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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL SUMMONS TO A MEETING

You are hereby summonsed to attend a meeting of the Peterborough City Council, which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Peterborough on

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010 at 7.00 pm

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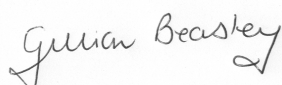
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Chief Executive

16 February 2010
Town Hall
Bridge Street
Peterborough



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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2 DECEMBER 2009

The Mayor – Councillor Irene Walsh

Present:

Councillors: Allen, Ash, Burton, Cereste, Collins, Croft, M Dalton, S Dalton, C Day, D Day, S Day, Dobbs, Eley, Fazal, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Fower, JA Fox, JR Fox, Goldspink, Goodwin, Harrington, Hiller, Holdich, Khan, Kreling, Lane, Lee, Lowndes, Miners, Morley, Murphy, Nawaz, Newton, North, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sanders, Sandford, Seaton, Sharp, Swift, Todd, Trueman, Wilkinson and Winslade.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution (Standing Orders, Part 4, Section 3) Members agreed to a request from the Press to take photographs of proceedings during the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Benton, Hussain, Lamb, Nash, Scott and Thacker.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Sandford declared a personal interest in agenda item 7, the Core Strategy, advising that his employer, the Woodland Trust, had commented on the Strategy.

3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2009

The minutes of the meeting held 14 October 2009 were agreed and signed by the Mayor as an accurate record, subject to the answer to a question relating to Members' Allowances (question 7, page 29) being amended to read:

'That the 2008/9 actual was £627,814, the projection for the current year is £705,984 and the initial outturn forecast for 2010/11 is £714,505'.

Members were advised that the amount quoted in the agenda papers was overstated by just under £20,000 as some of the proposals originally discussed, such as payment of Vice Chairs, were subsequently rejected and had not been removed from the figures.

4. COMMUNICATIONS TIME

4 (i) Mayor's Announcements

The report outlining the Mayor's engagements for the period 1 October to 20 November 2009 was noted.

The Mayor thanked those who had attended the Remembrance Service at the Cathedral and the Armistice Service. Members' attention was drawn to the following forthcoming events:

- Civic Carol Service - 6 December 2009 at St. John's Church, Stanground;
- Holocaust Memorial Service - 27 January 2010 at the front of the Town Hall;
- Katherine of Aragon Commemoration Service - 29 January 2010 at the Cathedral;
- Mayor's Charity Ball - 12 March 2010 at the Town Hall.

4 (ii) Leader's Announcements

There were no announcements for the Leader of the Council.

4 (iii) Chief Executive's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chief Executive.

5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TIME

5 (i) Questions with Notice by Members of the Public

A question was asked in respect of the Core Strategy and the proposed number of homes planned for the city centre.

5 (ii) Questions with Notice by Members of the Council relating to Ward Matters and to Committee Chairmen

There were no questions raised.

5 (iii) Questions with Notice by Members of the Council to representatives of the Police and Fire Authorities

A question was asked in respect of the attendance of local Police Community Support Officers at Councillor Surgeries.

A summary of all questions and answers raised within agenda item 5 (i), (ii) and (iii) is attached at **Appendix A**.

5 (iv) Petitions submitted by Members or Residents

There were no petitions received.

6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS TIME

6 (i) Questions with Notice to the Leader and Members of the Executive

Questions were asked of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members in respect of the following:

- The Council's policy and procedure in respect of project management;
- The Council's future commitment to the Cresset;
- The Christmas Park and Ride service;
- The Civic Wreath Laying Ceremony held at the War Memorial in the grounds of the Cathedral;
- The provision of a designated transit site for use by gypsies and travellers;
- The Trees and Woodlands Strategy;
- Provision of church and school facilities at Hampton;

- The Council's policy in respect of 'Common Purpose' training courses;
- Concessionary bus travel scheme for pensioners.

A summary of all questions and answers raised within agenda item 6 (i) is attached at **Appendix B**.

6 (ii) Questions without Notice on the Record of Executive Decisions

Members received and noted a report summarising:

- Decisions from the Cabinet Meeting held 12 October 2009;
- The outcome of petitions previously presented to full Council;
- The Council's call-in mechanism which had not been invoked since the last meeting;
- Special Urgency provisions in respect of the decision to extend Woodston Primary School to provide three additional classrooms and associated facilities;
- Cabinet Member Decisions taken during the period 5 October 2009 to 19 November 2009.

Questions were asked about the following:

Medium Term Financial Plan 2010/11 to 2014/15

Councillor Sandford queried the approach to managing budgetary pressures in the current financial year and expressed concern regarding the decision to use Council reserves to help counteract overspend. As this would result in a loss of one third of the general fund balance within the first half of the financial year, he asked whether this represented prudent use of reserves. In response, Councillor Seaton assured Members that he was aware of the impact of this action, however he believed that the steps taken in delivering savings and the use of balances to be prudent.

Councillor Goldspink sought a commitment to establish firm timescales in respect of the reference in the report to achievement of Environment Capital status. In response, Councillor Lee assured Members that work was being carried out to create the UK's Environment Capital, strengthening that already undertaken by the previous administration to ensure delivery. Further written detail would be provided to Councillor Goldspink.

Petition against the erection of a high security fence around playing field adjacent to Norwood School

Councillor Fower sought assurance that petitioners would be advised of the findings of the investigation undertaken by the Neighbourhood Management Team in respect of this matter. Councillor Cereste confirmed that all petitioners would be informed of the outcome.

Discretionary Rate Relief from Business Rates on the Grounds of Hardship

Councillor Fower asked how many businesses had, to date, applied for discretionary rate relief. In response, Councillor Seaton advised that this information was detailed in the decision notice. He emphasised that Cabinet placed the needs of local business and voluntary groups high on its agenda and that each request was considered in a fair and balanced manner.

East of England Plan to 2031 – Scenarios for Housing and Economic Growth
Consultation: Response

Councillor Sandford expressed concern regarding the timing of the publication of this decision in relation to the associated timescale for implementation of the call-in process and emphasised that he had raised a similar concern in respect of the timing of an earlier consultation response. Councillor Cereste advised that timescales for consultation documents were often limited, however, he assured Members that every effort was made to ensure that sufficient time was allowed for the implementation of call-in and the associated scrutiny process wherever possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 p.m. and reconvened at 8.10 p.m.

7. COUNCIL BUSINESS TIME

7 (i) Executive Recommendations

Peterborough Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Proposed Submission
Version

Cabinet, at its meeting of 12 October 2009, had received a report on the Peterborough Local Development Framework Core Strategy (Proposed Submission Version). Councillor Croft moved the recommendation that Council approve the Core Strategy for the purposes of public consultation and submission to the Secretary of State, subject to the following amendments, which were seconded by Councillor Hiller.

- That a new paragraph be inserted after paragraph 5.3.19 (page 32) to read: 'Additional Development – the dwelling numbers set out in policy CS1 are expressed as minimum figures. They are not artificial 'ceilings' to growth. If residential development proposals come forward in appropriate locations that will enable growth which exceeds these, the Council will work with the prospective developer to address all the issues in order to deliver that development'.
- That a new paragraph be inserted after paragraph 6.3.15 (page 55) to read: 'Paragraph 6.3.13 refers to the relative shortage of large houses at the top end of the market and the policy makes reference to widening the range of property sizes available. Through its Site Allocations DPD, the Council will allocate and safeguard some sites (or parts of sites) specifically for large houses at low densities'.

Members noted that the document proposed an additional 25,500 dwellings in the period to 2026, including outward expansion of the city at Stanground South, Paston Reserve, Norwood and Great Haddon and the provision for around 100 more hectares of employment land. The Strategy also outlined proposals in respect of:

- Types of housing,
- Regeneration;
- Promotion of the city centre;
- Planning Obligation contributions from developers;
- Environmental issues, including a specific policy to support the Council's bid for Environment Capital Status.

Members were reminded that the Core Strategy derived from the integrated growth study and extensive consultation had taken place. The 'preferred options' version was approved by Cabinet on 31 March 2008 and all comments had been taken into account in

preparing this latest version. The views of Neighbourhood Councils had been sought during October and November 2009 and there would be further opportunity for formal comment early in 2010. This would be followed by a public examination including a hearing session and the final Strategy would be adopted only after receipt of the inspection report.

Councillor Wilkinson proposed the following amendment:

'That all references to the creation of a Regional Freight Interchange be removed from the Core Strategy'. She raised a number of concerns in respect of the impact of such a development on the area and to nearby residents, in summary:

- The increased risk of flooding to nearby homes caused by developing on a flood plain ;
- Light and noise pollution;
- Impact of additional HGV traffic on local road network;
- Impact on the landscape, wildlife and the environment.

Councillor Rush seconded this amendment.

A debate on the amendment followed during which the following points were raised:

- Creation of a regional freight interchange would increase employment opportunities, attracting approximately 5,000 jobs to the area;
- The development would have the capacity to reduce HGV traffic as it would maximise use of the railway network. This would have a positive environmental impact.

The Mayor announced her intention to speak as a Ward Councillor. She fully endorsed the comments made by Councillors Wilkinson and Rush and expressed concern in respect of the impact of such a development on the local area, nearby residents' lives, the environment and the city itself.

A vote was taken on the amendment put forward by Councillor Wilkinson which was **DEFEATED** (17 in favour, 29 against, 3 abstentions).

