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FULL COUNCIL 6 December 2023 QUESTIONS

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	Question from Mick Bratley Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Housing, Growth and Regeneration Peterborough has now effectively lost its showground. How will the city provide cultural, sporting and other outdoor activities to residents and visitors on a large scale in the future?

<u>COUNCIL BUSINESS</u>	
<u>Questions on notice to:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Mayor b. To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet c. To the Chair of any Committee or Sub-committee 	
1	<p>Question from Councillor Hussain (2)</p> <p>Councillor Bisby, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services</p> <p>Can you please advise the council on how many household support fund vouchers have been paid out and how many are waiting to be processed?</p>
2	<p>Question from Councillor Tyler</p> <p>Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Housing, Growth and Regeneration</p> <p>I was pleased to see due to the hard work of the previous administration and officers the Key Theatre has been reopened in time for Panto season. Can the leader or the relevant cabinet member please advise this council as to when the regional is pool is likely to reopen or are you determined to keep it closed for good?</p>
3	<p>Question from Councillor Coles (1)</p> <p>Councillor John Howard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance</p> <p>What is the predicted cost of borrowing currently to fund capital projects and service capital debt and what additional costs are forecast for the next financial year?</p>
4	<p>Question from Councillor S. Allen</p> <p>Councillor Howard, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance</p> <p>With the current administration having inherited a sensible initiative regarding the ongoing review of the City Council’s community venues and locations; can I ask the current cabinet member whether he will continue to sensibly manage the review and confirm that at this stage no decision has been taken with regard to sales or disposals.</p> <p>Additionally, will he assure the chamber that all interested parties and incumbent organizations will be included in the necessary negotiations, and acknowledge that this will be a fair, reasonable and transparent process?</p> <p>Indeed, a process as put in place by the now deposed Conservative Administration, (who of course remain the largest party in the chamber).</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>Question from Councillor J. Allen</p> <p>Councillor Ray Bisby, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services</p> <p>In the academic year 2022-2023, our School Admissions Team processed a total of 5,901 applications for school places – that’s 2,100 more applications than the previous academic year, this is significant and has clearly had an impact on Home to School Transport costs with the early indication that there is a £1 million pressure on this service.</p> <p>Are there any situations where it is permissible to cross charge or to seek recovery costs for Home to School transport from Local Authorities outside of Peterborough who place their homeless families in our local authority to take advantage of the cheaper rental costs in Peterborough.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Question from Councillor Coles (2)</p> <p>Councillor John Howard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance</p> <p>I was pleased to see Cllr Howard announcing the arrival of article 4 powers in the city to enable the council to regulate new Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs). Can Councillor Howard please let us know what work he has done personally to deliver this policy for the city?</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Question from Councillor Hussain (1)</p> <p>Councillor Saqib Farooq, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health</p> <p>Can you inform council how we compare in public health funding terms to similar local authorities? And what are the main challenges we face?</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Question from Councillor Sharp</p> <p>Councillor Howard, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance</p> <p>Can the cabinet member confirm the current status of the Hampton community centres within the Localities Review and whether they are in scope. And specifically, if discussions have been had to date with any stakeholders such as Hampton Parish Council?</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Question from Councillor Stevenson</p> <p>Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Housing, Growth and Regeneration</p> <p>Thinking of the recent destruction of the city’s hydrotherapy pool, will the leader and his cabinet assure the public that they won’t destroy any more of the city’s assets solely on the basis of a belief that they ‘could’ become dangerous?</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Question from Councillor Stephen Lane</p>

Councillor Gavin Eley, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Change

Abandoned supermarket trolleys continue to be a problem and annoyance to Peterborough residents, and especially in the neighbourhoods that surround Werrington Centre. We see public green spaces, footpaths, car parks and watercourses blighted by abandoned trolleys.

Can residents expect support from the council by asking it to deal with an issue where supermarkets seem to be ignorant of their role in contributing to the quality and appearance of our local environment? The curse of abandoned trolleys needs to stop, and each respective owner be made to act accordingly.

