

ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

7.00 PM

Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall

AGENDA

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Councillor Benton, Cabinet Advisor for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development will be in attendance for this item.

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Committee Members:

Councillors: C Burton (Chairman), D Day (Vice-Chairman), R Dobbs, M Fazal, J A Fox, N North and J Wilkinson

Substitutes: Councillors: J Goodwin and C Ash

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 16 JULY 2009 IN THE BOURGES AND VIERSEN ROOMS, TOWN HALL**

Present: Councillors C Burton (Chairman), D Day (Vice-Chairman), R Dobbs, M Fazal, J A Fox and N North

Also Present: Councillor N Sandford – Liberal Democrat Group Leader

Officers Present: Richard Wills – Executive Director of Development at Lincolnshire County Council
Paul Phillipson – Executive Director of Operations
Trevor Gibson – Director of Environment Capital, Opportunity Peterborough
Andy Tatt – Asset Management Group Manager
Brian Armstrong – Wildlife Officer
Claire Boyd – Senior Lawyer
Louise Tyers – Scrutiny Manager

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Wilkinson.

2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations

Councillor JA Fox declared a personal interest in item 8 as a member of the Friends of Cuckoo Hollow and as a member of the Biodiversity Working Group.

Councillor Sandford declared a personal interest in item 8 as a member of the Biodiversity Working Group.

3. Minutes

3.1 Environment Scrutiny Panel held on 16 April 2009

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Panel held on 16 April 2009 were approved as an accurate record.

3.2 Scrutiny Committee held on 6 April 2009

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 6 April 2009 were approved as an accurate record.

3.3 Scrutiny Committee held on 29 April 2009

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 29 April 2009 were approved as an accurate record.

4. Call In of any Cabinet, Cabinet Member or Key Officer Decisions

There were no requests for call-in to consider.

5. Floods and Water Management Bill

Richard Wills, Executive Director at Lincolnshire County Council gave a presentation on the draft Floods and Water Bill and what the Council's new responsibilities would be and their possible implications.

The Government's intentions in relation to floods and water management had been tabled as a draft Bill before it got into the legislative programme in Parliament, therefore it may not become law during the term of the present government. The Bill was the Government's response to the Pitt Review which followed the 2007 floods.

The Floods and Water Management Bill would give the Council a number of new powers and duties:

- Local leadership – convening the Local Flood Risk Management Group
- Surface Water Management Plans
- Flood Risk Management Work Programmes
- Investigate local flooding incidents
- Adopt and maintain Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

The Government had consistently said that there would be no net new financial burdens on local government as it would be fully funded from the funding being made available to implement the Pitt Review however no one really knew what all the new powers and duties would cost.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- As the Bill was still in its draft format what was the timetable for getting it through Parliament? It was doubtful that the Bill would go through during this session of Parliament but it was expected that any new Government would pick the Bill up quickly and progress it.
- Internal Drainage Boards worked very well, particularly the North Level Drainage Board, what consultation had been undertaken with them? The Internal Drainage Boards would be very important partners in the new arrangements but they only dealt with a small part of water and did not deal with surface water. The issue would be how we worked in partnership with them.
- If the drainage systems we would be taking over were not up to standard could we refuse to take them over? The view of local government was that they should only be taken over when they were up to an acceptable standard, similar to adoption of highways.
- More publicity and work with the public was needed on flood risks.
- Had levies on people who lived in areas that were liable to flood been considered? Gloucester City Council had added 1% on to their Council Tax which had been ring fenced for flood management.
- There was concern about further developments on flood plains, especially as Peterborough was designated to grow.

The Council was urged to start to talk to surrounding local authorities, especially Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire. There was an offer to have observer status at Lincolnshire's meetings to see the work that they were doing in this area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That the Leader of the Council:

- (a) be advised of the significant implications of the proposed new legislation for the Council and local communities; and
 - (b) be recommended to identify a Cabinet Member and Lead Officer to take forward preparations for the requirements of the new Bill in readiness for its enactment.
- (ii) That the nominated Cabinet Member and Lead Officer be recommended to build links and seek joint working with surrounding local authorities and other relevant agencies, including Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire County Councils and the local Internal Drainage Boards.
 - (iii) That the nominated Cabinet Member and Lead Officer be requested to submit a further report within a period of 6 months to this Committee providing responses to items (i) and (ii) above and also giving assurances that the Council is preparing for the new legislation.

6. Environmental Enforcement and Education

The Executive Director of Operations presented an overview of the Council's environmental enforcement and related activity and the opportunities and challenges in relation to future service delivery.

As part of the restructure of the Operations Directorate a new Neighbourhoods and Community Empowerment Team would bring the Environmental Enforcement and Neighbourhood Enforcement Teams together. This would enable a focussed delivery of services within localities using a neighbourhood management approach.

A number of opportunities were now available to improve this area of work including:

- Integration of teams would facilitate targeted service delivery eliminating any duplication of work and bridging gaps
- Expanding the role of XFOR to include late night enforcement within the city centre with police partners and/or action as professional witnesses to aid and increase prosecutions
- An opportunity to increase the level of education work with those who had committed environmental offences instead of imposing a fixed penalty notice or fine

Legal Services currently received in the region of 100-160 new environmental enforcement cases per month. The cases took a minimum of one hour each to process ready for court. An increase in the number of cases brought to prosecution would increase the demand on Legal Services further and a variety of options were now being considered including:

- Outsourcing the cases to a 3rd party
- Establishing a new post, for example a Legal Executive, for the purpose of processing environmental enforcement cases.

Work was also being undertaken with colleagues in NHS Peterborough to develop a model which offered those people who dropped cigarette waste an option to undergo a smoking cessation programme rather than receive a fine, similar to the speed awareness programme.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- As certain areas of the city were hotspots for fly tipping could covert operations be used in those areas? The Director confirmed that covert operations had been successful in the past but a lot more work could be done with other methods. Using covert operations was not always straight forward.

- There would not be much difference between the costs of employing a dedicated legal officer and outsourcing enforcement cases.
- A lot of work was done within schools to educate young people about environmental matters and this was done through the Environmental Education Team based in City Services.
- More publicity needed to be given to successful prosecutions to make the public aware about the possible implications of littering.
- Did the Director feel that the balance between education and enforcement was right? This was complicated as the education and enforcement areas were based within different directorates. The Council was always looking to streamline services and ideally the teams should be able to undertake both roles. Work was ongoing on this and the Director would be working with other directors about how to move forward.
- Services such as the bulky waste collection service needed to be publicised more widely. The service was currently publicised but different models for bulky waste collection could be looked at in the future.
- Was the purpose of using XFOR to stop littering or to bring in income as fixed penalty notices were always issued and never warnings? A more conciliatory approach needed to be taken and the Director confirmed that it was a difficult balance. XFOR were cost neutral to the Council as if a fixed penalty notice was not paid then XFOR were not paid.
- When travellers used makeshift sites and left litter behind, were they prosecuted? The problem was that the Council did not provide temporary sites for travellers. Officers tried to facilitate locations when it was known that travellers were moving to the City, for example for the horse fair at the end of the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That it be recommended to the relevant Lead Officer, subject to confirmation that the costs of outsourcing enforcement cases are less or similar to employing an additional, dedicated legal officer, that outsourcing should be the preferred option in dealing with environmental enforcement cases in order to provide greater flexibility in resourcing this service in the future.
- (ii) That it be recommended to the Lead Officer that whilst environmental enforcement activity is supported by the Committee there should be clear discretion allowed to officers not to issue a fixed penalty notice should litter be dropped accidentally.
- (iii) That it be recommended to the Lead Officer that further financial information be provided to the Committee on the balance between environmental education and enforcement by this Council during the current financial year and innovative ways be examined of engaging with the public to provide more publicity and education on the implications of littering, the outcomes of court cases and the availability of services such as the Bulky Waste Collection Service in order to minimise environmental pollution.
- (iv) That it be recommended to the Lead Officer the initiative with NHS Peterborough on using smoking cessation programmes as an alternative to issuing fixed penalty notices be introduced as soon as possible.

The above recommendations are linked to NI195 (Improved street and environmental cleanliness – levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting) and NI196 (Improved street and environmental cleanliness – fly tipping) which are in the Local Area Agreement under the priority of creating the UK's environment capital.

7. Response to Adverse Weather Conditions - Footpaths

The Asset Management Group Manager presented a report which detailed how roads and footpaths were treated during the adverse weather conditions of the past winter. It included a review on how the footpaths should be treated in the future.

The winter of 2008/09 was the worst in over 18 years with 86 gritting runs taking place as opposed to 54 for 2007/08. The Council's road network was well served by its current precautionary gritting routes that covered 43% of the total network; this figure was slightly above the regional average. In addition and unlike many other authorities, the Council also treated a strategic network of pedestrian/cycle way routes including prioritised footbridges, city centre pedestrian area, crematorium and council car parks.

There had been two difficult periods this winter, one just before Christmas and one during February. The later spell of severe weather affected the whole country and put significant pressure on salt providers. To aid the salt situation the Council purchased 3 to 5mm graded grit which when appropriate was mixed with the salt. This had aided traction in snow conditions however it did have a slight down side as unlike salt which formed into a solution the grit remained which when used excessively would add to the detritus within the drainage systems. With the impact of climate change we now needed to look at using different materials for surfacing roads.