A vote was then taken on the motion as moved by Councillor Croft (33 in favour, 6 against, 7 abstentions) and it was **RESOLVED** to:

- (i) Approve the Peterborough Core Strategy (Proposed Submission Version) for the purposes of public consultation and submission to the Secretary of State subject to the following:
 - That a new paragraph be inserted after paragraph 5.3.19 (page 32) to read: 'Additional Development – the dwelling numbers set out in policy CS1 are expressed as minimum figures. They are not artificial 'ceilings' to growth. If residential development proposals come forward in appropriate locations that will enable growth which exceeds these, the Council will work with the prospective developer to address all the issues in order to deliver that development'.
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Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents (Submission Stage)

Cabinet, at its meeting of 12 October 2009 considered a report on the Minerals and Waste Plan which had been produced jointly by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council and which set the framework for all minerals and waste development up to 2026. The plan allocated sites to ensure a steady supply of minerals to supply the growth agenda and to facilitate modern waste management facilities to secure a major change in the management of waste. Councillor Croft moved the recommendation for adoption and this was seconded by Councillor Hiller.

A vote was taken (41 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions) and it was **RESOLVED** to:

- (i) Approve the publication of the following Cambridgeshire Minerals and Waste Development Plan documents for pre-submission consultation in February/march 2010 and the submission of the documents to the Secretary of State:
 - Core Strategy Development Plan Document and
 - Site Specific Proposals Development Plan Document); and
- (ii) Approve the publication of the following Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Draft Supplementary Planning Documents for consultation in February/March 2010:
 - Location and Design of Waste Management Development RECAP Waste Management Design Guide.

7 (ii) Committee Recommendations

There were no recommendations from Committees.

7 (iii) Notices of Motion

(1) Motion from Councillor Lane:

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that the current economic crisis is having a significant impact on this city and its people and that this Council has already experienced difficulty with regard to available income which has compelled a number of unfortunate decisions to be made that were driven by elements of cost saving;
- (ii) Recognises that the recession has also left an untold and immeasurable effect on our communities, where some have been left to cope with wage cuts and freezes and in many cases job losses; and therefore
- (iii) Agrees that it would not be appropriate for Members to receive any increase of allowances at a time when others are experiencing such hardships; and

- (iv) Approves the implementation of a three-year freeze on all increases to Members' basic allowances and Special Responsibility Allowances with effect from the start of the 2010/11 financial year.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor John Fox.

Councillor Sandford moved the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Fower:

To **delete** paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of the motion and **replace** with:

That this Council:

- (iii) Agrees that it would not be appropriate for there to be any overall increase in the Members' Allowances budget for 2010/11 and indeed, it could be reduced by reducing the number of Cabinet Members, abolishing posts of Cabinet Advisers and reviewing payments to Committee and Neighbourhood Council chairs; and
- (iv) Requires that Cabinet implements the review of car parking passes for Councillors and employees as outlined in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and supported by the Independent Members' Allowances Panel, with a view to saving £100,000 in the current financial year and £200,000 in the following year.

Following debate, a vote was taken on the amendment which was **DEFEATED** (3 in favour, 34 against, 3 abstentions).

The motion as proposed by Councillor Lane was put to the vote and was **DEFEATED** (6 in favour, 35 against, 5 abstentions).

(2) Motion from Councillor Goldspink:

That this Council:

- (i) Agrees that, as a matter of policy, in the interests of ease of access, openness and transparency and to be consistent with the spirit of the Standards Board for England's National Code of Conduct, Members' interests will be automatically published online via the Council's website, unless a Member specifically requests otherwise, in which case a note to that effect will appear on the website instead.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Councillor Cereste moved an amendment to this motion, namely that the matter be referred to the Council's Standards Committee for consideration with a recommendation subsequently being referred back to full Council. This was seconded by Councillor Lee:

Following debate, a vote was taken on the amendment which was **CARRIED** (33 in favour, 3 against, 8 abstentions).

The substantive motion was put to the vote and **CARRIED** (37 in favour, 0 against and 8 abstentions).

(3) Motion from Councillor Sandford:

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that a number of Councils across the country have increased public access and accountability by broadcasting live over the internet proceedings of full Council meetings, and in some cases, also Cabinet and Committee meetings. Councils currently broadcasting full proceedings include Derby, Devon, Brighton, Bristol and Hull;
- (ii) Requests the Leader of the Council to investigate broadcasting Peterborough's full Council and Cabinet proceedings and to submit a report on the matter to the next meeting of the Council outlining key costs and other relevant considerations.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Trueman.

The motion was **CARRIED** unanimously.

(4) Motion from Councillor Ash:

The Mayor advised that Councillor Ash wished to move an altered version of the motion set out on page 78 of the agenda book. Following Council's consent to consideration of the altered motion, Councillor Ash moved the following and drew Members' attention to the alteration at paragraph (iv) which proposed that the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee, rather than a working group, considered the introduction of a cross-city bus network and other travel options:

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that when designed, our road network easily met the demands of the day. However, forty years on it is beginning to struggle to meet the ever increasing demands of modern day traffic;
- (ii) Recognises that essential road works now have a major impact on traffic flows and severe increases in the highways budget will be needed to keep pace with the potential growth of road traffic and maintain the current traffic flows;
- (iii) Acknowledges that sustainable growth is a key ingredient to becoming the Environment Capital and the growth of recorded bus passenger figures is a step forward to meeting that aim. However, Council remains conscious that it is far easier to make cross city journeys by private transport and that the current network does not encourage travellers away from cars for those journeys;
- (iv) Resolves, that as part of our ambition to become the Environment Capital, and the preferred destination venue in the area, easy access be maintained in and around the city and, as a key part of that goal, refers to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee for consideration the setting up of a cross-city bus network and other travel options that can be introduced, as soon as possible, to encourage people away from their cars.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Miners.

Councillor Sandford moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Trueman:

To **delete** paragraphs (i) and (ii) of the motion.

A vote was taken on the amendment which was **DEFEATED** (4 in favour, 40 against, 1 abstention).

A vote was taken on the motion which was **CARRIED** (41 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention).

7 (iv) Reports and Recommendations

(a) Appointments to Committees

The Council had received a report at its last meeting regarding the re-allocation of seats to committees following the formation of the English Democrats Group. Whilst appointments were made in accordance with political balance rules, there had been a consensus that there should be an opportunity for further dialogue between the respective group leaders over the allocation of seats to all committees and that Council would then consider any changes to the membership of committees arising from liaison between the respective group leaders.

Councillor Fower moved the following proposal which was seconded by Councillor Lee:

- (i) Councillor Sandford be appointed to serve on the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee as the Liberal Democrats nominee, relinquishing the seat previously allocated to the Liberal Democrats on the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee; and
- (ii) Councillor Goldspink be appointed to serve on the Strong and Supportive Scrutiny Committee as the English Democrats nominee, relinquishing the seat previously allocated to the English Democrats on the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- (i) Appoint Councillor Sandford to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee as the Liberal Democrats nominee, relinquishing the seat previously allocated to the Liberal Democrats on the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee; and
- (ii) Appoint Councillor Goldspink to the Strong and Supportive Scrutiny Committee as the English Democrats nominee, relinquishing the seat previously allocated to the English Democrats on the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

(b) Gambling Act 2005: Review of Statement of Principles

The Gambling Act 2005 requires that licensing authorities must review and revise their Statement of Principles on a three yearly basis in order to reflect any changes in legislation and/or guidance. Council had approved the original Statement of Principles on 13 December 2006.

At its meeting of 17 November 2009, the Licensing Act 2003 Committee had considered the Statement, together with responses to the consultation exercise.

In moving the recommendation, Councillor Dobbs drew Members' attention to the three key changes to the Statement of Principles set out in paragraph 1.6 of the report. Council was asked to approve and adopt the revised Statement. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Hiller.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- (i) Approve and adopt the Statement of Principles as the Council's formal three year Statement under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005.

Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

**SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RAISED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 5 -
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TIME**

1. Questions with Notice by Members of the Public

Mr Ed Murphy asked the Leader of the Council:

Recently at a public meeting, I was joined by the MP for Peterborough, who agreed that 5000 dwellings for the city centre as proposed under the Core Strategy may be too many. The city MP stated that rural areas, along with the city centre, should take their share of new homes under Peterborough's growth. Do you agree with the incumbent city MP that the villages should have more development of new homes than is proposed in the current core strategy?

The Leader of the Council responded:

Our Core Strategy (before Council later on the agenda) recommends a figure of approximately 4,300 more dwellings be built in the city centre over the period to 2026, rather than 5,000, which I agree would be slightly too high. The work that has been done so far on the City Centre Area Action Plan shows how this 4,300 figure could be achieved.

The Core Strategy also proposes that there should be some development in villages (around 1,100 altogether) and I believe this strikes the right balance between bringing new investment and vitality to villages, widening the choice of locations for housebuyers and safeguarding the character of the villages, so that they can maintain their individual identity.

When the Core Strategy is examined by an independent Inspector, this is precisely the type of issue that will be debated and the Inspector will make binding recommendations as to whether or not these figures should be changed, in the light of the evidence presented.

Mr Murphy asked the following supplementary question:

Do you then agree with me that the current plans for several hundred houses for villages such as Eye, Thorney and Newborough are appropriate and that any more would possibly ruin the character of these villages?

The Leader of the Council responded:

It is important that any development that takes place in any village, or indeed in any part of our city, is sustainable development that does not spoil the area.

