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FULL COUNCIL 25 JANUARY 2023 QUESTIONS

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	<p>Question from Mark Simlo</p> <p>Councillor Fitzgerald, Leader of the Council</p> <p>Regarding the EG1 index plate assigned to the Mayor's car.</p> <p>Please could I ask for an explanation as to what benefits to the taxpaying residents of Peterborough would be lost if it were to be sold in these tough economic times?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Barry Turner</p> <p>Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport</p> <p>Peterborough Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and has committed to zero carbon by 2030.</p> <p>There are opportunities for residents to contribute towards this, at little cost to the public purse, for example by installing double glazing, better insulation, installing heat pumps, switching to electric vehicles, installing solar panels.</p> <p>The recent exponential rise in energy costs has transformed the economics of installing domestic solar photovoltaic power and rising inflation has further added to this. These installations can be up and running within a matter of months.</p> <p>Will the Council urgently review its policies and remove obstacles it imposes on solar energy and enable more residents to generate their own electricity and also allow the supply of low-cost electricity to the grid for other users?</p>

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 Skibsted**

Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport

It has recently been published that the car park for the regional pool will now be used for a further university building and that currently there is no firm plan for where residents using the regional pool will be able to park.

While expansion of the university is very important for the city, the regional pool is a facility enjoyed by many - not least many children who learn to swim - and is one of the few places in Peterborough where people can swim for a reasonable price. Membership of the leisure centre is not way beyond many people's budget, as with private leisure facilities and clubs. Apparently, construction will start in February leaving very little time for alternative arrangements to be made for parking.

Can the Cabinet Member give assurance that a suitable parking alternative will be found for those using the regional pool to ensure that everyone has the access they need, be it families with children, elderly people, or disabled people, showing that welfare and health of Peterborough's citizens is of equal importance to university students. If this is not possible within one month, will the construction work be postponed to allow time to find a suitable alternative?

2. **Question from Councillor Hemraj**

Councillor Howard, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health

With over capacity within our hospital and some patients who are medically fit for discharge putting pressure on our residents needing emergency care, do we know the pressures on social care currently in the city?

3. **Question from Councillor Wiggin (1)**

Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communications, Culture and Communities

What progress is being made on the Council's strategy to tackle anti-social behaviour across the city?

4.	<p>Question from Councillor Stevenson (1)</p> <p>Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Communications, Culture and Communities</p> <p>Peterborough Police have issued a public call to parents after reports of anti-social behaviour involving teenagers at the new Puttstars facility in Queensgate. While Puttstars is private business, and Queensgate is a private business, is there anything the council can do resolve the situation, given the very negative impression these incidents leave with the public and potential visitors to the city?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Stevenson (2)</p> <p>Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance</p> <p>Voters will be required to produce ID when voting in person at the local elections in May. What is the council doing to ensure the city's disabled people are fully aware of the changes and to ensure they do not become disenfranchised?</p>
6.	<p>Question from Councillor Wiggin (2)</p> <p>Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport</p> <p>The Council is going to rely on the Energy from Waste (EFW) plant as the main heat source for a heat network to supply local businesses (called the PIRI project). How are the businesses going to obtain heat when the EFW plant is not operating?</p>

	<u>Questions on notice to:</u> d. The Combined Authority Representatives
	None received.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(a)
25 JANUARY 2023	SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Report of:	Rochelle Tapping, Director of Legal and Governance	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	N/A	
Contact Officer(s):	Pippa Turvey, Democratic and Constitutional Services Director	Tel. 452460

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT: REVISED POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Director of Legal and Governance</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agrees the allocation of seats on committees subject to political balance arrangements (Updated Appendix 1). 	

1. UPDATED KEY ISSUES

- 1.1 Following the publication of the agenda for the 25 January 2023 Council meeting, Councillor Ansar Ali announced his resignation from the Peterborough City Council Labour Group and his intention to sit as an independent Member. This brings the overall number of Peterborough City Council Members in political groups, and therefore to be included within proportionality calculations, from 59 to 58. The proposed calculation around political proportionality therefore needs to be updated accordingly.