The highest risk posed to the City was the limited coverage of footway treatments which were currently confined to the city centre shopping streets and pedestrian areas. In order to address this potential risk, whilst accepting the limited resources available, it was being proposed that the current city centre treatment routes should be expanded to include the routes that linked strategic car parks and the Railway Station to the city centre.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- This winter was exceptional and may not happen again for a number of years. If the Council purchased larger quantities of salt would it be able to be stored properly? All salt was stored at Stilton and was brought during the summer months. We tried to run down the stock of salt by the end of each winter season.
- With the more extreme, frequent weather we needed to plan to do things differently. An Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change had been developed and it may be useful to scrutinise that document at a future meeting.
- The Local Transport Plan included a Transport User Hierarchy which gave priority to foot users, how did the existing treatment regime fit in? The Officer advised that for the next season the Council would be looking to review other routes, including the Green Wheel. Under the Transport Act the Council had a duty to keep maintaining routes or be liable to claims.
- Some residents had been clearing the footpaths around their homes but the advice given by the Council was to stop as they could be liable if someone had an accident if it had not been cleared properly.
- The new Neighbourhood Councils could give advice on budget priorities in this area. Officers would look to engage with them to identify the needs in their areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be recommended to the Executive that this Committee recognises the relative infrequency of the adverse weather conditions that were encountered in 2009 but requests that the inclusion of funding for an increased treatment programme for public footpaths be considered during the development of the Council Budget for 2010/11 alongside other budget pressures.

8. Biodiversity Strategy - Progress Report

The Wildlife Officer presented a report on the progress made against the actions and targets contained within the current Biodiversity Strategy. The existing Strategy was currently being reviewed and would shortly be brought to the Committee for consideration.

All progress on required actions within the last twelve months had been achieved from within the Council's existing budgets. Future ability to progress against the Strategy would be dependent on some changes to land management and maintaining existing resources where possible.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- The Council's departments had found the current Strategy very positive and were doing a lot of work in helping to deliver biodiversity within their services.
- There were some concerns that actions within the existing Strategy were focussing on fairly small areas of land and that larger areas should be identified for changes in their management regimes. The officer confirmed that trials on management regimes were underway and that the revised Strategy would look at a network of green spaces and habitats across the City.
- It appeared that there had been no fundamental changes in the management of parks.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That a further report be received at the next meeting of the Committee on the revised Biodiversity Strategy; and
- (ii) That the Cabinet Member and Lead Officer ensure that the revised draft should include more substantive proposals and fewer references to establishing trial sites.

The above recommendations are linked to NI197 (Improved biodiversity active management of local sites) which is in the Local Area Agreement under the priority of creating the UK's environment capital.

9. Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group

In April 2009 the Environment Scrutiny Panel agreed to the establishment of a Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group. Following the introduction of a new scrutiny structure at Annual Council, the Task and Finish Group now needed to be reconstituted reporting to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

ACTION AGREED

That the Members Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group be reconstituted and that it reports to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

10. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The latest version of the Forward Plan, showing details of the key decisions that the Leader of the Council believed the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would be making over the next four months, was received.

The only decision relevant to the remit of this Committee was in relation to the Review of Council Subsidised Bus Services.

ACTION AGREED

To consider the proposed decision on the Review of Council Subsidised Bus Services in September.

11. Work Programme

We considered the Work Programme for 2009/10.

Due to the change in date of the Cabinet meeting scheduled for September, the item on the Budget and Financial Strategy would now be considered in November.

ACTION AGREED

To confirm the work programme 2009/10.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17 September 2009 at 7pm.

CHAIRMAN
7.00 - 9.10 pm

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ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 5
17 SEPTEMBER 2009	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the responses to recommendations made at previous meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the responses to the recommendations made and agree if, and how, the implementation of the recommendations will be monitored.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 During the Committee's meeting on 16 July 2009, a number of recommendations were made following consideration of reports on Environment Enforcement & Education and the Draft Floods & Water Management Bill.
- 3.2 The recommendations were subsequently submitted to the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Environment Capital & Culture and the Executive Director for Operations with a request that responses were received by the 17 August 2009.
- 3.3 A copy of the recommendations made and the responses are attached at Appendix 1.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the responses and agree if, and how, the implementation of the recommendations will be monitored.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Any implications are contained within the individual responses to the recommendations.

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee held on 16 July 2009

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Recommendations and Responses Received.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 JULY 2009

Recommendations to the Leader of the Council and Executive Director of Operations

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations
Floods and Water Management Bill	<p>That the Leader of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be advised of the significant implications of the proposed new legislation for the Council and local communities; and (b) be recommended to identify a Cabinet Member and Lead Officer to take forward preparations for the requirements of the new Bill in readiness for its enactment. 	<p>This clearly falls within the portfolio of Cabinet Member Councillor Peter Hiller, who has been briefed on the issues and will become part of a partnership group led by the local authority (Executive Director – Operations) to bring together the appropriate agencies to deliver a coordinated Flood Risk Strategy and Surface Water Management Plan. We are considerably further down this route than a lot of local authorities and preparation for further work on mapping the Surface Water Management Plan and subsequent actions are in hand. The Leader has received a briefing by the Resilience Team.</p>
	<p>That the nominated Cabinet Member and Lead Officer be recommended to build links and seek joint working with surrounding local authorities and other relevant agencies, including Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire County Councils and the local Internal Drainage Boards.</p>	<p>See above</p>
	<p>That the nominated Cabinet Member and Lead Officer be requested to submit a further report within a period of 6 months to this Committee providing responses to items 1 and 2 above and also giving assurances that the Council is preparing for the new legislation.</p>	<p>See above – update report will be provided in six months.</p>

Recommendations to the Cabinet Member of Environment Capital & Culture and Executive Director of Operations

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations
Environmental Enforcement and Education	<p>That it be recommended to the relevant Lead Officer, subject to confirmation that the costs of outsourcing enforcement cases are less or similar to employing an additional, dedicated legal officer, that outsourcing should be the preferred option in dealing with environmental enforcement cases in order to provide greater flexibility in resourcing this service in the future.</p> <p>(Linked to NI195 & NI196 – improved street and environmental cleanliness)</p>	<p>We acknowledge this and are currently carrying out this process which will be reviewed on a regular basis.</p>
	<p>That it be recommended to the Lead Officer that whilst environmental enforcement activity is supported by the Committee there should be clear discretion allowed to officers not to issue a fixed penalty notice should litter be dropped accidentally.</p> <p>(Linked to NI195 & NI196 – improved street and environmental cleanliness)</p>	<p>If the dropping of litter is accidental then there would be no prosecution. This will be up to interpretation of the officer at the time of ticket issue.</p>
	<p>That it be recommended to the Lead Officer that further financial information be provided to the Committee on the balance between environmental education and enforcement by this Council during the current financial year and innovative ways be examined of engaging with the public to provide more publicity and education on the implications of littering, the outcomes of court cases and the availability of services such as the Bulky Waste Collection Service in order to minimise environmental pollution.</p> <p>(Linked to NI195 & NI196 – improved street and environmental cleanliness)</p>	<p>This is quite a significant amount of work and we are currently discussing the balance between each aspect and how this can be better delivered. I request the ability to schedule in a future date when we are clearer as to the best way forward.</p>
	<p>That it be recommended to the Lead Officer the initiative with NHS Peterborough on using smoking cessation programmes as an alternative to issuing fixed penalty notices be introduced as soon as possible.</p>	<p>We are working hard to introduce this and I have sign up from both PCT Chief Exec and ourselves. We need to locate the finance of which there are bids in hand and ensure that we can manage the process legally before introduction.</p>

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations
	(Linked to NI195 & NI196 – improved street and environmental cleanliness)	
Response to Adverse Weather Conditions – Footpaths	That it be recommended to the Executive that this Committee recognises the relative infrequency of the adverse weather conditions that were encountered in 2009 but requests that the inclusion of funding for an increased treatment programme for public footpaths be considered during the development of the Council Budget for 2010/11 alongside other budget pressures.	This comment has been noted and passed to Councillor Hiller, the Cabinet Member for this area.
Biodiversity Strategy – Progress Report 2008/09	That a further report be received at the next meeting of the Committee on the revised Biodiversity Strategy and that it be recommended to the relevant Cabinet Member and Lead Officer that the revised draft should include more substantive proposals and fewer references to establishing trial sites. (Linked to NI197 – improved biodiversity)	The report is in the final stages and will be considered by the Committee at the meeting on 17 September

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ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY	Agenda Item No. 6
17 SEPTEMBER 2009	Public Report

Report of the Executive Director of Operations

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REVIEW OF SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICES

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is being presented at the request of the Environmental Capital Scrutiny Committee to enable them to consider and comment on the outcome of the review of subsidised bus services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 This report provides the background and detail of the review of bus services to provide information on which to base the following recommendations:

- (a) cease subsidy and therefore operation of the local bus service journeys highlighted in red in Annexes 1 to 8;
- (b) retender journeys highlighted in green in Annexes 1 to 8;
- (c) reallocate £xx funding to provide a call connect service from villages that do not receive the minimum of an hourly bus service to Stamford and Peterborough to cover journeys highlighted in blue in Annexes 1 to 8 to ensure all rural villages have access to a bus service
- (d) renew the existing de-minimis agreements with commercial operators to provide a smaller number of journeys to provide additional journeys that are not currently financially viable as detailed in Annex 9
- (e) consider allocating funding to provide additional journeys on a 3 month trial basis to cover journeys highlighted in plum in Annexes 1 to 8 to enhance services that are showing an increasing trend in passenger journeys
- (f) consider allocating funding to expand the recommended Monday to Saturday Call Connect service to operate on Sundays
- (g) enter into a partnership arrangement with Lincolnshire County Council to deliver a Call Connect service
- (h) all service changes to commence 3 January 2010.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 3.1 Peterborough's Sustainable Community Strategy is the plan for the future of our city and the surrounding villages and rural areas. It sets the direction for the overall strategic development of Peterborough with the Local Area Agreement being the vehicle with which to achieve these changes. This report directly links to the LAA priority, *Creating the UK's Environment Capital*.