**2. Questions with Notice by Members of the Council relating to Ward Matters and to
Committee Chairmen**

There were no questions submitted.

3. **Questions from Members to Representatives of the Police / Fire Authorities**

Councillor Sandford asked the Council's representative on the Police Authority:

Are the representatives aware that several Councillors including myself have invited local Police Community Support Officers to attend our Councillor surgeries and have advertised them as such? However, at my surgeries attendance by the Police has been sporadic at best and many months go by without them attending any surgeries. Whilst accepting that occasionally emergencies or problems may prevent attendance, do the representatives share my view that the Police should honour such commitments wherever possible. so that members of the public can discuss problems with both Councillors and the Police where appropriate?

Will the representatives join me in urging senior police officers to take appropriate action to ensure that surgeries are attended when a commitment to do so has been made and advertised to local people?

Councillor Fazal responded:

I am concerned to hear that local Police Community Support Officers are not always attending Councillors' surgeries when they had agreed to do so and will raise this matter directly with the Chief Constable asking that a response be sent to Councillor Sandford. We also need to work together to look at how best we can develop existing Neighbourhood Panels and street briefings to ensure communities views are heard.

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS RAISED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 (i) – EXECUTIVE BUSINESS TIME

1. Questions with Notice from Members to the Leader and Members of the Executive

1. Councillor Goldspink asked the Leader:

Can the Leader explain the Council's policy and procedure on project management, and let me know all the steps that it entails, including whether it includes preparing a project brief and business case before the project begins, to ensure that there are real and quantifiable benefits that justify the expenditure, and a review at the end of the project to ensure that it has delivered what it set out to deliver, on time and within cost?

The Leader responded:

The Council operates a scalable and flexible project management method based on PRINCE2. Processes are in place to take projects from idea to delivery, ensuring appropriate levels of governance and structure exist to ensure the benefits of a project are realised. Key steps include:

- Entry on the Council's project register, with outline timetables, costs, and benefits
- Business case development, clarifying objectives, benefits, costs and delivery options
- Progress reporting, specifically around performance against milestones, cost and benefits

How and when these steps are applied varies from project to project, reflecting both the different needs of projects of different size and complexity and that projects develop in different ways, some very formally along a process from idea to brief to business case and some more organically. This flexibility is one of our method's strengths; a one size fits all approach is inefficient, risky and constrains the very innovation Peterborough is increasingly renowned for.

Councillor Goldspink asked the following supplementary question:

Can the Leader supply a copy of such documentation as it was drafted for the Neighbourhood Council project so that the people of Peterborough can reassure themselves that this project was properly assessed before it was started and that it will be reviewed to ensure the benefits quantified have been delivered?

The Leader responded:

The implementation of Neighbourhood Councils was not categorised as a project as one would consider, for example, a building project or development. They were introduced as a method to bring democracy to communities.

2. Councillor Swift asked the Leader:

Will the Leader tell this Council what its commitments are to the Cresset? Is the Council honouring the discussions that were held when the merger of the YMCA and the Cresset Company Limited took place and what is the total amount of money the Council is investing, at the present time, in the future of the Cresset Centre? Can the Leader outline the Council's future commitments to the Cresset, and is this equal to the amount of money being put into other resources such as the City Centre and Peterborough United?

The Leader responded:

Officers are working with the YMCA to seek to achieve agreement on a regeneration scheme for the neighbourhood including the Cresset that would re-provide its facilities and services while introducing new, high-quality, green homes. The YMCA believes that if agreement can be reached it can find a way to sustain the provision of the Cresset's services in the meantime. I have met the Cresset's leadership team personally and explained that the council cannot provide an open-ended revenue subsidy, but I also endorsed officers' efforts to achieve a viable, deliverable and equitable development proposal for the area. This means that the council is retaining land and keeping premises unlet in order to be able to collaborate with the YMCA on a development scheme that benefits the Cresset.

There are costs arising out of this support being provided to the YMCA and the Cresset. The annual cost to the council of the current arrangements is £570,000.

We have invested more capital in the city centre, unsurprisingly, since most people who visit, live and work in Peterborough come to the city centre – that isn't true of the Cresset, popular venue though it is.

In the last financial year, the Council's contribution to Peterborough United was limited to match sponsorship, which costs £8,000.

Councillor Swift asked the following supplementary question:

I appreciate that no 'blank cheque' can be given for the Cresset, but neither should one be given for other projects such as the South Bank. Would the Leader not agree that the city should have an equal share of resources?

The Leader responded:

I agree that we need to ensure equality for the city and the people who live here. The Cresset is an important venue and if we can find a way to support and retain it, we will do so.

3. Councillor Murphy asked the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development:

I was pleased to see that, following public pressure, the Christmas Park and Ride service has been reinstated, but note there is no budget for it in the current year. As it was the first of the Cabinet budget setting meetings at Wittering on 16 November, can the Cabinet Member please advise if it is his administration's policy to provide Christmas Park and Ride, and if he is going to budget for it in 2010/11?

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development responded:

The decision to reinstate the Park and Ride service was taken after the Leader, myself and Councillor Elsey listened to the considered representation from our own Conservative colleagues, members of the Independent Party and the Liberal Democrats and we have had no representation or assignation from any members of the public as the question suggests. Details of the 2010/11 budget will be included in the Budget report going to Cabinet in December; and this information will be published on 4 December.

Councillor Murphy asked the following supplementary question:

According to passenger transport figures of last year, 7000 vehicles were removed from the road by use of the Park and Ride scheme. Surveys from the last two years have demonstrated that people are happy to pay £1.00 for the service, so why has the charge not been adapted to reflect this, given that this would have raised monies to help run the service this year?

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development responded:

We will monitor this year's take-up of the service very closely and when the figures are available we will act accordingly and prudently.

4. Councillor John Fox asked the Leader

On Remembrance Day, I attended the Civic Wreath Laying Ceremony at the War Memorial in the grounds of the Cathedral. Although the event was very dignified, it was difficult to hear the proceedings due to the Cathedral bells and it was also necessary to stand on wet grass. Can a commitment be given to re-siting the War Memorial to a more prominent position within our city centre, with a view to including it in future plans for St. John's Street which would be an ideal location and under the eyes of the surveillance equipment?

The Leader responded:

Removing the War Memorial would require all veteran organizations, stakeholders and today's citizens of Peterborough to reach a consensus of agreement. This request would then be put forward to the Cathedral's 'Fabric Advisory Committee' (local non church body) for opinion. The application is then passed to the 'Cathedral Fabric Commissions for England' (national statutory organization). If the application is approved Peterborough City Council would facilitate the next stage of the project.

The recommendation (via Canon Cattle) from the Cathedral Architect, who specially designed this Memorial to replace the one that used to be in Bridge Street, is that it would not be possible to move the Memorial as it was designed to be of a robust standing and to remove it would severely damage its structure and possibly damage it beyond recognition.

In the meantime the Head of City Operations is working with Canon Richard Cattle to improve the area around the War Memorial to include benches and will discuss with him the matter of the timing of the bells and the possibility of installing temporary flooring for future Remembrance Day services.

5. Councillor Swift asked the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development:

Can the Council stop the situation in this City whereby people can travel and deposit their vehicles or caravans on grass verges on the roads all over the place? Can we make a piece of land available and designate it for use by these people so that they can go straight on to it when they come here illegally, and, as we are allowed to do by law, charge them a rent for being on the site but under the control of the City Council. It is costing thousands of pounds of officers' time clearing up rubbish for people who contribute nothing at all to the City in rateable value and we want something urgently doing about it. We should stop turning a blind eye and be more positive. This was the action I took when I had the privilege of being Leader.

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development responded:

In October a Steering Group was set up to look at issues facing the Gypsy, Traveller and Settled Communities in Peterborough. With over 20 members from all the agencies and departments in Peterborough dealing with these groups, we prioritised areas of concern that needed addressing.

One particular area is the need for Transit Site provision to alleviate the problems faced of unauthorised encampments in and around the City. We have set up a working group to look at how we can provide a transit site to Travellers and Gypsies passing through Peterborough. The group recently met with the LGA lead on Gypsy and Traveller issues – Richard Bennett – who advised us on national best practice on implementing a transit site and consultation processes involved. We are currently in discussions on how to move forward with this.

6. Councillor Sandford asked the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture:

Could the Cabinet Member explain what has happened to the Council's draft replacement Trees and Woodlands Strategy? A working group was set up in 2005 to draw up a new strategy and a draft document was produced in September 2007 and was handed over to the Council's City Services Department when they took over responsibility for the trees and woodland function. However, over two years later the draft strategy still has not been submitted for approval to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet and to full Council, as is required by the Council's constitution for strategies which are part of the Council's Major Policy Framework. Meanwhile, the previous 1998 strategy has been removed from the Council website and it appears that the Council is currently operating without a trees strategy, which may explain why so many trees and shrubs are being removed and destroyed without replacement.

Will the Cabinet Member take immediate action to ensure that the draft Trees and Woodland Strategy is submitted for approval without further delay and that both the current strategy and the replacement one when approved are properly enforced by all council departments?

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture responded :

I would like to thank Cllr Sandford for bringing this to my attention. I have now arranged for the Strategy to be published on the Council's website for one month's final consultation, allowing for any additional comments about the Strategy which may then, if

appropriate, be incorporated. Following this final consultation the matter will proceed through the usual Council decision making processes before coming back to Council. In the meantime the Council continues to operate to the 1998 strategy.

