ensure an updated Action Plan is brought to the Board before the end of March each year.
- b) Note the setting up of the Climate Working Group to bring partners together to provide system-wide leadership in implementing the wider elements of the Commission's recommendations;

- c) Mandate officers to take forward actions with CPCA budget implications through the Medium-Term Financial Plan refresh process and in line with the Assurance Framework requirements for expenditure decisions;
- d) Mandate officers to review the Assurance Framework and project management guidance to ensure that future Board decisions at project gateways can take into account evidence of their climate impact; and
- e) Mandate officers to prepare a procurement policy for consideration by the Board that would set out criteria for applying climate change considerations to the procurement of goods, services, and to future funding agreements with delivery partners. This policy to include:
 - a. appropriate scoring criteria for climate change in tendered goods and services;
 - b. any minimum standards to be applied for suppliers;
 - c. an assessment of impacts on supply chain.

2.6 OxCam Arc Environment Principles

It was resolved to:

Endorse the OxCam Arc Environment Principles.

Part 3 – Combined Authority Governance Reports

3.1 Annotated Forward Plan

It was resolved to:

Approve the annotated Forward Plan.

3.2 Appointment of Independent Persons

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the appointment of David Pearl as the Independent Person for the Combined Authority for a four-year term; and
- b) Approve the appointment of Gillian Holmes as the reserve Independent Person for the Combined Authority for a four-year term.

3.3 Information Governance: Updated GDPR Policies

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve and adopt the new GDPR policies set out at Appendix 1 to 7; and
- b) Delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make consequential amendments to the GDPR policies as required.

Combined Authority Board Decision Summary

Meeting: 24 November 2021

Agenda/Minutes: [Combined Authority Board - 24 November 2021](#)

Chair: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received from Darryl Preston, Police and Crime Commissioner (substituted by John Peach, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner) and Councillor Edna Murphy, Chair of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority.

There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 Minutes of the Combined Authority Board meeting on 27 October 2021

The minutes of the meeting on 27 October 2021 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

1.3 Petitions

No petitions were received.

1.4 Public Questions

One public question was received. The question and written response (once published) can be viewed here - [Public Question and Written Response](#)

Part 2 – Finance

2.1 Budget Monitor Report November 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the financial position of the Combined Authority for the year to date.
- b) Approve the reinstatement of the £750k budget for Cambridge South Station.

2.2 Draft Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement and 2022-23 draft budget and medium-term financial plan 2022 to 2026

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the Draft Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement for consultation.
- b) Approve the Draft Budget for 2022/23 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26 for consultation.
- c) Approve the timetable for consultation and those to be consulted.

Part 3 – Combined Authority Decisions

3.1 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate Full Report

It was resolved to:

- a) Thank the Commissioners for their work in developing the climate recommendations.
- b) Support the Commission's call for more devolved funding to implement the recommendations.
- c) Agree the development of actions to implement the CPCA recommendations in Appendix 2, subject to appropriate funding and business case assessments.
- d) Request the Climate Working Group consider the additional recommendations for other stakeholders in Appendix 3 as part of its work on the action plan due in February 2022.
- e) Note the recommendation on the future of the Commission and invite officers to develop revised terms of reference with the Chair of the Commission.

3.2 Capability Fund 2021-22 Grant Award

It was resolved to:

Approve the release of the Capability Fund grant from Department for Transport (DfT) to Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, as set out in Paragraph 3.1, to deliver against the bid the Combined Authority submitted in April 2021.

3.3 St Neots Future High Streets Fund Scheme - Combined Authority Co-Funding Business Case

It was resolved to:

- a) Accept the Business Case produced for Combined Authority match funding towards the St Neots Future High Streets Fund Scheme.
- b) Authorise the Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer to complete the funding agreement with the grant recipient.

3.4 Market Towns Programme Investment Prospectus – Approval of recommended projects - November 2021

It was resolved to:

Approve project proposals received under the Market Towns Programme received from East Cambridgeshire District Council for the town of Ely to the sum of £344,000.