- 3.2 In addition, this report helps to achieve the following national indicators:

- NI175 Access to services by public transport, walking and cycling
- NI177 Local bus passenger journeys
- NI185 CO₂ reduction from local authority operations
- NI198 Children travelling to school – mode of travel usually used

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Under the 1985 Transport Act, the Council has a statutory duty to secure the provision of such public transport services as the Council considers appropriate to secure to meet any public transport requirements which would not otherwise be met commercially.
- 4.2 The review of Council subsidised bus services was undertaken as a result of improvements to commercially operated bus services reducing the need for some Local Link journeys. Subsequently, the number of passengers on these journeys has reduced. In addition, a different way of delivering bus services to rural areas, providing either the same or better period of operation, has been identified. This allows the vehicle to operate only at times when the service is needed rather than adhering to a rigid timetable and the bus operating with no passengers on board; wasting resources and emitting needless CO₂ emissions.
- 4.3 Some Local Link services have seen an increase in patronage. Therefore it is suggested that a trial of improved frequency is undertaken to assess if this further increases passenger journeys or whether the same number of passenger journeys are undertaken but simply split over the more frequent departures.
- 4.4 Under the Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 provision is made for local transport authorities to be excepted to let bus subsidy contracts through competitive tender. These are commonly referred to as '*de-minimis*' contracts. The Council has made use of these regulations to provide additional journeys to enhance the journeys provided by commercial bus operators, particularly during the evenings when journeys are usually not carrying sufficient passengers for the bus operators to operate the journeys without subsidy. The Council achieves best value in providing these de-minimis journeys as an operator providing the majority of the service throughout the day can provide the additional journeys at a much reduced cost, having already the vehicles and drivers in place. In addition, passengers prefer to see consistency across a service without changing operators during the service.
- 4.5 Having assessed the journeys subsidised through de-minimis contracts, passenger numbers warrant continued funding of these services. However, the Transport and Sustainable Environment Group should work with bus operators over the lifetime of the new contracts to encourage patronage growth with a view to the journeys becoming financially viable.

5. KEY ISSUES

Review of bus services

- 5.1 All subsidised bus service contracts were 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 was analysed and used to assess the number of people impacted by the proposed changes.
- 5.2 The review highlighted journeys carrying on average no more than ten passengers per journey. Better value can be achieved by withdrawing these journeys and offering an alternative community transport service.

Officers have visited the Lincolnshire Call Connect centre and established that a service could be provided and two options are available:

Options A and B – provide a Call Connect could operate six days a week from 7 am to 7 pm
Option A only – provide a service from villages that do not receive the minimum of an hourly bus service to Stamford only at approximately £35k per annum.

Option B only – provide a service from villages that do not receive the minimum of an hourly bus service to Stamford and Peterborough at approximately £70k per annum.

A further option is to provide a dial-a-ride service on one or more days per week between the hours of 9.30 am and 2.30 pm was considered. However, this would provide a significant drop in service to the residents of several rural villages.

Passengers are required to pre-book their journey on both services.

- 5.3 Other journeys highlighted carry more passengers and warrant a more substantial service. It is recommended that these journeys are retendered. The attached details the three recommendations:

- Blue – cease service as covered by commercial operator
- Green – retender service to achieve better value
- Red - seek to cover with a call connect service
- Plum - additional journeys
- Black - revised timetable
- Orange - unaffected journeys
- Cerise - withdrawn without replacement

Efficiency savings

- 5.4 Through this review of bus services it is possible to secure some efficiency savings whilst still providing the same or an improved level of services. Through working with Peterborough City Services (PCS), it has been possible to identify a cost saving by ceasing to operate these journeys. Table 1 below gives details of cost savings for 2009-10 and subsequent years.
- 5.5 PCS have also identified efficiency savings i.e. from shift allowance, supervisor costs etc. Consultation with staff affected by this review has already commenced but will need to be formalised should the recommendations be approved. Formal statutory consultation will be required as these changes may result in redundancies. The efficiencies realised in subsequent years are dependent on savings to vehicle lease costs.
- 5.6 It is estimated an overall saving of £131,670k can be achieved in a whole financial year.

	2009/10 (Jan-Mar)		2010/11 and future years	
	Savings	Costs	Savings	Costs
Savings on reduced contract costs	79,890		285,990	
City Services Department Efficiency Savings	23,400		100,000	
City Services Redundancy Costs		57,000		
Replacement contract costs		35,200		177,320
Replacement costs for Call Connect		20,500		77,000
TOTALS	103,290	112,700	385,990	254,320
TOTAL SAVING	(£9,410)		£131,670	

Table 1: Summary of efficiency savings

The above table are conservative estimates. City Services have further work to identify savings and costs be negotiating with lease companies etc.

Timescales

- 5.7 All bus service changes need to be registered with the Traffic Commissioner 56 days prior to the start of the new or revised service.
- 5.8 It is recommended that the changes to bus services take effect from 3 January 2010. However, any statutory consultation with staff will need to commence as soon as possible. To meet the notification periods required by the Traffic Commissioner all changes to bus service registrations will need to be submitted by 7 November 2009. This date will also allow the council to comply with its Code of Conduct for Service Stability, as detailed in the Peterborough Bus Strategy,

which minimises the number of bus services changes. It will also ensure bus service changes co-ordinate with a new school term.

- 5.9 Lincolnshire County Council already have a framework agreement in place and have confirmed that they can comply with the EU and local tendering requirements and have a service in place to commence 3 January 2010. Suppliers to the council are also approved suppliers with Lincolnshire County Council therefore each operator will have an equitable opportunity to bid for the contract.

Alternative options

- 5.10 The following alternative options have been considered and rejected:

- Continue all bus service journeys as existing. This option was rejected as it does not represent best value with council funds and does not provide an improved level of service to members of the public.
- Cease operating all journeys highlighted in red and green without replacement. This option was rejected as it does not provide alternative options and would leave some areas devoid of a bus service.
- Provide a dial-a-ride service on one or more days per week between the hours of 9.30 am and 2.30 pm.

Issues for consideration

- 5.11 The committee are asked to consider the following key issues:

Consider allocating funding to provide additional journeys on a 3 month trial basis to cover journeys highlighted in plum in Annexes 1 to 8 to enhance services that are showing an increasing trend in passenger journeys. The current conservative estimated cost is £15,000, however further clarification is required from City Services.

Consider allocating funding to expand the recommended Monday to Saturday Call Connect service to operate on Sundays. The additional cost is currently being sought from Lincolnshire County Council, however a conservative estimate is £20,000.

6. IMPLICATIONS

Financial – The review of bus services will provide improved services to members of the public as well as realising some cost efficiencies for the council.

Legal – Agreement to review and subsequently change bus services has been reached between the two departments and is in accordance with the Service Level Agreement. The contract with Paul James Coaches allows for early termination of the route.

Human Resources – PCS have already commenced initial consultation with staff and will commence statutory consultation once approval is given to proceed with the recommendations above.

Procurement – It will be necessary to procure new Call Connect or dial-a-ride type services plus some school transport replacement services as part of this review. Discussions have taken place with Lincolnshire County Council and our Procurement team on a partnering arrangement. The Procurement team have confirmed Lincolnshire County Council's tendering arrangements are compliant with the city councils. It was also confirmed that better value can be achieved by entering into partnership procurement arrangements.

LAA targets – This review links to three Local Area Agreement targets:

- NI175 – Access to services by sustainable transport
- NI177 – Bus passenger journeys in the local authority area
- NI185 CO₂ reduction from local authority operations

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The bus service review included physical on-bus monitoring and robust checking of patronage data from on-bus ticket machines. These results were analysed and used to assess the number of people impacted by the proposed changes.
- 7.2 A draft Cabinet Member Decision Notice was prepared early May with a view to alerting all Ward Councillors of these proposals and recommendations. However, due to the changes to Cabinet this has not yet progressed.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 As stated above the council has a statutory duty to provide such public transport services as it considers appropriate to meet the public transport requirements which would not otherwise be met commercially and to ensure that areas of the authority are not left socially isolation.
- 8.2 The review clearly highlights that a number of services are carrying very few passengers. It is not environmentally or financially efficient to operate buses with such low numbers. This review therefore recommends that community transport, ie Call Connect or dial-a-ride type services, are procured to cover those areas that would be left should the council cease to operate the journeys as stated.
- 8.3 As stated above, a number commercially operated services now cover the routes of some Local Link services. It is proposed to cease operation of these journeys without providing replacement services – these are detailed in blue in Annex 8. There are also four journeys detailed in cerise in Annex 8 that will not be covered by the proposed changes due to the very low passenger carried.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

10. APPENDICES

Annex 1 – Local Link services 401 and 402
Annex 2 – Local Link services 403 and 413
Annex 3 – Local Link services 406 and 408
Annex 4 – Local Link services 407
Annex 5 – Local Link services 410 and 411
Annex 6 – Local Link services 201
Annex 7 – Local Link services 342
Annex 8 – Consequences of bus service changes
Annex 9 – De-minimis journeys

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ANNEX 1 - CONTRACT B402 (Local Link 402/404) - also showing Local Link 401

Journeys in Red - potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride

Journeys in Green to be re-tendered

Journeys in blue - alternative on commercial services

Journeys in orange - not affected

Local Link 401 Stamford - Barnack - Ufford - Marholm - Queensgate
Local Link 402 Stamford - Barnack - Ufford - Castor - Bretton - Queensgate

Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)						Sundays & Bank Holidays
	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS
	401	402	402	402	402	401
	Sch	TUWF	TUWF	Sch	NSch	
Thornhaugh, Village Green	0713	---	---	---	---	---
Wittering, Spar Shop	0718	---	---	---	---	---
Wittering, Post Office	0720	---	---	---	---	---
Wothorpe, Old North Road	0727	---	---	---	---	---
Stamford, High Street, opp High School	0730	---	---	---	---	---
Stamford, St Peter's Hill, Bus Station	---	0917	1315	1635	1635	1631
Stamford College, Drift Road	---	---	1320	1640	1640	---
Stamford Hospital Day Centre	---	0921	1321	1641	1641	---
Stamford, Morrisons	---	0922	1322	1642	1642	---
Uffington, Church	---	0925	1325	1646	1646	---
Burghley House Gates	0734	---	---	---	---	1636
Pilsgate, Bus Shelter	0736	---	---	---	---	1638
Barnack Square	0740	0931	1331	1652	1652	1641
Bainton Church	0745	0934	1334	1655	1655	---
Ufford, Old White Hart Inn	0750	0937	1337	1658	1658	1647
Southorpe, Phone Box	---	0942	1342	1702	1702	---
Upton, Vicarage	---	0950	1350	1708	1708	---
Ailsworth Bus Shelter	---	0955	1355	1713	1713	---
Castor, Silvester Road	---	0959	1359	---	---	---
Castor, Royal Oak	---	1000	1400	1715	1715	---
Marholm Crossroads	0800	---	---	---	---	1654
Bretton Centre	0805	1011	1411	1726	1726	1659
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	1014	1414	1729	1729	1702
Grange Road	---	1018	1418	---	---	1706
District Hospital, Midland Road	---	---	---	---	---	1709
New England, Triangle	0815	---	---	---	---	---
Peterborough, Kings School	0822	---	---	---	---	---
Queensgate Bus Station	0825	1020	1420	1735	1735	1711

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NSch: Operates on School Holidays

Local Link 401 Queensgate - Marholm - Ufford - Barnack - Stamford - Thornhaugh
Local Link 402 Queensgate - Bretton - Castor - Ufford - Barnack - Stamford

Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)								Sundays & Bank Holidays
	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS	PCS
	402	402	402	402	402	402	401	401
	Sch	NSch	TUWF	TUWF	Sch	NSch	Sch	
Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 9	0744	0744	1105	1405	---	---	---	1015
District Hospital, Aldermans Drive	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1017
Peterborough, Kings School	---	---	---	---	---	---	1610	---
New England, Triangle	---	---	---	---	---	---	1616	---
Grange Road	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1020
Edith Cavell Hospital	0752	0752	1112	1412	---	---	---	1024
Bretton Centre	0754	0754	1115	1415	---	---	1625	1027
Marholm Crossroads	---	---	---	---	---	---	1630	1032
Castor, Splash Lane	0803	0803	1126	1426	---	---	---	---
Castor, Silvester Road	---	---	1127	1427	---	---	---	---
Ailsworth Bus Shelter	0805	0805	1131	1431	---	---	---	---
Upton, Vicarage	0810	0810	1138	1438	---	---	---	---
Southorpe	0816	0816	1145	1445	---	---	---	---
Ufford, Old White Hart Inn	0822	0822	1149	1449	---	---	1637	1039
Bainton Church	0825	0825	1152	1452	---	---	1640	---
Barnack Square	0828	0828	1155	1455	---	---	1644	1045
Pilsgate, Bus Shelter	---	---	---	---	---	---	1647	1048
Burghley House Gates	---	---	---	---	---	---	1649	1050
Uffington, Church	0834	0834	1201	1501	---	---	---	---
Stamford, St Peter's Hill, Bus Station	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1055
Stamford, Morrisons	0837	0837	1204	1504	---	---	---	1059
Stamford Hospital Day Centre	0838	0838	1205	1505	---	---	---	---
Stamford College, Drift Road	0840	0840	1207	1507	---	---	---	---
Stamford, Green Lane, adj Queen Eleanor Sc	---	---	---	---	1535	---	---	---
Stamford, St Peter's Hill, Bus Station	0843	0843	1212	1512	1545	1545	---	---
Stamford, St Martins High Street, adj Girls Sc	---	---	---	---	1550	1550	1650	---
Wothorpe, Old North Road	---	---	---	---	1551	1551	1653	---
Wittering, Spar Shop	---	---	---	---	1557	1557	1658	---
Wittering Post Office	---	---	---	---	1559	1559	1700	---
Thornhaugh, Village Green	---	---	---	---	1607	1607	---	---

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404 Stamford - Duddington - Wansford - Castor - Bretton - Peterborough

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

	M-F Sch	M-F NSch	Sa	MTH	MTHS	M-F
Stamford, St Peters Hill, Bus Station, Bay 6	0750	0750	---	0920	1220	1705
Wothorpe, Bus Shelter	0757	0757	---	---	---	1712
Second Drift	---	---	---	0925	1225	---
Easton on the Hill, Exeter Arms	0759	0759	---	0927	1227	1714
Collyweston, Slater	0802	0802	---	---	---	1717
Duddington, Bus Shelter	---	---	---	---	---	1721
Wittering, Post Office	---	---	---	---	---	1730
Wittering, Spar Shop	---	---	---	---	---	1732
Collyweston Slater	---	---	---	0930	1230	---
Duddington, Bus Shelter	---	---	---	0936	1236	---
Wansford, Bus Shelter	0813	0813	---	0944	1244	1740
Thornhaugh, Village Green	---	---	0948	0948	1248	---
Manor Farm	---	---	0952	0952	1252	---
Ailsworth Bus Shelter	0819	0819	0955	0955	1255	1748
Castor, Silvester Road	---	---	0959	0959	1259	---
Castor, Royal Oak	0821	0821	1000	1000	1300	1750
Longthorpe, Fox and Hounds	0826	0826	---	---	---	---
District Hospital, Thorpe Road	0832	0832	---	---	---	---
Bretton Centre	---	---	1011	1011	1311	1801
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	---	1014	1014	1314	1804
Grange Road	---	---	1018	1018	1318	---
District Hospital, Midland Road	---	---	1020	1020	1320	1810
Queensgate Bus Station	0834	0834	1021	1021	1321	1811
Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 11	0835	0835	---	---	---	---
St John Fisher School	0845	---	---	---	---	---

Sundays & Bank Holidays

Stamford, Morrisons	---	1059	1409
Stamford College, Lay-by	---	1101	1411
Stamford, St Peter's H	ARR	---	1418
	DEP	---	1419
Stamford, St Peters Hill, Bus Station, Bay 6	0919	1119	---
Second Drift	---	---	1425
Easton on the Hill, Square, Blue Bell	---	---	1427
Wittering, Spar Shop	0929	1129	---
Wittering, Post Office	0931	1131	---
Collyweston Slater	---	---	1431
Duddington, Bus Shelter	---	---	1434
Wansford, Bus Shelter	0943	1143	1443
Ailsworth Bus Shelter	0949	1149	1449
Castor, Royal Oak	0951	1151	1451
Bretton Centre	0959	1159	1459
Edith Cavell Hospital	1002	1202	1502
District Hospital, Midland Road	1009	1209	1509
Queensgate Bus Station	1011	1211	1511

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404 Peterborough - Bretton - Castor - Wansford - Duddington - Stamford

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

	M-F Sch	MTHS	Sa	MTH	M-F NSch	M-F
St John Fisher School	---	---	---	---	1535	---
Queensgate, Bay 9	0710	1105	1405	1405	1542	1610
District Hospital, Thorpe Road	0712	---	---	---	1547	1612
Longthorpe, Fox and Hounds	0716	---	---	---	1551	1616
District Hospital, Aldermans Drive	---	1106	1406	1406	---	---
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	1112	1412	1412	---	---
Bretton Centre	---	1115	1415	1415	---	---
Castor, Splash Lane	0720	1125	1425	1425	1555	1620
Castor, Silvester Road	---	1127	1427	1427	---	---
Ailsworth Bus Shelter	0722	1131	1431	1431	1557	1622
Manor Farm	---	1134	1434	1434	---	---
Wansford, opp Bus Shelter	0728	1139	1439	1439	1603	1628
Wittering, Spar Shop	0738	---	---	---	1613	1638
Wittering, Post Office	0740	---	---	---	1615	1640
Wothorpe, London Road	0745	---	---	---	1620	1645
St. Martins, High Street, opp High School	0747	---	---	---	1622	1647
Thornhaugh, Village Green	---	1142	1442	1442	---	---
Duddington, Bus Shelter	---	1147	---	1447	---	---
Collyweston, Slater	---	1153	---	1453	---	---
Easton on the Hill, Stamford Road, opp Exeter Arms	---	1156	---	1456	---	---
Wothorpe, Bus Shelter	---	1158	---	1458	---	---
Stamford, St Peter's Hill, Bus Station	0750	1203	---	1503	1625	1650

Sundays & Bank Holidays

Queensgate, Bay 9	1215	1515	1715
District Hospital, Aldermans Drive	1217	1517	1717
Edith Cavell Hospital	1224	1524	1724
Bretton Centre	1227	1527	1727
Castor, Splash Lane	1235	1535	1735
Ailsworth Bus Shelter	1237	1537	1737
Wansford, opp Bus Shelter	1243	1543	1743
Wittering, Spar Shop	---	1556	1756
Wittering, Post Office	---	1558	1758
Wothorpe, London Road	---	1604	1804
St. Martins, High Street, opp High School	---	1605	1805
Duddington, Bus Shelter	1252	---	---
Collyweston, Slater	1256	---	---
Easton on the Hill, High Street, Blue Bell	1259	---	---
Wothorpe, Bus Shelter	1301	---	---
Stamford, St Peters Hill, Bus Station, Bay 6	1305	1615	1810
Stamford College, Lay-by	1310	---	---
Stamford, Morrisons	1314	1619	1814

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ANNEX 2 - CONTRACT B403 (Local Link 403/413)

Journeys in Red - potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride

**Local Link 403 Queensgate - Bretton - Barnack - Maxey
Local Link 413 Maxey - Glinton - Peakirk - Werrington - Queensgate**