Councillor Sandford asked the following supplementary question:

I am also concerned that the Council's Open Spaces Strategy, discussed by the Environment Committee in 2005, has to date not been progressed. Would the Cabinet Member agree that this matter should also be addressed?

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture responded :

I am happy to investigate the matter raised with regard to the Open Spaces Strategy and will advise Councillor Sandford accordingly.

7. Councillor Saltmarsh asked the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University:

I welcome the contribution from Cross Keys and other Social housing providers in Hampton as they have reduced the number of families waiting for homes. There are, however, some essentials for family life which do not appear to have kept pace with the house building programme. It is ironic that there is a Vicar appointed to Hampton yet there is no Church building as noted by the Archbishop of York on his recent visit. Hampton Hargate County Primary has requested planning permission for an extension but there are still not enough school places for the current residents. Is it reasonable to move families into social housing, knowing there are not enough school places for their children?

Can the Cabinet Member assure Members that this lack of community facilities will be addressed to ensure an improvement to the quality of life for the current residents and the families moving into Hampton.?

The Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University responded:

The Council does not have a remit for religious functions and therefore cannot comment on the lack of provision for a Church at Hampton.

No child within Peterborough is without a school place. Not all children living in Hampton have access to a place within their catchment, but we do have spare capacity in the adjacent schools in the Ortons. Hampton School places were planned in the early/mid 1990s, with an expectation of 75% owner occupied houses and 25% social housing, but the impact of a strong rental market and high family based migration, child yields are significantly higher than expected.

The project to expand Hampton Hargate increases the annual reception intake by 30. It will also create a Children's Centre which is of significant benefit to the community.

Two further Primary Schools are to be provided on Hampton Leys and an extension to the Secondary School will take it up to an 8 form entry facility. Also, it was announced today that we have a grant from Government of £5.2m to address the shortage of primary school places across the City.

8. Councillor Goldspink asked the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth and Human Resources:

What is the Council's policy regarding employees and Members who wish to pursue 'Common Purpose' courses and seminars and become graduates? Are they funded by the Council and what is the approximate annual cost of any such education and training to the Council for 2007/8 and 2008/9?

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth and Human Resources responded:

I assume that your reference to 'Common Purpose' courses/development programmes refers to those that can be found on the website www.commonpurpose.org.uk. Common Purpose is a not for profit organisation that brings together people from a variety of backgrounds to help them become effective leaders and offers a wide range of open and customised programmes. The website contains an explanation of Common Purpose courses and summarises what they do, should Members wish to learn more about this organisation.

I can confirm that to the best of our knowledge, the Council has not funded in the past any training/development programmes provided by this organisation either for employees of the Council or Members.

Should a request be received, like any other training/development activity proposed, the agreement to fund would of course need to be fully justified.

You may be aware that we have recently launched a new, simplified Performance and Development Review scheme to replace the existing versions of the appraisal document. This new document provides the opportunity for a Manager to review the training and development needs of the employee and in so doing, ensure that any agreed training is based on the needs of the Council as well as the individual needs.

Councillor Goldspink asked the following supplementary question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide me with an electronic copy of the simplified Performance and Development Review scheme?

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth and Human Resources responded:

Yes, this will be supplied.

9. Councillor Sandford asked the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development:

The Conservative leader of South Kesteven Council recently announced that pensioners and disabled people in South Kesteven will have unrestricted free travel on local bus services from 1 April 2010, whereas in Peterborough these groups are only allowed to travel free after 9.30am. Could the Cabinet Member explain why Peterborough pensioners cannot have the same rights to free travel as their counterparts and near neighbours in South Kesteven ?

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development responded:

The current legislative requirement, under the Concessionary Travel Act 2007, is to provide free travel to over 60s and disabled groups from 9.30am to 11pm Mondays to Fridays and all day at weekends and on Bank Holidays. Councils may decide to provide discretionary elements to the concessionary travel scheme. Peterborough currently provides the following discretionary elements:

- free travel to blind and visually impaired at all times; and
- free travel on community dial-a-ride services.

Peterborough has an extensive network of bus services which are extremely well used, particularly at peak times by those commuting to work and school children.

As such, the bus operators do not consider, at this time, that there is sufficient capacity to provide the free travel entitlement prior to 9.30am without incurring the additional expense of introducing further buses into the network. Under the Act, Peterborough would be responsible for these costs as well as the travel reimbursement costs.

The budget for 2009-10 for concessionary fares is insufficient to meet the current demand. Therefore, further budget would be required to provide additional discretionary elements to the current concessionary travel scheme.

Councillor Sandford asked the following supplementary question:

The Council's Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee recommended that pensioners should be able to travel free from at least 9.00 a.m. I would query the assertion that there is not sufficient capacity on the bus network to accommodate extra passengers in the early morning. Is the reason that this proposal cannot be accommodated due to the proposed cuts to the Council's early morning urban bus services in areas such as Ravensthorpe?

The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development responded:

We have been informed by the service provider that there is not sufficient capacity to extend the scheme. Given the city's ambitious growth agenda and the wish to attract more businesses to the city it would make sense to ensure that a sustainable transport service can be provided for workers during peak commuting times, supporting their use of buses rather than cars.

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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD
21 DECEMBER 2009**

The Mayor – Councillor Irene Walsh

Present:

Councillors: Allen, Arculus, Ash, Benton, Cereste, Collins, Croft, M Dalton, S Dalton, C Day, D Day, S Day, Elsey, Fower, JA Fox, JR Fox, Goodwin, Harrington, Hiller, Holdich, Khan, Kreling, Lamb, Lane, Lowndes, Murphy, Nash, Newton, North, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Seaton, Sharp, Swift, Thacker, Todd, Trueman, Walsh, Wilkinson and Winslade.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Burton, Dobbs, Fitzgerald, Fletcher, Goldspink, Hussain, Lee, Miners, Morley, Nawaz, Scott, Sanders and Sandford.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Arculus to his first council meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations were received from Councillors J R Fox, Benton and Goodwin in relation to Item 4 on the agenda as they were members of the Governance Arrangements Committee that had submitted recommendations to the Council.

3. Acquisition of Land in and around Peterborough United Football Ground

The Mayor advised Council of a typing error in paragraph 3.3.5 on page 5 of the report; the date “2008-01” should have read “2008-21”.

The Mayor further advised Council of her intention to vary the time limits specified under Council Procedure Rule 17.4.1 that would apply to speeches on this item of business whereby the mover would have 5 minutes and any subsequent speaker would have 4 minutes instead of the usual 3 minutes to address Council.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Cereste, moved the recommendations contained within the report. The Leader stated that the proposal to acquire the freehold interest of the land in and around Peterborough United Football Ground would open up the opportunities on the South Bank for university, leisure, shopping and residential development. However, it should be made clear to the public that the measure did not mean that the Council was purchasing the football club. The cost of the acquisition included the ground which contained a minimum of £5 million of assets and that, in addition, there would be a rental income for the Council from the football club.

The recommendations were seconded by Councillor Croft.

Councillor Fower sought assurances that the ground would continue to be used for football and that Peterborough United would not be forced to seek another location outside of the city centre. He moved the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor Holdich:

“That a third paragraph be added to the recommendations as follows:

- (3) at the termination of the current lease in 2014, there shall be a presumption that the existing legal covenant shall be re-imposed to ensure the continued use of the land as a football ground.”

On being put to the vote the amendment was approved.

During the debate on the recommendations, as amended, the main concerns expressed were as follows:

- (a) There had been previous opportunities to purchase the land at a lower cost and the valuation was perceived by some Members to be high at £8 million (£8.65 million in total including stamp duty, professional fees etc.);
- (b) Other areas and facilities in the city required financial support and reference was made to the recent sale of the Great Northern Hotel which the Council had been unable to secure;
- (c) Shortcomings existed regarding the transport infrastructure to support the development of the South Bank; and
- (d) There was a significant level of risk associated with the decision to purchase the site even though it was acknowledged that it could attract new businesses and employment to the city.

The main points raised in support of the proposed acquisition were as follows:

- (a) The development potential of the South Bank Area was immense and the acquisition of land in this part of the city was the key to realising the full development potential of this part of the city;
- (b) The provision of University facilities was important in retaining talented young people in the city;
- (c) There was an opportunity to provide enhanced stadium facilities on the site;
- (d) The purchase would provide certainty for the future of the football ground;
- (e) There was a need for the Council to take positive action and translate its ambition to develop the South Bank into reality; and
- (f) The cost was reasonable when balancing it against the assets acquired and the inward investment that would be attracted to the city.

At the conclusion of the debate, it was resolved that the report and recommendations, as amended, be approved (38 in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions). On request, the vote was recorded.

4. Community Governance Review for Hampton Vale and Hampton Hargate

Councillor Benton moved the recommendations of the Governance Arrangements Committee, as set out within the report, plus a further recommendation that the Council:

“(3) authorises the Executive Director of Strategic Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, to set the estimated council tax and precept for the Parish in accordance with the outline budget agreed by the ward councillors and Hampton parish steering group, by 31st January 2010 and to determine the level of direct grant payable by the Council.”

This was seconded by Councillor Seaton.

It was resolved that the report, as amended, be approved.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 4(i)
24 FEBRUARY 2010	PUBLIC REPORT

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT: FOR INFORMATION

This report is a brief summary of the Mayor's activities on the Council's behalf during the last meetings cycle, together with relevant matters for information. (Events marked with * denotes events attended by the Deputy Mayor on the Mayor's behalf).

2. ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION – From 20 November 2009 to 20 February 2010

2.1 Civic Events

- Attended Civic carol service at St John's Church, Stanground on 6 December
- Attended Christmas wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial, Cathedral Precincts on 17 December
- Attended Holocaust Memorial Day. Service on Town Hall steps on 27 January
- Attended Katharine of Aragón Commemoration Service at Peterborough Cathedral on 29 January

2.2 Visitors to the Mayor's Parlour

- Hosted Charity Committee meeting on 24 November
- Hosted Holocaust Memorial Day Planning meeting on 26 November
- Hosted meeting to discuss Sue Ryder initiative on 27 November
- Hosted meeting in Mayor's Parlours to discuss permanent holocaust memorial on 17 December
- Hosted afternoon tea and presentation in the Parlour to Mrs Kitty Drury on 22 December
- Hosted meeting to discuss Comrades Re-United event in spring on 4 January
- Hosted meeting to discuss Citizenship Ceremonies on 5 January
- Hosted Charity Committee meeting on 5 January
- Hosted visit from Thorney Scouts to parlour and council chamber on 13 January *
- Hosted meeting re Rotary Sailability project on 14 January *
- Hosted Holocaust Memorial Day Planning meeting on 20 January
- Interviewed by Jordan White for Thomas Deacon Academy magazine on 22 January
- Hosted visit by party of German students on 25 January
- Hosted Meeting with Marie Skells, WRBL and others to discuss schools involvement in Remembrance Day commemorations on 26 January
- Met with Guests prior to their attending Katharine of Aragon events on 29 January

2.3 Charity Events

None

2.4 Council and Other Events

- Attended Rotary Charter night at the Holiday Inn West, Thorpe Wood November
- Attended Light Fantastic at Thorpe Hall Sue Ryder Care on 21 November
- Attended Peterborough Choral Society Autumn Concert at St Andrews UR Church, Ledbury Road on 21 November *
- Attended Rudolf Fund Christmas party at the POSH Executive Suite, London Road on 22 November
- Made presentations to students at Stanground College following their help at Mayor's Open Day on 23 November
- Attended Public Health Health Improvement, Managers' meeting at St John's, off Thorpe Road on 24 November
- Attended Official opening of Age Concern, 21 Long Causeway on 24 November
- Attended Citizenship ceremony in the Council Chamber on 24 November
- Attended Sea Cadets Award Presentation at HMS Gildenburgh, Customs House, Rivergate on 24 November
- Attended Reception for Wood Green Animal Shelter, House of Commons on 25 November
- Attended Mayor of Cambridge's reception at The Guildhall, Cambridge on 27 November
- Attended Soke Military Society Annual Exhibition at Peterborough Museum on 28 November
- Attended Macmillan Cancer Support Concert at The Cresset on 29 November
- Attended Peterborough Infrastructure Consortium Showcase, Reception Room on 3 December
- Attended afternoon tea and tour at the Great Northern Hotel on 3 December
- Opened Peterborough Churches Together *Love Came Down at Christmas* at 67 Long Causeway on 3 December *
- Attended Carers Rights Day, Park Inn, Peterborough on 4 December
- Attended Peterborough Samaritans 40th anniversary reception, Town Hall on 4 December
- Attended Peterborough & District Deaf Children's Society Christmas Party venue, Middleton Primary School, Bretton on 5 December
- Attended Eid party at Kurryz restaurant, Hampton Vale on 6 December
- Attended Senior citizens tea party at Marshfields School, Dogsthorpe on 6 December *
- Attended civic night at Key Theatre panto on 7 December
- Attended Citizens Advice Bureau annual general meeting at the 16-17 St Mark's Street on 8
- Attended Nativity play at Dogsthorpe Infant School on 9 December
- Opened of Youth Council, Council Chamber, Town Hall on 11 December
- Visited City Council CCTV monitoring centre on 11 December
- Attended Royal British Legion Women's Section Carol Concert, St Mary's Church, Boongate on 13 December *
- Attended Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Christmas carol service in Peterborough Cathedral on 13 December
- Hosted Mince pie receptions for staff in Reception room on 15 and 16 December
- Attended Citizenship ceremony in the Council Chamber on 15 December *
- Attended Rotary Christmas meal and carol service at the Holiday Inn West, Thorpe Wood on 15
- Attended Princes Trust Team 20 final presentation, Town Hall on 16 December
- Judged Christmas Window Dressing in Millfield on 17 December
- Attended Schools carol concert in Peterborough Cathedral on 17 December*
- Attended Italian Community Association dinner at The Fleet on 19 December
- Attended Fenland District Council Community carol concert, St Mary's Church, Whittlesey on 20 December*
- Attended Carol service at Peterborough Cathedral on 24 December
- Helped serve lunch at the Salvation Army, Bourges Boulevard on Christmas Day.
- Attended Peterborough United match at London Rd on 28 December
- Attended opening of new support room at St Joseph's Day Nursery, 23 Bamber Street on 6 January

- Attended Phantoms Ice hockey match at Planet Ice on 10 January *
- Made Departmental visit with Chief Executive to PCC customer service centre, Bayard Place on 19 January
- Judged the Katharine of Aragon Art competition at the museum on 20 January
- Toured Peterborough College of Adult Education on 21 January
- Attended Open Door Church service at Gunthorpe Primary School on 24 January
- Judged secondary school Katharine of Aragon Art competition at the museum on 25 January*
- Attended Citizenship ceremony in the Council Chamber on 25 January
- Attended Duke of Edinburgh presentation evening in the Reception Room, Town Hall on 26 January
- Attended World Religion Day, Reception Room, Town Hall on 26 January *
- Made Quality Status Presentation to Northborough Parish Council in the Parish Church on 27 January
- Opened a Get a Better Job Day at the Great Northern Hotel on 28 January
- Attended Katharine of Aragon event at Museum on 29 January
- Attended Katharine's Concert in the Peterborough Cathedral on 29 January
- Attended Peterborough Environmental Education Awards, Peterborough Town Hall on 4 February*
- Attended Insurance Institute of Peterborough annual dinner, Marriott Hotel, Lynch Wood on 5 February
- Attended Holiday on Ice at the East of England Showground on 7 February
- Attended The Sorrell Foundation's *Joinedup for BSF* celebration event in the Reception Room on 8 February
- Attended Citizenship ceremony in the Council Chamber on 9 February*
- Met with students at Voyager School prior to filming on 10 February
- Attended Mayor of Grantham's Fine Dining Evening in aid of charity at the Witham Room, Grantham College on 10 February
- Attended Hampton Amateur Theatre Society comedy show at Peterborough High School on 11 February
- Attended Mayor of March's charity ball at the BRSA Club, Elm Rd, March on 12 February
- Attended tree planting in a new wood at Sacrewell Farm on 13 February
- Attended Lion Dancing to celebrate Chinese New Year outside Town Hall steps on 15 February
- Visited Visit to Wood Green Animal Shelter on 16 February
- Attended Dinner party at Imperial Bento, 42 Broadway to celebrate Chinese New Year on 16 February *
- Attended Rotary Presentation to Sailability, Watersports Centre, Ferry Meadows on 18 February
- Attended Mayor of Stamford's charity ghost walk beginning at Stamford Town Hall on 19 February
- Attended Opening ceremony of annexe at Oundle Road Baptist Church on 20 February

3. BACK GROUND DOCUMENTS (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 1985)

None.

4. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE

Chief Executive.

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 6(ii)
24 FEBRUARY 2010	PUBLIC REPORT

EXECUTIVE REPORT – FOR INFORMATION

1. DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETING HELD 14 DECEMBER 2009

CITY COUNCIL'S BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY: UPDATE OF STRATEGY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

This item was withdrawn from the agenda for the meeting to be referred back to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

PETERBOROUGH INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Cabinet considered a report on the Peterborough Integrated Development Programme (IDP). The IDP document -

- Summarised key growth strategies and plans for Peterborough, and showed how they complemented one another.
- Set out what infrastructure and support Peterborough needed for the next 15 years or so, why it was needed, who would deliver it, and what it might cost.
- Formed the basis for bidding for Council wide funding, whether that be from: Government; Government Agencies; lottery and other grants; charities; private sector investment; and developer contributions (s106 and potentially CIL).

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

Approve the Peterborough Integrated Development Programme (IDP) and agree to its publication on the City Council's website.

COUNCIL TAX BASE 2010/11

Cabinet received a report on the calculation of the Council Tax Base 2010/11 as part of the preparation for setting the Council's Budget.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

1. Endorse the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2010/11 at a level of 55,395 Band D equivalent properties.
2. Note the estimated position of the Collection Fund and authorise the Executive Director - Strategic Resources to calculate the final figure on 15th January 2010 and notify the Cambridgeshire Police Authority and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire & Rescue Authority.