3.5 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Business Growth Company Limited - Appointment of new Director

It was resolved to:

Consent to the appointment of Alan Downton, Deputy Chief Officer of the Business Board at the Cambridgeshire Peterborough Combined Authority, as a director of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Business Growth Company Limited (Growth Co)

3.6 Community Renewal Fund Award

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the award of £3,393,851 from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) jointly with Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in relation to the Community Renewal Fund
- b) Following acceptance of the grant, delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer to enter into grant funding agreements on behalf of the Combined Authority with the two approved providers.

By recommendation to the Combined Authority Board

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Part 4 – Transport and Infrastructure Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

4.1 March Area Transport Study Outline Business Case

It was resolved to:

Approve the drawdown of **£1.51** million for production of the Full Business Case and detailed design.

4.2 A1260 Nene Parkway Junction 15

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the Full Business Case.
- b) Approve an allocation of £3.014m from its capital reserves to increase the current subject to approval budget from £5m to the forecast construction cost of £8.014m.

- c) Approve the total £8.014m for the construction phase of the project including the re-profiling of the project budget.

Part 5 – Skills Committee recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

5.1 Adult Education Budget Commissioning Approach and Statement for 2022-23 onwards

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the proposed commissioning approach for the devolved Adult Education Budget from 2022-23 academic year onwards, to procure Independent Training Providers under contracts for services for up to £3m per year, subject to Department for Education (DfE) awarding the funding.
- b) Approve the implementation of three-year Plan-Led Funding, for the commissioning of Further Education Colleges and Local Authorities, operating under grant funding, from 2022-23 academic year onwards, subject to DfE funding awards.
- c) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into multi-year grant funding agreements with providers on behalf of the Combined Authority, following approval of three-year Plans
- d) Delegate authority to the Director of Business and Skills in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to enter into contracts for services with Independent Training Providers on behalf of the Combined Authority, following conclusion of the commissioning process outlined in this report.

Part 6 – Business Board recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

6.1 Strategic Funding Management Review November 2021 and Project Change Request

It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the project change request for the University of Peterborough Phase 2 Car Park infrastructure project.

- b) Approve the proposed strategy for investing Business Board recycled funds, and for the Monitoring Officer to make any relevant changes to the Local Assurance Framework.

6.2 Agri-Tech Sector Strategy

It was resolved to:

Approve the adoption of the Agri-Tech Sector Strategy/ Action Plan.

6.3 Business Board Annual Report 2020-21

It was resolved to:

- a) Note the Business Board Annual Report 2020-2021.
- b) Note the need for further funding beyond the current allocation for the Annual Report to develop the Business Board microsite, and the intention to request a virement from the forecast underspend on the Business Board Effectiveness Review to meet this need.

Part 7 – Governance Reports

7.1 Combined Authority Committee Membership Changes and Business Board Substitutes November 2021

It was resolved to:

- a) Ratify the appointment by Fenland District Council of Councillor Samantha Hoy as its substitute member on the Housing Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2021/2022.
- b) Ratify the appointment by East Cambs District Council of Councillor Ian Bovingdon as its member on the Transport and Infrastructure Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2021/2022.

- c) Approve the reappointment of the nominated substitute member for the Mayor and Lead Member for Economic Growth for the Business Board (Councillor Anna Bailey).
- d) Note the appointment by Peterborough City Council of Councillor Amjad Iqbal as one of its members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2021/2022.

7.2 Annotated Forward Plan

It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan.

7.3 Performance Report

It was resolved to:

Note the latest Performance Dashboard

COUNCIL MEETING 8 DECEMBER 2021

ALTERATION TO MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR IQBAL

Alteration to be moved as follows:

“The term Windrush generation refers to those invited to relocate from their homes in commonwealth countries to settle in Britain between 1948 to 1971. The first significant number arrived at Tilbury docks aboard HM Empire Windrush on 22 June 1948, from the Caribbean, however, migration was from Africa and Asia as well as the Caribbean.

The 1948 British Nationality Act established the status of UK citizens and its colonies - anybody who could prove they were born within the British Empire had the right to settle and work in Britain. Indefinite leave to remain was granted in 1971. At the time, it was not unusual for children not to have their own documents travelling on their parents' passports. It has subsequently come to light that Home Office has not kept detailed records of arrivals.