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

	403	403	403	404
			Sch	NSch
Queensgate Bus Station Bay 8	---	1205	1455	1455
District Hospital, Aldermans Drive	---	1208	1458	1458
West Town, Grange Road	---	1211	1501	1501
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	1215	1505	1505
Bretton Centre	0918	1218	1508	1508
Marholm Crossroads	0923	1223	1513	1513
Ufford, Old White Hart Inn	0931	1231	1521	1521
Barnack Square	0935	1235	1525	1525
Bainton Church	0938	1238	1528	1528
Helpston, John Clare School	---	---	1533	1533
Helpston, Cross	0942	1242	1540	1540
Maxey, High Street	0948	1248	---	---
Etton, Bus Shelter	---	---	1546	1547
	413	413	413	413
			NS	NS
Maxey, High Street	0948	1248	---	1718
Etton, Bus Shelter	---	---	1546	---
Northborough, Castle	0951	1251	1553	1721
Glinton, The Green	0955	1255	1557	1725
Glinton, Scotts Road, Hail & Ride	0958	1258	---	---
Peakirk Cross	1001	1301	1601	1731
Milking Nook, The Decoy	1005	1305	1605	1735
Werrington Centre, Tesco's	1008	1308	1608	1738
Werrington, Cock Inn	1012	1312	1612	1742
New England, Maskew Avenue B&Q	1018	1318	1618	1748
Millfield, Bus Depot	1022	1322	1622	1752
Queensgate Bus Station	1028	1328	1628	1758

Codes:

NS : Operates on Mondays to Fridays only

Sch : Operates on John Clare Schooldays only

Nsch - Operates on Mondays - Fridays during school holidays

Normally operated by a Low Floor bus offering wheelchair and buggy access

**Local Link 413 Queensgate - Werrington - Peakirk - Glinton - Maxey
Local Link 403 Maxey - Barnack - Bretton - Queensgate**

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

	413	413	413	413	413
	SSH	Sch			NS
Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 14	0800	0800	1030	1330	1630
Millfield, Bus Depot	0806	0806	1036	1336	1636
New England, Maskew Avenue, B&Q	0810	0810	1040	1340	1640
Werrington, Cock Inn	0816	0816	1046	1346	1646
Werrington Centre, Tesco's	0820	0820	1050	1350	1650
Milking Nook, The Decoy	0824	0824	1054	1354	1654
Peakirk, Cross	0827	0827	1057	1357	1657
Glinton, Scotts Road 'Hail & Ride'	---	---	1100	1400	1700
Glinton, The Green	0830	0830	1103	1403	1703
Arthur Mellows Village College	---	0832	---	---	---
Northborough Castle	---	---	1107	1407	1707
Etton, Bus Shelter	0836	0840	---	---	---
Maxey, High Street	0840	---	11:10	1410	1710
	403	403	403	403	
	SSH	Sch			NS
Etton, Bus Shelter	0836	0842	---	---	---
Maxey, High Street	0842	---	1112	1412	---
Helpston, Cross	0848	0846	1118	1418	---
Helpston, John Clare School	0849	0848	1119	1419	---
Bainton, Church	0852	0852	1122	1422	---
Barnack, Square	0855	0855	1125	1425	---
Ufford, Old White Hart Inn	0859	0859	1129	1429	---
Marholm, Crossroads	0907	0907	1137	1437	---
Bretton Centre	0912	0912	1142	1442	---
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	---	1145	1445	---
West Town, Grange Road	---	---	1149	1449	---
District Hospital, Midland Road	---	---	1152	1452	---
Queensgate, Bus Station	---	---	1154	1454	---

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SSH - Operates on Saturdays and during school holidays

NS : Operates on Mondays to Fridays only

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ANNEX 3 - CONTRACT B406 (Local Link 406/408)

Journeys in blue - alternative on commercial services

Journey in orange - unaffected

Journeys in plum - additional journeys

406 Werrington - Paston - City - Ravensthorpe - Edith Cavell Hospital - Bretton

Mondays - Saturdays	Nsa	Nsa														Nsa	Nsa	Nsa
Werrington Centre	---	---	---	---	09:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gunthorpe, Coniston Road	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gunthorpe, Old John Clare	---	---	---	---	09:20	10:20	11:20	12:20	13:20	14:20	15:20	16:20	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gunthorpe Ridings, Mealsgate	---	---	---	---	09:22	10:22	11:22	12:22	13:22	14:22	15:22	16:22	---	---	---	---	---	---
Paston, Sheepwalk	---	---	---	---	09:25	10:25	11:25	12:25	13:25	14:25	15:25	16:25	---	---	---	---	---	---
Paston, Donaldson Drive	---	---	---	---	09:28	10:28	11:28	12:28	13:28	14:28	15:28	16:28	16:58	17:28	---	---	---	---
Dogsthorpe, Bluebell Inn	---	---	---	---	09:33	10:33	11:33	12:33	13:33	14:33	15:33	16:33	17:03	17:33	---	---	---	---
Garton End, The Comet	---	---	---	---	09:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	15:35	16:35	17:05	17:35	---	---	---	---
Park Road Corner	---	---	---	---	09:36	10:36	11:36	12:36	13:36	14:36	15:36	16:36	17:06	17:36	---	---	---	---
Dogsthorpe Road, Lincoln Road	---	---	---	---	09:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	15:38	16:38	17:08	17:38	---	---	---	---
Queensgate Bus Station	---	---	---	---	09:42	10:42	11:42	12:42	13:42	14:42	15:42	16:42	17:12	17:42	---	---	---	---
Queensgate Bus Station Bay 1A	07:15	07:45	08:15	08:45	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:45	17:15	17:45	18:15	18:45	19:15	19:45
District Hospital, Thorpe Road	07:17	07:47	08:17	08:47	09:47	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	15:47	16:47	17:17	17:47	18:17	18:47	19:17	19:47
Audley Gate, Thorpe Hall	07:22	07:52	08:22	08:52	09:52	10:52	11:52	12:52	13:52	14:52	15:52	16:52	17:22	17:52	18:22	18:52	19:22	19:52
Netherton, Knole Walk	07:23	07:53	08:23	08:53	09:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:53	17:23	17:53	18:24	18:54	19:24	19:54
Westwood, Hampton Court Shops	07:27	07:57	08:27	08:57	09:57	10:57	11:57	12:57	13:57	14:57	15:57	16:57	17:27	17:57	18:27	18:57	19:27	19:57
Ravensthorpe, White Cross	07:29	07:59	08:29	08:59	09:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	13:59	14:59	15:59	16:59	17:29	17:59	18:29	18:59	19:29	19:59
Sandford	---	---	---	09:01	10:01	11:01	12:01	13:01	14:01	15:01	16:01	---	17:31	---	---	---	---	---
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	---	---	09:03	10:03	11:03	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:03	16:03	---	17:33	---	---	---	---	---
Bretton Centre	---	---	---	09:06	10:06	11:06	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:06	16:06	---	17:36	---	---	---	---	---
Bretton Centre	---	---	---	---	09:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15	---	17:20	---	Nsa	Nsa	Nsa
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	---	---	---	09:18	10:18	11:18	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	16:18	---	17:23	---	---	---	---
Westwood, Hampton Court Shops	---	---	---	---	09:22	10:22	11:22	12:22	13:22	14:22	15:22	16:22	16:57	17:27	17:57	---	---	---
Ravensthorpe, White Cross	07:29	07:59	08:29	---	09:24	10:24	11:24	12:24	13:24	14:24	15:24	16:24	16:59	17:29	17:59	18:29	18:59	19:29
Sandford	07:30	08:00	08:30	---	09:25	10:25	11:25	12:25	13:25	14:25	15:25	16:25	17:00	17:30	18:00	18:30	19:00	19:30
Netherton, Knole Walk	07:33	08:03	08:33	---	09:28	10:28	11:28	12:28	13:28	14:28	15:28	16:28	17:03	17:33	18:03	18:33	19:03	19:33
Audley Gate, Thorpe Hall	07:36	08:06	08:36	---	09:31	10:31	11:31	12:31	13:31	14:31	15:31	16:31	17:06	17:36	18:06	18:36	19:06	19:36
District Hospital, Thorpe Road	07:40	08:10	08:40	---	09:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	13:35	14:35	15:35	16:35	17:10	17:40	18:10	18:40	19:10	19:40
Queensgate Bus Station	07:43	08:13	08:43	---	09:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	13:38	14:38	15:38	16:38	17:13	17:43	18:13	18:43	19:13	19:43
Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 13	---	---	---	---	09:41	10:41	11:41	12:41	13:41	14:41	15:41	16:41	17:15	17:45	---	---	---	---
Dogsthorpe Road, Lincoln Road	---	---	---	---	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:45	17:19	17:49	---	---	---	---
Park Road Corner	---	---	---	---	09:47	10:47	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	15:47	16:47	17:21	17:51	---	---	---	---
Garton End, The Comet	---	---	---	---	09:48	10:48	11:48	12:48	13:48	14:48	15:48	16:48	17:22	17:52	---	---	---	---
Dogsthorpe, Bluebell Inn	---	---	---	---	09:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50	16:50	17:24	17:54	---	---	---	---
Paston, Donaldson Drive	---	---	---	---	09:56	10:56	11:56	12:56	13:56	14:56	15:56	16:56	17:28	18:00	---	---	---	---
Paston, Sheepwalk	---	---	---	---	09:57	10:57	11:57	12:57	13:57	14:57	15:57	---	---	18:01	---	---	---	---
Gunthorpe Ridings, Mealsgate	---	---	---	---	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	---	---	18:04	---	---	---	---
Gunthorpe, Old John Clare	---	---	---	09:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	13:02	14:02	15:02	16:02	---	---	18:06	---	---	---	---
Gunthorpe, Coniston Road	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Werrington Green	---	---	---	09:05	10:05	11:05	12:05	13:05	14:05	15:05	16:05	---	---	18:09	---	---	---	---
The Spinney	---	---	---	09:07	10:07	11:07	12:07	13:07	14:07	15:07	16:07	---	---	18:11	---	---	---	---
Twelvetrees Avenue	---	---	---	09:10	10:10	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10	16:10	---	---	18:14	---	---	---	---
Werrington Centre	---	---	---	09:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	16:13	---	---	18:17	---	---	---	---