BUDGET 2010/11 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2014/15

Cabinet considered the draft budget proposals for 2010-11 through to 2014-15. For the first time, in response to the challenging financial environment, the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) was based on a 5 year plan. The new Medium Term Financial Plan proposed council tax increases of 2.5% each year; in line with the previous Medium Term Financial Plan.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

Agree the following as the basis for consultation:

- a) That the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) be set in the context of the community strategy (MTFP section 1)
- b) The Budget monitoring report for October as the first draft of a probable outturn position for 2009/10.
- c) The draft revenue budget for 2010/11 and indicative figures for 2011/12 to 2014/15 (including capacity and savings proposals).
- d) The draft capital programme for 2010/11 to 2014/15, associated capital strategy, treasury strategy and asset management plan.
- e) The draft Medium Term Financial Plan for 2010/11 to 2014/15.
- f) The proposed council tax increase of 2.5% for 2010/11 and indicative increases of 2.5% for 2011/12 to 2014/15.
- g) To spend at the level of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2010/11 to 2014/15.
- h) The proposals for reserves and balances.
- i) The draft Annual Accountability Agreement with the Primary Care Trust for 2010/11.
- j) The challenging financial position in future years, and the need to start planning early for meeting the financial deficits indicated in the later years of the MTFP.
- k) The financial arrangements for neighbourhood councils

PETERBOROUGH'S NEW GROWTH DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

Cabinet received a report which advised that the credit crunch that began in 2007 had virtually eliminated the funding traditionally available for growth developments and it was unlikely these funding mechanisms would ever recover to levels seen before. The economic downturn had also created a heightened pressure for economic development and city marketing activities. Over the previous year the Council had been working to ensure its growth delivery arrangements positively adapted to these changes. A dialogue with capital market specialists had been initiated, who had advised on the in-house processes and arrangements that would be needed to generate investor confidence in the city and on the technical approaches for making a case for them to fund key projects. The arrangements discussed in the report would combine capital market infrastructure finance expertise with world-class development skills, enabling the growth agenda to continue to be delivered.

As well as refreshing project delivery arrangements, the changes would also strengthen the commitment to building a strong economic base in the city. These

proposals would, through changes to Opportunity Peterborough, enhance the approach to economic growth and development within the city and the wider sub-region, helping to realise the ambition to create conditions for greater levels of entrepreneurship and enterprise.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

Approve the proposed changes to the growth delivery arrangements set out in the report.

REFRESHING THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PLAN

Cabinet was advised that public sector budgets faced significant reductions from 2011 onwards and that for the council this might involve a five percent or even a ten percent reduction in grant. If the various public services in Peterborough combined overheads by sharing front- and back-office activities and by working together better to manage supply networks the council could at least partially adapt to this reduction in income by removing unnecessary costs.

The government was sponsoring a number of projects under the “Total Place” banner. The idea was that the total amount of taxpayer-funded activity in an area be counted and the services that spent the money then find ways to collaborate so as to achieve the same or better outcomes at a lower input cost.

Peterborough City Council had commenced discussions with the other local public services about taking action to collaborate in order to reduce costs. Three broad programmes were envisaged:

1. A public services alliance – shared business units
2. Demand transformation – switch to prevention instead of cure
3. Better supplier and contract management

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

1. Endorse the strategy of collaborating with other public services in Peterborough to reduce costs through the three workstreams set out in the report.
2. Delegate to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Executive Director of Strategic Resources, the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Resources the authority to implement a collaborative procurement exercise with other public services to procure the capability required effectively to implement the three workstreams.

OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

CABINET RESOLVED to note the action taken in respect of the following petitions presented to full Council:

PETITION TO SAVE THE SCOTT CLOSE RECREATION GROUND AND RESTORE ITS PLAY EQUIPMENT

This petition was presented to Council on 14 October 2009 by Councillor Wilkinson.

Cabinet received an update on the situation following discussions with residents and asked that a process be put in place to ensure that members were kept fully informed at all stages of progress on this and other petitions.

PETITION TO SAVE THE 403 & 413 BUS SERVICES

This petition was presented to Council on 14 October 2009 by Councillor Lamb.

Cabinet were informed that the interim Head of Environment, Transport & Engineering had advised Councillor Lamb that it was proposed to implement the Call Connect service in two phases and consequently for Glinton it was proposed to retain the 403/413 Local Link service for the time being, perhaps with some timetable changes. Usage of the 403/413 service would be closely monitored to ascertain any increase in passenger numbers. In addition, should the Call Connect service be approved and implemented, it would also be closely monitored to measure its usage prior to any proposals to implement in other areas. A final report on the bus service review would be considered by Cabinet as part of the budget setting discussions.

2. DECISIONS FROM CABINET MEETING HELD 8 FEBRUARY 2010

ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2008/2009

Cabinet received the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2008/2009, prepared jointly by its external auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and the Audit Commission Relationship Manager and reviewing the Council's arrangements and progress in relation to the Audit of the Accounts and the Use of Resources.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

Approve the Audit and Inspection Letter 2008/2009.

OLDER PEOPLE'S ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

The strategy outlined how extra care housing would be developed across Peterborough to provide high quality housing with care and support for older people across the city and agreed that plans for the existing residential homes managed by NHS Peterborough be developed.

Cabinet were advised that new extra care accommodation was already benefiting many people who have moved into the schemes. These services could now be offered to people who were already receiving residential care in NHS Peterborough managed homes. Engagement with residents and families had begun the previous year by offering all ten permanent residents at Coneygree Lodge, Stanground, a place in St Edmunds Court or another extra care scheme. Individuals could opt for alternative services if they chose but a place in extra care was guaranteed for each of them. Once permanent residents had moved, there would no longer be a need to continue to run Coneygree Lodge and it was anticipated that it would close by the end of March 2010.

Places at St Edmunds Court would also be offered to residents in the other NHS Peterborough managed residential homes. In due course, as more extra care schemes came into operation, similar guaranteed offers would be made to permanent residents at The Croft and at Peverels. Once permanent residents had moved these buildings would no longer be required. It was proposed to complete these changes by the end of 2012. Services at Greenwood House and Welland House would be further developed to provide very specialist residential services for people whose needs could not be met in extra care housing or standard residential care. Because of the issues with the buildings outlined above, these services would need to be re-provided in new buildings in the medium to long-term. Work would commence to identify the best option to fund and achieve this. The land and

buildings for all five homes were owned by the City Council. In the short-term, these services would continue to be run by the provider arm of NHS Peterborough.

NHS Peterborough had engaged with residents, their families and staff within the five residential homes it managed on an ongoing basis since the strategy was agreed. Regular meetings and letters had kept people up to date with the work to review services.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

It was recommended that Cabinet approve the next steps required over the next three years to deliver high quality services for older people now and in future years.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

The current Partnership Agreement between the Council and Peterborough Primary Care Trust (made under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006) was due to expire on 31 March 2010. A new agreement had been drafted which made provision for the continuation of the existing partnership arrangements.

The Council had undertaken a review of the partnership in 2009 to inform these renegotiations. Both partners were committed to an outcome focused partnership which operated in the best interests of local people through a simple and workable partnership agreement. The agreement allowed for the continued integration of health and adult social care through lead commissioning of services by the PCT, pooling of budgets and the operation of integrated services.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

1. Approve the Partnership Agreement for Adult Social Care and Health to come into place from 1 April 2010 on expiry of the existing agreement
2. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care to approve amendments to the agreement to reflect new risk-sharing arrangements when they were introduced as set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report.

BUS SERVICE REVIEW

Cabinet received a report on work already undertaken and consultation events held as part of the bus service review. All subsidised bus service contracts had been incorporated into an initial overview assessment. From this assessment, the Local Link rural, morning and evening bus journeys warranted further assessment due to the low numbers of passengers carried and relatively high subsidy per passenger journeys. Patronage data from on-bus ticket machines and physical on-bus monitoring had been analysed and used to assess the number of people impacted by the proposed changes.

A further review of all subsidised bus services would take place after a 12 month period. This review would ensure that the recommendations had achieved the anticipated outcomes.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

Approve the final proposals to amend the subsidised bus network as follows:

- cease the following journeys on bus services:

- 402 - all journeys, with replacement available on Call Connect or commercial services. Contracts to be provided to eligible school transport students.
- 404 - all journeys, except Sunday journeys, with replacement available on Call Connect or commercial services. Contracts to be provided for eligible school transport students. Revise Sunday journeys.
- 406 - all journeys before 0845 and all journeys after 1813, with replacement available within walking distance on Citi 2. In addition, other minor journey withdrawals, with replacement available within walking distance on Citi 2.
- 407 - all journeys after 1728, with replacement available on Citi 1 and Citi 6.
- 408 - Minor journey withdrawals and amendments, with replacement available on Citi 1 and Citi 3.
- 410 - all journeys withdrawn between Newark and Dogsthorpe, with replacement available on Stagecoach Citi network. In addition, all journeys after 1815 withdrawn and Sunday service withdrawn, with partial replacement available on Stagecoach service 37. Service extended from Newark to Newborough to replace 411, timetable reworked as a result.
- 411 - all journeys, except those carrying eligible students withdrawn, with replacement on reworked 410 timetable.
- enter into a partnership arrangement with Lincolnshire County Council to deliver a Call Connect service;
- reallocate funding and introduce one Call Connect service for the West area (from western edge of authority boundary to East Coast Mainline), with the intention of introducing a second vehicle for the East area at a later date;
- retain service LL403/413 - Glinton and Peakirk with a revised timetable;
- retain combined service LL410/411, as detailed above.;
- retain service 342 - Thorney to Whittlesey on Fridays;
- renew the existing de-minimis agreements with commercial operators to provide a number of journeys;
- reallocate funding to provide additional journeys on a 3 month trial basis to increase the frequency of more popular daytime journeys that are showing an increasing trend in passenger numbers from hourly to half hourly. Should the trial not show a further increase in passenger numbers the trial to be ceased and the service revert to hourly. However, should an agreed further increase in passenger numbers be achieved reallocate funding to provide the additional journeys on a permanent basis;
- reallocate funding to expand the recommended Monday to Saturday Call Connect service to operate on Sundays;
- implementation of promotion and communications plan; and
- implement changes from 4 April 2010, followed by withdrawal of listed journeys from 15 May 2010 to allow a cross over,

(all of the above being subject to budget proposals being agreed at Council.)