Questions on notice to:

The Combined Authority Representatives:

There were none.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
6 DECEMBER 2023	PUBLIC REPORT

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

1. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting	Dates of Meeting	Representative
Skills and Employment Committee	6 November 2023	Cllr Ayres
Human Resources Committee	10 November 2023	Cllr J Allen, Cllr Howard
Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee	13 November 2023	Cllr Eley
Audit and Governance Committee	14 November 2023	Cllr Coles
Transport and Infrastructure Committee	15 November 2023	Cllr Eley
Human Resources Committee	16 November 2023 9:00am and 1.00pm	Cllr J Allen, Cllr Howard
Audit and Governance Committee	17 November 2023	Cllr Coles
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	27 November 2023	Cllr Fitzgerald, Cllr John Fox
Combined Authority Board	29 November 2023	Cllr Mohammed Farooq

1.1 The above meetings have taken place between October to November 2023.

2. DECISION SUMMARIES

2.1 The decision summaries for the above meetings can be found in Appendix 1.

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APPENDIX 1 - Reports from Constituent Council Representatives on the Combined Authority

The following meetings have taken place in November 2023

Skills and Employment Committee, 6 November

Councillor Ayres

Decision Summary Link: [Skills and Employment Committee](#)

Human Resources Committee, 10 November

Councillors Jackie Allen and Howard

Decision Summary Link: [Human Resources Committee](#)

Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee, 13 November

Councillor Cllr Elsey

Decision Summary Link: [Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee](#)

Audit and Governance Sub Committee, 14 November

Councillor Coles

Decision Summary Link: [Audit and Governance Sub Committee](#)

Transport and Infrastructure Committee, 15 November

Councillor Elsey

Decision Summary Link: [Transport and Infrastructure Committee](#)

Human Resources Committee, 16 November

Councillors Jackie Allen and Howard

Decision Summary Link: [Human Resources Committee](#)

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Audit and Governance Committee, 16 November

Councillor Coles

Decision Summary Link: [Audit and Governance Committee](#)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 27 November

Councillors Fitzgerald and John Fox

Decision Summary Link: [Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#)

Combined Authority Board Committee, 29 November

Councillor Mohammed Farooq

Decision Summary Link: [Combined Authority Board](#)

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COUNCIL MEETING 6 DECEMBER 2023 ALTERATION TO THE MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR STEVENSON

The team motorbike sport known as 'speedway' has been of great credit to Peterborough since 1970. The local 'Peterborough Panthers' team has won the highest level national championship three times, most recently in 2021.

Over the years, the club has brought many trophies to our city at various levels within the sport, including junior level.

Peterborough Speedway has put the city of on the international map, via regular live TV coverage broadcast on the Warner Bros Discovery TV channel.

Since 1970 until now, Peterborough Panthers has been racing on a purpose-built racetrack, thought to be one of the best in the world, on the East of England Showground. ~~The showground's current owner, the East of England Agricultural Society (EEAS) now wishes to sell the showground, and the council's local plan states that the land may be developed for housing and leisure.~~

~~However, AEPG, the company tasked with preparing the showground land for sale on behalf of EEAS has made it clear that the Peterborough speedway club is no longer permitted to race at the showground with immediate effect, regardless of the outcome of its two existing planning applications to redevelop the site. (In an article published in the Peterborough Telegraph on 21st November 2023, AEPG said, "To be clear, the decision not to renew the arrangement for running speedway meets would remain, irrespective of any planning applications on the land.")~~

The landowner and its agent **haveing** confirmed that the club will not be permitted to race at the showground after the end of the 2023 season (which has now concluded). ~~This~~ means that club now has nowhere to race, and ~~with nowhere to race the club cannot continue to operate and the sport of speedway in Peterborough may die.~~ **As** a matter of urgency, Peterborough Panthers Speedway Club must now find a new home.

This council acknowledges:

- The enormous cultural and economic benefits that Peterborough Panthers Speedway Club has brought to Peterborough over the past 53 years.
- The many benefits Peterborough Panthers Speedway Club brings to the residents of Peterborough, many of whom have spoken of how the club has contributed positively towards their mental health and sense of wellbeing and community.
- That Peterborough Panthers provides positive role models for young people who are interested in motorbikes and provides a means for them to enjoy motorbikes as a sport in a safe and responsible way.

This council resolves:

- To arrange a meeting between the **representatives** ~~current owners~~ of the Peterborough Panthers Speedway Team and the council leader and relevant cabinet member(s) and council officers to discover if there is any way the council can help to keep the sport of speedway alive in Peterborough.
- To promote speedway in Peterborough so that more of the city's residents are aware of the benefits this family-oriented sport brings to the city.

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