Codes:
NSa: Does not operate on Saturdays

Normally operated by a low floor bus Normally operated by a low floor bus

408 Bretton Centre - North Bretton - Walton - New England - Millfield - Queensgate

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

	A	A	A	A	A	A					A	A			
	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F					SSH			M-F	
Bretton Centre	0708	0723	0738	0753	0808	0823	0908		08		1508	1508	---	1608	1738
North Bretton, Oxclose	0712	0727	0742	0757	0812	0827	0910		10		1510	1510	---	1610	1742
Coningsby Road	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		---		---	---	---	---	1743
Ice Rink	0713	0728	0743	0758	0813	0828	0911	Then	11		1511	1511	---	1611	1748
North Bretton, Heltwate	0715	0730	0745	0800	0815	0830	0913	at	13		1513	1513	---	1613	1750
Walton, The Voyager School grounds	0720	0735	0750	0805	0820	0835	---	these	---		---	1518	---	---	---
Walton, adj Voyager School	---	---	---	---	---	---	0917	mins	17	Until	1517	---	1517	1617	---
Paston Church	---	---	---	---	0822	---	0919	past	19		1519	---	1519	1619	---
New England, Chaucer Avenue	---	---	---	---	0825	---	0922	each	22		1522	---	1522	1622	---
New England, Triangle	---	---	---	---	0830	---	0925	hour	25		1525	---	1525	1625	1802
New England, Maskew Avenue, opp B & Q	---	---	---	---	---	---	0927		27		1527	---	1527	1627	1803
Millfield, Bus Depot	---	---	---	---	0832	---	0933		33		1533	---	1533	1633	1806
Queensgate Bus Station	---	---	---	---	0838	---	0938		38		1538	---	1538	1638	1812

Codes:

M-F: Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)

A : Schooldays only

SSH: Saturdays and School Holidays

This service is operated by a low floor bus offering wheelchair and buggy access

408 Queensgate - Millfield - New England - Walton - North Bretton - Bretton Centre

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

					A	A		A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	
		M-F			M-F	M-F	SSH		M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	SSH		M-F	M-Th	
Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 14	0810	0843		43	1443	---	1543	1543	---	---	---	---	1643	1643	---	---	
Millfield, Bus Depot	0816	0848		48	1448	---	1548	1548	---	---	---	---	1648	1648	---	---	
New England, Maskew Avenue, opp B & Q	---	0853		53	1453	---	1553	1553	---	---	---	---	1653	1653	---	---	
New England, Triangle	0818	0856	Then	56	1456	---	1556	1556	---	---	---	---	1656	1656	---	---	
New England, Chaucer Avenue	---	0900	at	00	1500	---	1600	1600	---	---	---	---	1700	1700	---	---	
Paston Church	---	0903	these	03	1503	---	1603	1603	---	---	---	---	1703	1703	---	---	
Walton, The Voyager School grounds	---	---	mins	---	Until	---	1532	1546	---	---	1602	1616	1632	1647	---	1702	1716
Walton, opp Voyager School	---	0904	past	04	---	---	1602	1602	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Bretton, Heltwate	0822	0908	each	08	---	---	1608	---	---	1606	1621	1636	1651	1708	---	1706	1721
Ice Rink	0824	0910	hour	10	---	---	1610	---	---	1610	1623	1638	1653	1710	---	1710	1723
Coningsby Road	0825	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1712	---	---	---
North Bretton, Oxclose	0830	0911		11	---	---	1611	---	---	1611	1624	1639	1654	1714	---	1711	1724
Bretton Centre	0834	0913		13	---	---	1613	---	---	1613	1628	1643	1658	1716	---	1713	1728

Codes:

M-F: Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)

A : Schooldays only

SSH: Saturdays and School Holidays

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Proposed replacement for Local Link 406 for trial 3 month period

406 Werrington - Paston - City - Ravensthorpe - Edith Cavell Hospital - Bretton

Mondays - Saturdays

Werrington Centre	---	---	09:15	09:45	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	13:15	13:45	14:15	14:45	15:15	16:15	---	17:15	
Gunthorpe, Coniston Road	---	---	---	09:50	---	10:50	---	11:50	---	12:50	---	13:50	---	14:50	---	---	---	---	
Gunthorpe, Old John Clare	---	---	09:20	---	10:20	---	11:20	---	12:20	---	13:20	---	14:20	---	15:20	16:20	---	17:20	
Gunthorpe Ridings, Mealsgate	---	---	09:22	09:52	10:22	10:52	11:22	11:52	12:22	12:52	13:22	13:52	14:22	14:52	15:22	16:22	---	17:22	
Paston, Sheepwalk	---	---	09:25	09:55	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55	13:25	13:55	14:25	14:55	15:25	16:25	---	17:25	
Paston, Donaldson Drive	---	---	09:28	09:58	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58	12:28	12:58	13:28	13:58	14:28	14:58	15:28	16:28	---	17:28	
Dogsthorpe, Bluebell Inn	---	---	09:33	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	13:03	13:33	14:03	14:33	15:03	15:33	16:33	---	17:33	
Garton End, The Comet	---	---	09:35	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	13:05	13:35	14:05	14:35	15:05	15:35	16:35	---	17:35	
Park Road Corner	---	---	09:36	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	13:06	13:36	14:06	14:36	15:06	15:36	16:36	---	17:36	
Dogsthorpe Road, Lincoln Road	---	---	09:38	10:08	10:38	11:08	11:38	12:08	12:38	13:08	13:38	14:08	14:38	15:08	15:38	16:38	---	17:38	
Queensgate Bus Station	---	---	09:42	10:12	10:42	11:12	11:42	12:12	12:42	13:12	13:42	14:12	14:42	15:12	15:42	16:42	---	17:42	
Queensgate Bus Station Bay 1A	08:45	09:15	09:45	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	13:15	13:45	14:15	14:45	---	15:45	16:45	17:15	17:45	
District Hospital, Thorpe Road	08:47	09:17	09:47	10:17	10:47	11:17	11:47	12:17	12:47	13:17	13:47	14:17	14:47	---	15:47	16:47	17:17	17:47	
Audley Gate, Thorpe Hall	08:52	09:22	09:52	10:22	10:52	11:22	11:52	12:22	12:52	13:22	13:52	14:22	14:52	---	15:52	16:52	17:22	17:52	
Netherton, Knole Walk	08:53	09:23	09:53	10:23	10:53	11:23	11:53	12:23	12:53	13:23	13:53	14:23	14:53	---	15:53	16:53	17:23	17:53	
Westwood, Hampton Court Shops	08:57	09:27	09:57	10:27	10:57	11:27	11:57	12:27	12:57	13:27	13:57	14:27	14:57	---	15:57	16:57	17:27	17:57	
Ravensthorpe, White Cross	08:59	09:29	09:59	10:29	10:59	11:29	11:59	12:29	12:59	13:29	13:59	14:29	14:59	---	15:59	16:59	---	17:59	
Sandford	09:01	09:31	10:01	10:31	11:01	11:31	12:01	12:31	13:01	13:31	14:01	14:31	15:01	---	16:01	---	---	---	
Edith Cavell Hospital	09:03	09:33	10:03	10:33	11:03	11:33	12:03	12:33	13:03	13:33	14:03	14:33	15:03	---	16:03	---	---	---	
Bretton Centre	09:06	09:36	10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36	12:06	12:36	13:06	13:36	14:06	14:36	15:06	---	16:06	---	---	---	
Bretton Centre	---	08:45	09:15	09:45	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	13:15	13:45	14:15	14:45	15:15	16:15	---	---	---
Edith Cavell Hospital	---	08:48	09:18	09:48	10:18	10:48	11:18	11:48	12:18	12:48	13:18	13:48	14:18	14:48	15:18	16:18	---	---	---
Westwood, Hampton Court Shops	---	08:52	09:22	09:52	10:22	10:52	11:22	11:52	12:22	12:52	13:22	13:52	14:22	14:52	15:22	16:22	16:57	17:27	17:57
Ravensthorpe, White Cross	---	08:54	09:24	09:54	10:24	10:54	11:24	11:54	12:24	12:54	13:24	13:54	14:24	14:54	15:24	16:24	16:59	17:29	17:59
Sandford	---	08:55	09:25	09:55	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55	12:25	12:55	13:25	13:55	14:25	14:55	15:25	16:25	17:00	17:30	18:00
Netherton, Knole Walk	---	08:58	09:28	09:58	10:28	10:58	11:28	11:58	12:28	12:58	13:28	13:58	14:28	14:58	15:28	16:28	17:03	17:33	18:03
Audley Gate, Thorpe Hall	---	09:01	09:31	10:01	10:31	11:01	11:31	12:01	12:31	13:01	13:31	14:01	14:31	15:01	15:31	16:31	17:06	17:36	18:06
District Hospital, Thorpe Road	---	09:05	09:35	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	13:05	13:35	14:05	14:35	15:05	15:35	16:35	17:10	17:40	18:10
Queensgate Bus Station	---	09:08	09:38	10:08	10:38	11:08	11:38	12:08	12:38	13:08	13:38	14:08	14:38	15:08	15:38	16:38	17:13	17:43	18:13
Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 13	08:41	09:11	09:41	10:11	10:41	11:11	11:41	12:11	12:41	13:11	13:41	14:11	14:41	---	15:41	16:41	---	17:45	---
Dogsthorpe Road, Lincoln Road	08:45	09:15	09:45	10:15	10:45	11:15	11:45	12:15	12:45	13:15	13:45	14:15	14:45	---	15:45	16:45	---	17:49	---
Park Road Corner	08:47	09:17	09:47	10:17	10:47	11:17	11:47	12:17	12:47	13:17	13:47	14:17	14:47	---	15:47	16:47	---	17:51	---
Garton End, The Comet	08:48	09:18	09:48	10:18	10:48	11:18	11:48	12:18	12:48	13:18	13:48	14:18	14:48	---	15:48	16:48	---	17:52	---
Dogsthorpe, Bluebell Inn	08:50	09:20	09:50	10:20	10:50	11:20	11:50	12:20	12:50	13:20	13:50	14:20	14:50	---	15:50	16:50	---	17:54	---
Paston, Donaldson Drive	08:56	09:26	09:56	10:26	10:56	11:26	11:56	12:26	12:56	13:26	13:56	14:26	14:56	---	15:56	16:56	---	18:00	---
Paston, Sheepwalk	08:57	09:27	09:57	10:27	10:57	11:27	11:57	12:27	12:57	13:27	13:57	14:27	14:57	---	15:57	16:57	---	18:01	---
Gunthorpe Ridings, Mealsgate	09:00	09:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:28	12:00	12:28	13:00	13:28	14:00	14:28	15:00	---	16:00	17:00	---	18:04	---
Gunthorpe, Old John Clare	09:02	---	10:02	---	11:02	---	12:02	---	13:02	---	14:02	---	15:02	---	16:02	17:02	---	18:06	---
Gunthorpe, Coniston Road	---	09:32	---	10:32	---	11:32	---	12:32	---	13:32	---	14:32	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Werrington Green	09:05	09:35	10:05	10:35	11:05	11:35	12:05	12:35	13:05	13:35	14:05	14:35	15:05	---	16:05	17:05	---	18:09	---
The Spinney	09:07	09:37	10:07	10:37	11:07	11:37	12:07	12:37	13:07	13:37	14:07	14:37	15:07	---	16:07	17:07	---	18:11	---
Twelvetreves Avenue	09:10	09:40	10:10	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10	12:40	13:10	13:40	14:10	14:40	15:10	---	16:10	17:10	---	18:14	---
Werrington Centre	09:13	09:43	10:13	10:43	11:13	11:43	12:13	12:43	13:13	13:43	14:13	14:43	15:13	---	16:13	17:13	---	18:17	---