Request for call-in received on 15 February 2010. At the time of publication of these papers the decision has been taken but not implemented.

PETERBOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: PETERBOROUGH SITE ALLOCATIONS DOCUMENT (PREFERRED OPTIONS STAGE)

The Council's Core Strategy set out the vision, objectives and overall strategy for the development of Peterborough up to 2026, together with a limited number of policies that are core to achieving or delivering that strategy. The Core Strategy was

accompanied by a 'key diagram' which showed pictorially some of the key elements of Peterborough's development strategy, but it did not have a 'proposals map' drawn on an Ordnance Survey base. This was the primary role of the Site Allocations Document. All land within the City Centre was excluded from the Site Allocations Document as any detailed allocations for new development in this location would be determined via the forthcoming City Centre Area Action Plan (CCAAP).

The key features within the Document included:

- **Housing**
- **Employment**
- **Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople**
- **Safeguarding Land**
- **Other allocations** - the document identified (or reconfirmed existing) boundaries for:
 - The Urban Area
 - The City Centre (CCAAP boundary)
 - The District Centres
 - Local Centres
 - The Villages (Village Envelopes)

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

1. Approve the publication of the Peterborough Site Allocations Document (Preferred Options version), together with associated supporting documents, for six-week public consultation starting in March 2010; and
2. Agree that the document be resubmitted to Cabinet following the consultation exercise for approval of any amendments before its submission to Full Council.

PLANNING OBLIGATIONS IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME (POIS)

The draft version of the POIS was approved by Council on 10th December 2008 and was followed by an extensive public consultation exercise and further evidence gathering since that date. Cabinet received a report recommending that the Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme (POIS) be approved as an adopted Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and that further work be undertaken by officers on the potential of implementing a Community Infrastructure Levy in Peterborough.

CABINET RESOLVED TO:

1. Adopt the Planning Obligations Implementation Scheme (POIS) as a Supplementary Planning Document.
2. Endorse further work to be undertaken by officers on the potential of implementing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in Peterborough.

3. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION

The Council's call-in mechanism has been invoked in respect of the following decision, which was published on 7 January 2010 and detailed further in section 5 below:

- The King's School – Proposed Change of Age Range from 11-18 to 7-18

The request for call-in was to ask the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee to refer the decision back to the decision taker for reconsideration on a number of grounds, most notably:

- The proposal for expansion of The King’s School was not in the best interests of the Cathedral Choristers as the standard of education and support they would receive would be significantly lower than that currently enjoyed at Peterborough High School (PHS).
- There were very few responses to consultation;
- PHS has not been approached to expand the chorister provision to educate girl choristers.
- This proposal should not be based on ease for music staff at the Cathedral, rather what is best for the children.
- The class sizes proposed (of 30) were comparable with other LA schools (significantly higher than at PHS); what had been overlooked was the intensive workload of the choristers and the extensive support that these children, in demanding positions, required.

The Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee discussed the call-in request at a meeting on 15 January 2010. Following consideration of the request the Committee did not agree to the call-in of the decision.

4. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVE OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS

Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13.1 and Executive Procedure Rule 7 require any instances where the Council’s special urgency provisions have been invoked, and/or the call-in mechanism was not applied, to be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with reasons for urgency.

Since the last report to Council the special urgency provision has not been invoked.

Waive of Call-In

Call-In was waived in respect of the following decision which is further detailed in section 5 below:

- Orton Community Transport Association – trading as Peterborough Dial-a-Ride – Approval of Loan.

The Chairman of the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee agreed to waive call-in in respect of this decision as any delay would have prejudiced the Council’s interests.

5. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

DATE / CABINET MEMBER	REFERENCE	DECISION TAKEN
20/11/2009 Councillor Croft	NOV09/008/CMDN	Peterborough Core Strategy Proposed Submission Version: (Post Cabinet Amendments) To approve a list of amendments to the Peterborough Core Strategy (Proposed Submission Version), following the meeting of Cabinet on 12 October 2009, for consideration by Council on 2 December 2009.

25/11/2009 Councillor Croft	NOV09/009/CMDN	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Documents Post Cabinet Amendments to: M&W Core Strategy (Proposed Submission Version) and M&W Site Specific Proposals (Proposed Submission Version) To approve a list of amendments to the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Site Specific Proposals (Proposed Submission Versions), following the meeting of Cabinet on 12 October 2009, for consideration by Council on 2 December 2009.
25/11/2009 Councillor Croft	NOV09/010/CMDN	Revised Peterborough Local Development Scheme 2009-2012 To approve the revised Peterborough Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2009 – 2012 for the purpose of submission to the Government Office for the East of England (Go-East) and for the scheme to come into effect on the date agreed by the Secretary of State or four weeks after submission.
26/11/2009 Councillor Seaton	NOV09/011/CMDN	Peterborough City Council Lottery Grants – Transfer to Sports Aid To approve the transfer of the balance (£68,000) of the Peterborough City Council Lottery Grants programme to Sports Aid. The transfer was proposed to enable Sports Aid to administer small sports-related grants to people in Peterborough. This would maximise value for money and reduce the administrative burden on the Council.
26 November Councillor Cereste	NOV09/012/CMDN	Orton Community Transport Association – trading as Peterborough Dial-a-Ride – Approval of Loan To approve a loan to Peterborough Dial a Ride for the amount, length and other terms as were satisfactory to the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director – Strategic Resources and the Executive Director - Operations
26 November 2009 Councillor Seaton	NOV09/013/CMDN	Stationery and Office Supplies Authority to award the contract for Stationery and Office Supplies to Office Depot UK Ltd for a period of 3 years from 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2012 based on the evaluation criteria and pre-defined methodology and for the price referred to in the Exempt Annex attached to the CMDN.
27 November 2009 Councillor	NOV09/014/CMDN	Amendment to Community Leadership Fund Procedures To amend the procedures for approval of

Cereste		<p>applications under the Community Leadership Fund (CLF) to provide that: If a councillor does not respond to a request to approve a CLF bid within a month or if there is a dispute about the bid then the matter should be referred to the Leader or Deputy Leader to make a final decision on the bid.</p> <p>1. If any part of the CLF remains uncommitted one month before the end of the financial year, then the matter is to be referred to the Leader or Deputy Leader who will make decisions and ensure the money is spent by the year end on projects in the relevant ward.</p>
7 December 2009 Councillor Holdich	<p>NOV09/015/CMDN</p> <p>NOV09/016/CMDN</p> <p>NOV09/017/CMDN</p>	<p>Appointments of LEA Governors:</p> <p>1. Gladstone Primary School - to appoint Mrs Barbara Kirby, nominated by the Governing Body.</p> <p>2. Ken Stimpson School - to appoint Mr Nigel Green, nominated by the Peterborough Independent Forum.</p> <p>3. Hampton Hargate Primary School - to appoint Miss Ann Williams, nominated by the governing body.</p>
31 December 2009 Councillor Lee	NOV09/016/CMDN	<p>Procurement for Lot 1: Energy from Waste Facility, Lot 2: Materials Recycling Facility and Lot 3: Operational Services</p> <p>The decision was:-</p> <p>(1) In respect of Lot 1: Energy from Waste Facility</p> <p>(a) The three bidders shown as ranked 1, 2 and 3 in the Exempt Annex to the CMDN were to be invited to participate in the competitive dialogue (ie. invited to submit outline solutions for consideration) for the reasons set out in the Exempt Annex.</p> <p>(2) In respect of Lot 2: Materials Recycling Facility</p> <p>(a) The three bidders shown as ranked 1, 2 and 3 in the Exempt Annex to the CMDN were to be invited to participate in the competitive dialogue (ie. to be invited to submit outline solutions for consideration) for the reasons set out in the Exempt Annex.</p> <p>(3) In respect of Lot 3: Various operational services (PCS)</p>

		<p>(a) The six bidders shown as ranked 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the Exempt Annex to the CMDN were to be invited to participate in the competitive dialogue (ie. to be invited to submit outline solutions for consideration) for the reasons set out in the Exempt Annex.</p> <p>(4) There will be no invites issued in respect of combined Lots 1 – 3 for the reasons stated in the Exempt Annex.</p> <p>(5) In line with the respective consents obtained from bidders, the names of the bidders that have been shortlisted are to be published (but this will not be done until expiry of the call-in period to safeguard bidders' confidentiality which attaches during the call-in period).</p> <p>(6) To delegate to the Deputy Chief Executive and/or Executive Director – Strategic Resources (in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture and where necessary the Solicitor to the Council and/or the Waste 2020 Project Board) authority to determine and action:-</p> <p>(a) any issues whether of a strategic, operational or other nature that may need resolution (including any that may cross other departments of the Council) during the remainder of the procurement process to ensure effective and timely progress to be made; and</p> <p>(b) whether, and if so, how many, and which bidders, are to be selected to take through the next stages of the procurement process (including invitation to submit detailed solutions, call for final tenders and preferred bidders).</p> <p>(7) The final decision on which bidders are to be awarded the respective contracts for Lots 1, 2 and 3 (subject to the Alcatel provision) are to be referred to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture to enable a further executive decision to be made by a Cabinet Member decision notice.</p>
7 January 2010 Councillor Holdich	JAN10/CMDN/001	<p>The Kings School – Proposed Change of Age Range from 11-18 to 7-18 To approve the proposal from the King's School Governing Body for a change of age-</p>