The Home Office's failure to keep detailed records of the arrivals in the UK created an issue for the 'Windrush generation' unable to evidence or demonstrate their lawful status when facing immigration checks to continue working, access services or even to remain in the UK.

This Council notes:

1. The enormous contribution of members of the Windrush Generation to British society following the Second World War.
2. That the many thousands of members of the Windrush Generation who made their homes in this country to build a better life and contribute to our society were granted indefinite leave to remain in 1971.
3. That members of the Windrush generation residing in Peterborough may have suffered loss and unfair treatment with regard to their immigration status, including threat of deportation due to the failure of the Home Office to maintain records of their lawful right to remain in the UK.
4. The ongoing implications of this treatment for many people and their families.
5. The Governments Windrush Scheme (get a document showing your right to be in the UK & apply for compensation)

<https://www.gov.uk/windrush-prove-your-right-to-be-in-the-uk/windrush-helpline>

6. That the Council holds an annual civic event to commemorate the Windrush generation on 22nd June.

This Council therefore resolves:

- a. To continue to mark Windrush Day on 22nd June in the City of Peterborough annually as a civic celebration to recognise and honour the enormous contribution of those who arrived between 1948 and 1973.
- b. To call upon our local MPs to make representations to the government to:

- ☐ support advice agencies fully and financially in their work to achieve support, advocacy, and justice for all Peterborough residents affected by the Windrush Scandal,
 - ☐ not to cap compensation amounts payable to victims under its compensation scheme or to apply confidentiality agreements, time limits and other arbitrary restrictions, and
 - ☐ To waive fees for naturalisation to be waived for all who have been affected and provide legal aid for those who have been affected.
- c. To thank third sector organisations within the city for their support and advocacy for victims of the Windrush Scandal.

This Council further resolves to ask the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities:

- d. To offer support and signposting of the City of Peterborough residents affected by the scandal who may be seeking help, including to third sector organisations which provide support, advice, and advocacy.
- e. To promote the Windrush Compensation Scheme to help ensure that all Peterborough residents who may be eligible for compensation are aware of it.
- f. To identify the Windrush Generation residents and their descendants who are in receipt of adult social care support, or are in education or being looked after, and that the council will target its support towards those. To identify and address inequalities specifically targeting work with our Windrush Generation residents.
- g. To work with the Peterborough Windrush Support Group, Legacy of Windrush Descendants, to develop its activities to celebrate and give recognition to the Windrush generation.”

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ALTERATION TO MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR SAQIB FAROOQ

Alteration to be moved as follows:

“Peterborough City Council should look to set up a process in the medium term, offering green bonds to local residents and businesses, giving them an opportunity to invest into greener Peterborough, while earning back on their investments. People and businesses can buy from as little as 5 pounds into the new security and collect interest on their investment.

The money will be put toward new green community infrastructure, including electric vehicle charging points, tree planting, solar panels on public buildings etc. PCC will also aim to develop a zero carbon recycling and waste collection. This will help us achieve our commitment of reaching our goal of net-zero carbon by 2030.

Green bonds are becoming popular with institutional investors, with governments globally issuing \$181 billion of debt so far in 2021.

More than a quarter of local councils in UK are considering their own climate bonds.

The bonds issued will pay fixed interest of 1.5% per annum over a 5/10 year period. That's more than double the interest paid by the UK government's green bonds and high street banks, making it more attractive for residents to buy green bonds from PCC. For PCC this interest paid will also be considerably lower than typical loans from state backed entities. Other authorities who have implemented this scheme have found that many residents/investors donated back their accrued interest to the council, further increasing funding to use for green initiatives.

For PCC and its lenders it will not just be about money, 'PCC can look at the engagement it will get from local residents (bondholders). For example, If we get one thousand investors in the local green bond, we have a thousand people who are supporting the green projects locally and will do other things in their lives to support the drive to net zero by 2030.

After consultation with the Corporate Director of Resources, and the current financial pressures on PCC, it is agreed that our priority should be achieving financial sustainability by 2023/24, and considering this scheme in the medium term (or once resources allow).

The Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Finance to consider the establishment of a Green Bond scheme, in the medium term, once financial sustainability is reached in 2023/24.”

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