Codes:

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ANNEX 5 - CONTRACT B409 (Local Link 410/411)
 Journeys in Red - potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
 Journeys in Green to be re-tendered
 Journeys in blue - alternative on commercial services
 Journeys in Cerrise - withdrawn without replacement

Local Link 410 Dogsthorpe - Newark - Fengate - Queensgate

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

	M-F								M-F	Sa	M-F	Nsa							
Newborough, The Bull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1559	---	---	1844	---	2044	---	---			
Eye Church	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1947	---	2147	2259			
Lavender Crescent	---	---	---	909	1009	1109	1211	1311	1411	1511	---	1611	---	---	---	---			
Dogsthorpe, Bluebell Inn	---	---	---	912	1012	1112	1214	1314	1414	1514	---	1614	---	---	---	---			
Dogsthorpe, Central Avenue Church	---	---	---	915	1015	1115	1217	1317	1417	1517	---	1617	---	---	---	2305			
Welland, Belvior Way	---	---	---	919	1019	1119	1221	1321	1421	1521	1610	1621	---	---	---	---			
Parnwell, Keys Park	---	---	---	---	1023	1123	1225	1325	1425	1525	---	1625	---	---	---	---			
Tesco Distribution Centre	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
Showcase Cinema	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1655	1735	---	---	---			
Newark, Sainsbury's	721	756	831	925	1025	1125	1227	1327	1427	1527	1614	1627	1707	1742	1855	1955	2055	2155	2306
Vicarage Farm Road, The Square	724	759	834	928	1028	1128	1230	1330	1430	1530	1617	1630	1710	1745	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern Industry, Third Drove	727	802	837	931	1031	1131	1233	---	---	---	1620	---	1713	1748	---	---	---	---	---
Showcase Cinema	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1333	1433	1533	---	1633	---	---	1859	1959	2059	2159	---
Fengate, First Drove	729	804	839	934	1034	1134	1235	1335	1435	1535	1622	1635	1715	1750	1902	2002	2102	2202	---
Queensgate Bus Station	737	812	852	942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1628	1642	1722	1758	1910	2010	2110	2210	2314

Sundays & Bank Holidays

Newborough, The Bull	914	1014	1114	1214	1414	1514	1614
Eye Green, The Greyhound	921	1021	1121	1221	1421	1521	1621
Eye Church	923	1023	1123	1223	1423	1523	1623
Newark, Sainsbury's	930	1030	1130	1230	1430	1530	1630
Showcase Cinema	---	---	1134	1234	1434	1534	1634
Fengate, First Drove	936	1036	1136	1236	1436	1536	1636
Queensgate Bus Station	943	1043	1143	1243	1443	1543	1643

Codes:

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Local Link 410 Queensgate - Fengate - Newark - Dogsthorpe/Eye/Newborough

Monday to Saturday (Except Bank Holidays)

	M-F			M-F	Sa											Sa	Nsa						
Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 11	705	740	815	840	845	945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1725	1815	1915	2015	2115	2235				
Fengate, First Drove	711	746	821	849	853	953	1053	1153	1253	1353	1453	1553	1653	1733	1823	1923	2022	2123	2243				
Showcase Cinema	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1735	1826	1926	2026	2126	2246				
Eastern Industry, Third Drove	---	---	---	853	855	955	1055	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---				
Vicarage Farm Road, The Square	716	751	826	856	857	958	1057	1158	1258	1358	1458	1558	---	---	---	---	---	---					
Newark, Sainsbury's	719	754	829	901	901	1001	1059	1201	1301	1401	1501	1601	1700	1740	---	1934	---	2134	---				
Parnwell, Keys Park	---	---	---	---	---	---	1101	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	---	---	---	---	---	---					
Tesco Distribution Centre	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2252				
Welland, Belvior Way	---	---	---	905	905	1005	1105	1207	1307	1407	1507	1607	---	---	---	---	---	---					
Lavender Crescent	---	---	---	909	909	1009	1109	1211	1311	1411	1511	1611	---	---	---	---	---	---					
Eye Church	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1941	---	2141	2258				
Newborough, The Bull	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1841	---	2041	---	---				

Sundays & Bank Holidays

Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 11	945	1045	1145	1345	1445	1545	1645
Fengate, First Drove	951	1051	1151	1351	1451	1551	1651
Showcase Cinema	---	---	1154	1354	1454	1554	1654
Newark, Sainsbury's	958	1058	1158	1358	1458	1558	1658
Eye Church	1004	1104	1204	1404	1504	1604	1704
Eye Green, The Greyhound	1006	1106	1206	1406	1506	1606	1706
Newborough, The Bull	1013	1113	1213	1413	1513	1613	1713

Codes:

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 Sa : Saturdays only

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Local Link 411 Etton - Maxey - Glinton - Newborough - Dogsthorpe - Queensgate

Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)

Etton Bus Shelter	729	---	---	---	---	---	---
Helpston Cross	735	---	---	---	---	---	---
Maxey, High Street	743	---	---	---	---	---	---
Northborough Castle	746	---	---	---	---	---	---
Glinton, The Green	749	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peakirk Cross	753	---	---	---	---	---	---
Werrington Centre	---	925	1043	---	---	---	---
Milking Nook, The Decoy	757	930	1048	---	---	---	---
Newborough, The Bull	758	933	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451
Lavender Crescent	805	940	1058	1158	1258	1358	1458
Dogsthorpe, Furze Ride	806	941	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459
John Mansfield School	808	943	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501
Dogsthorpe, Central Avenue Shops	810	945	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503
Eastfield, Wheatsheaf	---	950	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508
Garton End, The Comet	812	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peterborough, Kings School	817	---	---	---	---	---	---
Queensgate Bus Station	820	957	1117	1217	1317	1417	1517

Saturday

Maxey, High Street	---	834	---	---	---	---	---
Northborough Castle	---	837	---	---	---	---	---
Glinton, The Green	---	840	---	---	---	---	---
Peakirk Cross	---	844	---	---	---	---	---
Milking Nook, The Decoy	---	848	---	---	---	---	---
Newborough, The Bull	748	851	951	1051	1151	1251	1351
Lavender Crescent	755	858	958	1058	1158	1258	1358
Dogsthorpe, Furze Ride	756	859	959	1059	1159	1259	1359
John Mansfield School	758	901	1001	1101	1201	1301	1401
Dogsthorpe, Central Avenue Shops	800	903	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403
Eastfield, Wheatsheaf	---	908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408
Garton End, The Comet	802	---	---	---	---	---	---
Queensgate Bus Station	810	917	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417

Codes:

Normally operated by a low floor bus Normally operated by a low floor bus

Local Link 411 Queensgate - Dogsthorpe - Newborough - Glinton - Maxey - Etton

Monday to Friday (Except Bank Holidays)

Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 16	855	1000	1120	20	1520	1605	1725
Eastfield, Wheatsheaf	903	1009	1129	29	1529	---	1734
Peterborough, Kings School	---	---	---	---	---	1610	---
Garton End, The Comet	907	1013	1133	33	1533	1613	1738
Dogsthorpe, Central Avenue Shops	908	1014	1134	34	1534	1615	1739
John Mansfield School	910	1016	1136	Then at these 36 mins	1536	1617	1741
Dogsthorpe, Furze Ride	912	1018	1138	38	1538	1619	1743
Newborough, The Bull	918	1026	1146	46	1546	1627	1751
Milking Nook, The Decoy	920	1027	---	mins	Until	---	1630 1754
Werrington Centre	923	1034	---	past	---	---	---
Peakirk Cross	---	---	---	each	---	1633	1757
Glinton, The Green	---	---	---	hour	---	1637	1801
Northborough Castle	---	---	---	---	---	1640	1804
Maxey, High Street	---	---	---	---	---	1643	1807
Helpston Cross	---	---	---	---	---	1651	---
Etton, Bus Shelter	---	---	---	---	---	1657	---