		<p>range.</p> <p>Currently the school serves the needs of pupils aged 11-18. The proposal is for the school to extend that age range to cover ages 7-18 i.e. adding a Key Stage 2 section to the school.</p>
11 January 2010 Councillor Holdich	<p>JAN10/CMDN/002</p> <p>JAN10/CMDN/003</p>	<p>Appointments of LEA Governors:</p> <p>1. Nene Valley Primary School - to appoint Mr Peter Robinson, nominated by the Local Authority.</p> <p>2. Nenegate School - tTo appoint Mrs Julie Haynes, nominated by the Local Authority.</p>
15 January 2010 Councillor Holdich	JAN10/CMDN/004	<p>Competition to Set up a New Primary School at Stanground South</p> <p>To authorise the Executive Director for Children's Services and the Solicitor to the Council to commence the 'competition' process for the development of a new primary school at the Stanground South development, as provided for in section 7 of The Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006) and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance) (England) Regulations 2007 (SI: 2007 No 1288) (as amended).</p> <p>To give authority for the competition process to proceed to stage 4, as set out in paragraph 7 of the CMDN. The final decision on the proposals (stage 5) will be a key decision which will be the subject of a further Executive decision at the appropriate time.</p>
18 January 2010 Councillor Holdich	JAN10/CMDN/005	<p>Appointment of LEA Governor to Newborough Primary School</p> <p>To appoint Cllr David Harrington, nominated by the Governing Body.</p>
2 February 2010 Councillor Hiller	FEB10/CMDN/006	<p>Midland Highway Alliance – Junction 8 Roundabout Improvements and Welland Road Traffic Mitigation Projects</p> <p>Authority to:</p> <p>1. Enter into a contract with Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Limited, which is part of the Midlands Works Framework 3 (MWF3), to construct Junction 8 Roundabout Improvement and Welland Road Traffic Mitigation Works for the Target Cost sum (including risk register) of up to £4,250,000.</p> <p>2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Operations to vary this contract</p>

		when required, subject to; (i) available budget being in place; (ii) the total sum of each variation not exceeding £500,000; and (iii) the variation(s) do not exceed the total sum of works permitted under the framework contract.
1 February 2010 Councillor Holdich	FEB10/CMDN/007 FEB10/CMDN/008	Appointments of LEA Governors: 1. Eye Primary School - to appoint Mr Andrew Goodsell, changing from parent governor to LEA governor, nominated by the Conservative Group. 2. Newark Hill Primary School - to appoint Mr Jason Yearwood, nominated by the governing body.
4 February 2010 Councillor Holdich	FEB10/CMDN/009	Children's Services - Learning Platform – Contract Extension Authority to undertake the option of extending the current contract for the provision of the Learning Platform with RM Education Plc on the existing terms and conditions for a further period of one year from 01 January 2010 to 01 January 2011.
8 February 2010 Councillor Seaton	FEB10/CMDN/010	Arthur Mellows Village College – New Gymnasium and Innovation Centre 1. To authorise the award of the contract for the construction of a new gymnasium and conversion of the existing gymnasium into a new innovation centre at Arthur Mellows Village College at Glinton to Lindum Sturgeon Limited, for the sum set out in the exempt annex to the CMDN. 2. To authorise and approve the Council entering into (1) a licence from the Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance giving access over Diocesan owned land in the nature of a temporary roadway to obtain access to the College site; and (2) a licence to build from the Governing Body of Arthur Mellows Village College to facilitate the construction of a new gymnasium and associated works at the said College.
12 February 2010 Councillor Lee	FEB10/CMDN/018	The Supply of Adult and Children's Library Book Stock and Services Authority to award the contract for the provision of library book stocks and services to Askews Library Services ("Askews") at the rates/prices set out in the exempt annex to the CMDN.

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7(i)a
24 FEBRUARY 2010	PUBLIC REPORT

EXECUTIVE REPORT – RECOMMENDATION

1. BUDGET 2010/11 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) TO 2014/15

- 1.1 Cabinet, at its meeting on 8 February 2010, considered the draft budget for 2010/11 in the context of a five year medium term financial plan and corporate plan running to 2014/15.
- 1.2 In determining the following budget recommendations, Cabinet had regard to the consultation comments and the statutory advice detailed in the report and endorsed the following for recommendation to Council:
- a) That the MTFP is set in the context of the community strategy (MTFP section 1).
 - b) The Budget monitoring report for October as the first draft of a probable outturn position for 2009/10.
 - c) The revenue budget for 2010/11 and indicative figures for 2011/12 to 2014/15 (including capacity and savings proposals).
 - d) The capital programme for 2010/11 to 2014/15, associated capital strategy, treasury strategy (updated to be compliant with the new Treasury Management Code of Practice) and asset management plan.
 - e) The medium term financial plan for 2010/11 to 2014/15.
 - f) The council tax increase of 2.5% for 2010/11 and indicative increases of 2.5% for 2011/12 to 2014/15.
 - g) To spend at the level of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2010/11 to 2014/15.
 - h) The proposals for reserves and balances.
 - i) The Annual Accountability Agreement with the Primary Care Trust for 2010/11.
 - j) The approach to budget management in 2010-11, including the need to approval of spend through the Council's gateway process, and the proposed extent of delegation, (within the 'budget and policy framework procedures rules'), to be requested from council to ensure that the financial targets in the MTFP are delivered
 - k) The challenging financial position in future years, and the need to start planning early for meeting the financial deficits indicated in the later years of the MTFP.
 - l) The financial arrangements for neighbourhood councils
- 1.3 Cabinet has noted that the council tax to be formally set on 24th February 2010 will be subject to the notifications of precepting bodies in respect of their budget requirements, and appropriate resolutions will be prepared for Council.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council adopts the Budget for 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2014/15 as detailed in Book 2 (attached).

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM 7(ii)a
24 FEBRUARY 2010	PUBLIC REPORT

PUBLICATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
FROM : Solicitor to the Council
That Council receives the recommendation of the Standards Committee and further considers the motion from the Council meeting on 2 December 2009.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report advises Council of the recommendation from the Standards Committee following a referral of a motion submitted to the Council meeting held 2 December 2009.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A motion was moved by Cllr Goldspink at Full Council on 2 December 2009:

“That as a matter of policy, in the interests of ease of access, openness and transparency and to be consistent with the spirit of the Standards Board for England’s National Code of Conduct, Members’ interests will be automatically published online via the Council’s website, unless a Member specifically requests otherwise, in which case a note to that effect will appear on the website instead.”

- 2.2 It was agreed by Council to refer the motion to the Standards Committee for consideration and report.

3. STANDARDS COMMITTEE RESPONSE

- 3.1 The Standards Committee agreed at its meeting held on 13 January 2010 to recommend:

“That all City Councillors’, Parish Councillors’ and co-opted members’ Register of Interests submissions be made available on the council’s public website unless withheld at the Monitoring Officer’s discretion due to the information creating a serious enough risk that someone in their household would be subjected to violence or intimidation.”

- 3.2 The Committee further agreed to recommend that all submissions on the Gifts and Hospitality Register be published on the Council’s public website.

- 3.3 The Standards Committee agreed that publication on the website would make the council’s decision making as open and transparent as possible which were principles the Committee supported. The committee agreed that all entries (unless withheld as noted above in 3.1) should be published on the Council’s website as the internet was often the first place members of the public looked for information on Councillors and other members and this was an appropriate means of displaying an already public register given that one of the aims of the Standards

Committee was to move towards dedicated governance pages on the website. The same rules around the protection of sensitive information would apply to web registers.

- 3.4 Further to the reasons above, the committee acknowledged that many other authorities were moving towards the public display of their registers on their web pages and therefore this appeared to be becoming routine good practice especially in the unitary authorities and London Boroughs.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Code of Conduct for Members required that all City Councillors, Parish Councillors and Independent and Co-opted Members of the Council's Committees must make declarations of interests and any Gifts and Hospitalities received over the value of £25 are recorded. This information is currently held on public deposit in paper format and is open to public inspection.

Where a Member considers that the information relating to any personal interest is sensitive information and the Monitoring Officer agrees, this information need not be included when registering that interest. Under the Code, "sensitive information" means information whose availability for inspection by the public creates, or is likely to create, a serious risk that you or a person who lives with the Member may be subjected to violence or intimidation.

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

Standards Committee report from 13 January 2010.

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM 7(iv)a	
24 FEBRUARY 2010	PUBLIC REPORT	
Contact Officer(s):	Helen Edwards, Solicitor to the Council	Tel. 01733 452539

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

That Council approves the appointment of Cllr Nick Arculus to replace Cllr Ray Dobbs on the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make a new appointment to a committee.

2. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR ARCULUS

- 2.1 Following the recent West Ward election and the appointment of Cllr Arculus to the Council, the Conservative Group has requested that Cllr Arculus is appointed to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee in place of Cllr Dobbs.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Under Part 4, Section 2 – Standing Orders relating to Committees, the Council is required to approve a replacement on a Committee in these circumstances. In accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the person appointed shall be in accordance with the wishes of the political group to which the seat has been allocated under the rules of proportionality.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Peterborough City Council's Constitutional document.

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