2. UPDATED POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY

- 2.1 The political balance of the Council can be calculated by using the following formula.

$$\frac{\text{No of Group Members} \times 100}{58}$$

- 2.2

Group	Conservative	Labour	Lib Dems	Peterborough First	Green	Total
Councillors (in Groups)	28	14	8	4	4	58
Proportionality %	48.28%	24.14%	13.79%	6.90%	6.90%	100.01%

2.3 The calculation to determine the strict entitlement of political groups to seats on committees is:

$$\frac{\% \text{ from table 1}}{100} \times \frac{\text{Total No of seats available (109) – see above}}{100}$$

2.4 As set out in the updated Appendix 1 and table 1, both the Peterborough First Group and the Green Group have the same entitlement to one additional committee seat. Consultation has been undertaken with both Group Leaders and informal agreement has been reached that the Peterborough First Group will take up the additional seat, as set out below.

3. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE SEATS

3.1 In addition to those changes previously set out in the original Council report, the following changes to the committee seat allocation are set out in the Updated Appendix 1 as follows:

- Labour Group to give up two seats, one on Corporate Parenting Committee, and one on Licensing Committee.
- Conservative Group to gain one seat on Corporate Parenting Committee.
- Peterborough First Group to gain one seat on Licensing Committee.

4. APPENDICES

4.1 **Updated Appendix 1** - Allocation of seats on committees subject to political balance.

109 Seat Committees

	Number of committee seats =						
May-22			109				
Group	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Peterborough First	Green	Total	
Elected	28	14	8	4	4	58	
Proportionality %	48.28	24.14	13.79	6.90	6.90	100.01	
Entitlement to seats	52.63	26.31	15.03	7.52	7.52	109.0	
(Rounded)	53	26	15	8	7	109	

no. of Cllrs for each group
group no. / 58 x 100
total seats / 100 x proportion

There is no majority party, therefore proportionality for 109 seats will be allocated to Conservative/Labour/Liberal Democrat/Peterborough First/Green

CALCULATION FOR PROPORTIONALITY

Calculation	Result %
Conservative = 28/58*100	48.2759
Labour = 14/58*100	24.1379
Liberal Democrats = 8/58*100	13.7931
Peterborough First = 4/58*100	6.8966
Green = 4/58*100	6.8966
	100.0001

CALCULATION FOR REMAINING SEATS

Group	total seats remaining (109) / 100 x proportion%	Rounded
Conservative	52.62	53
Labour	26.31	26
Liberal Democrat	15.03	15
Peterborough First	7.52	8
Green	7.52	7
		Total
		109

Committee	Seats	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Peterborough First	Green	Total
Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	11	6	2	1	1	1	11
Growth, Resources, and Communities Scrutiny Committee	11	5	3	1	1	1	11
Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	11	5	3	1	1	1	11
Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee	11	5	3	1	1	1	11
Corporate Parenting Committee	11	5	2	2	1	1	11
Employment Committee	7	4	2	1	0	0	7
Audit Committee	7	3	2	1	0	1	7
Regulatory Committee (Non Licensing Act 2003 Committee)	11	6	2	2	1	0	11
Planning and Environmental Protection Committee	11	5	3	2	1	0	11
Appeals and Planning Review Committee	11	5	2	2	1	1	11
Constitution and Ethics Committee	7	4	2	1	0	0	7
Entitlement to Seats		53	26	15	8	7	109
Seats Pre-allocated		53	26	15	8	7	109
Adjustment to make		0	0	0	0	0	0

Committee	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	
Size	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Peterborough First	Green	
	48.28	24.14	13.79	6.90	6.90	
16	7.7248	3.8624	2.2064	1.104	1.104	16.0016
15	7.242	3.621	2.0685	1.035	1.035	15.0015
14	6.7592	3.3796	1.9306	0.966	0.966	14.0014
13	6.2764	3.1382	1.7927	0.897	0.897	13.0013
12	5.7936	2.8968	1.6548	0.828	0.828	12.0012
11	5.3108	2.6554	1.5169	0.759	0.759	11.0011
10	4.828	2.414	1.379	0.69	0.69	10.001
9	4.3452	2.1726	1.2411	0.621	0.621	9.0009
8	3.8624	1.9312	1.1032	0.552	0.552	8.0008
7	3.3796	1.6898	0.9653	0.483	0.483	7.0007
6	2.8968	1.4484	0.8274	0.414	0.414	6.0006
5	2.414	1.207	0.6895	0.345	0.345	5.0005
4	1.9312	0.9656	0.5516	0.276	0.276	4.0004
3	1.4484	0.7242	0.4137	0.207	0.207	3.0003

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