Saturday

Queensgate Bus Station, Bay 16	920	---	20	1520	1725	
Eastfield, Wheatsheaf	929	---	29	1529	1734	
Garton End, The Comet	933	---	33	1533	1738	
Dogsthorpe, Central Avenue Shops	934	Then at these 34 mins	34	1534	---	
John Mansfield School	936	at 36 mins	36	1536	---	
Dogsthorpe, Furze Ride	938	these 38 mins	38	1538	1743	
Newborough, The Bull	946	46 mins	46	1546	1751	
Milking Nook, The Decoy	---	past	---	Until	---	1754
Peakirk Cross	---	each	---	---	1757	
Glinton, The Green	---	hour	---	---	1801	
Northborough Castle	---	---	---	---	1804	
Maxey, High Street	---	---	---	---	1807	

Codes:

Normally operated by a low floor bus Normally operated by a low floor bus

Proposed replacement for Local Link 410/411

Local Link 410/411	411	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	
Mondays - Saturdays	Nsa	Nsa	Sa										Nsa	Nsa	
Helpston, Cross	07:35	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Maxey, High Street	07:43	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Northborough, Castle	07:46	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Glinton, Green	07:49	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Peakirk, Bus Shelter	07:53	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Milking Nook	07:57	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Newborough Bull Inn	07:58	--	08:17	09:15	10:13	11:13	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	--	--	--	--	
Dogsthorpe, Furze Ride	08:06	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Dogsthorpe, Central Ave Shops	08:10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Garton End Comet	08:12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Kings School	08:17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Parnwell, Keys Park	--	--	--	--	10:20	11:20	12:22	13:22	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Showcase Cinema	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15:55	16:35	17:10	--	
Newark, Sainsbury's	--	08:26	08:26	09:23	10:23	11:23	12:25	13:25	14:25	15:25	16:05	16:40	17:15	17:45	
Vicarage Farm Road, The Square	--	--	--	09:27	10:27	11:27	12:29	13:29	14:29	15:29	16:09	16:44	17:19	17:49	
Eastern Industry, Third Drove	--	08:31	08:31	09:31	10:31	11:31	12:32	--	--	--	16:12	16:47	17:22	17:52	
Showcase Cinema	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13:32	14:32	15:32	--	--	--	--	
Fengate, First Drove	--	08:34	08:34	09:34	10:34	11:34	12:34	13:36	14:36	15:36	16:14	16:49	17:24	17:54	
Queensgate Bus Station	08:20	08:40	08:40	09:40	10:40	11:40	12:40	13:42	14:42	15:42	16:20	16:55	17:30	18:00	
	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	410	411	410	410	410
Mondays - Saturdays	Nsa	Nsa	Nsa									Nsa		Nsa	
Queensgate Bus Station	07:10	07:40	08:10	08:45	09:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:05	16:25	17:00	17:25
Fengate, First Drove	07:16	07:46	08:16	08:51	09:51	10:51	11:51	12:51	13:51	14:51	15:51	--	16:31	17:06	17:31
Showcase Cinema	--	--	--	--	--	--	11:55	12:55	13:55	14:55	15:55	--	16:35	17:10	17:35
Eastern Industry, Third Drove	07:18	07:48	08:18	08:53	09:53	10:53	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Vicarage Farm Road, The Square	07:21	07:51	08:21	08:57	09:57	10:57	11:59	12:59	13:59	14:59	--	--	--	--	--
Newark, Sainsbury's	07:24	07:54	08:24	09:01	10:01	11:01	12:03	13:03	14:03	15:03	16:00	--	16:40	17:15	17:40
Parnwell, Keys Park	--	--	--	--	--	11:04	12:06	13:06	14:06	15:06	--	--	--	--	--
Kings School	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:10	--	--	--
Garton End Comet	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:13	--	--	--
Dogsthorpe, Central Ave Shops	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:15	--	--	--
Dogsthorpe, Furze Ride	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:19	--	--	--
Newborough Bull Inn	--	--	--	09:09	10:09	11:11	12:13	13:13	14:13	15:13	--	16:27	--	--	17:50
Milking Nook, Decoy	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:30	--	--	17:53
Peakirk, Bus Shelter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:33	--	--	17:56
Glinton, Green	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:37	--	--	18:00
Northborough Castle	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:40	--	--	18:03
Maxey, High Street	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16:43	--	--	18:06

ANNEX 6 - CONTRACT D201 (Service 201)

Journeys in blue - alternative on commercial services

Mondays - Fridays

Stamford Bus Station	17:10
Stamford, Water Street	17:13
Burghley House, Gates	17:15
Pilsgate, Bus Shelter	17:17
Barnack, B1443 Bus Shelter	17:20
Bainton, Church	17:23
Helpston, Cross	17:28
Glington, Helpston Road Footbridge	17:31
Werrington, The Spinney	17:35
Walton, Lincoln Road	17:39
Queensgate, Bus Station	17:45

Queensgate Bus Station	17:50
Walton, Lincoln Road	17:56
Werrington, The Spinney	18:00
Glington, Helpston Road Footbridge	18:04
Helpston, Cross	18:08
Bainton, Church	18:12
Barnack, B1443 Bus Shelter	18:15
Pilsgate, Bus Shelter	18:18
Burghley House, Gates	18:20
Stamford, Water Street	18:22
Stamford, Red Lion Square	18:25
Stamford, Casterton Road	18:29
Stamford, Empingham Road	18:34

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ANNEX 7 - CONTRACT B342 (Service 342)

Journeys in blue - alternative on commercial services

342 Whittlesey - Thorney Taxibus**Friday Only(Except Bank Holidays)****FLOO**

Whittlesey, Queens Street	1200	1200	1240
Thorney. Abbey Place adj Abbey	1236	---	---
Northside Cottages	---	1210	1250
Thorney Abbey	---	1215	1255
Thorney, Station Road, opp Chestnut Drive	---	---	1300
Thorney, Fish & Chip Shop	1237	1218	---
Thorney, Duke of Bedford School	1239	1222	---
Thorney, Smithfield, opp Shops	1240	1225	---

Codes:**This service is operated by an 8 seat accessible taxibus****FLOO:** Operates only when B1040 closed due to Flooding**342 Thorney - Whittlesey****Friday Only(Except Bank Holidays)****FLOO**

Thorney, Smithfield, opp Shops	0930	0930	---
Thorney, Duke of Bedford School	0932	0932	---
Thorney, Fish & Chip Shop	0937	0937	---
Thorney, Station Road, opp Chestnut Drive	---	---	1015
Thorney. Abbey Place adj Abbey	0945	0945	1018
Northside Cottages	---	0950	1025
Whittlesey, Queens Street	1035	1000	1035

Codes:**This service is operated by an 8 seat accessible taxibus****FLOO:** Operates only when B1040 closed due to Flooding

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Annex 8 - Consequences of service withdrawal

Journeys in Red - potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride

Journeys in Green to be re-tendered

Journeys in blue - alternative on commercial services

Journeys in Cerrise - withdrawn without replacement

Route	Times	Destination	Days of Operation	Alternative
401	10:15 - 10:59	Peterborough - Stamford	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
401	16:19 - 17:11	Stamford - Peterborough	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
402	07:44 - 08:43	Peterborough - Stamford	Schooldays	Education requirement retendered
402	07:44 - 08:43	Peterborough - Stamford	Not Schooldays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
402	09:17 - 10:20	Stamford - Peterborough	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
402	11:05 - 12:12	Peterborough - Stamford	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
402	13:15 - 14:20	Stamford - Peterborough	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
402	14:05 - 15:12	Peterborough - Stamford	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
402	15:35 - 16:07	Queen Eleanor - Thornhaugh	Schooldays	Education requirement retendered
402	15:45 - 16:07	Stamford - Thornhaugh	Not Schooldays	Kimes service 9
402	16:35 - 17:35	Stamford - Peterborough	Schooldays	Education requirement retendered
402	16:35 - 17:35	Stamford - Peterborough	Not Schooldays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	08:36 - 09:12	Etton - Bretton	Saturdays & School Holidays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	08:42 - 08:48	Etton - John Clare School	Schooldays	Education requirement retendered
403	08:48 - 09:12	Helpston - Bretton	Schooldays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	09:18 - 09:48	Bretton - Maxey	Mondays - Saturdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	11:12 - 11:54	Maxey - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	12:05 - 12:48	Queensgate - Maxey	Mondays - Saturdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	14:12 - 14:54	Maxey - Queensgate	Mondays - Fridays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	14:55 - 15:46	Queensgate - Etton	School Holidays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	14:55 - 15:33	Queensgate - Helpston	Schooldays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
403	15:33 - 15:46	John Clare School - Etton	Schooldays	Education requirement retendered
404	07:10 - 07:50	Peterborough - Stamford	Mondays - Fridays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	07:50 - 08:35	Stamford - Peterborough	Not Schooldays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	07:50 - 08:45	Stamford - St John Fisher	Schooldays	Education requirement retendered
404	09:20 - 10:21	Stamford - Peterborough	Mondays & Thursdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	09:48 - 10:21	Thornhaugh - Peterborough	Saturdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	11:05 - 12:03	Peterborough - Stamford	Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	12:20 - 13:21	Stamford - Peterborough	Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	14:05 - 15:03	Peterborough - Stamford	Mondays & Thursdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	14:05 - 14:42	Peterborough - Thornhaugh	Saturdays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	15:35 - 16:25	St John Fisher - Stamford	Schooldays	Education requirement retendered
404	16:10 - 16:50	Peterborough - Stamford	Not Schooldays	Kimes service 9
404	17:05 - 18:11	Stamford - Peterborough	Mondays - Fridays	Potential to replace with call connect/dial-a-ride
404	09:19 - 10:11	Stamford - Peterborough	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
404	10:59 - 12:11	Stamford - Peterborough	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
404	12:15 - 13:14	Peterborough - Stamford	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
404	14:09 - 15:11	Stamford - Peterborough	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
404	15:15 - 16:19	Peterborough - Stamford	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
404	17:15 - 18:14	Stamford - Peterborough	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Retender to achieve better value
406	07:15-07:29	Queensgate - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Fridays	City 2/ City 3
406	07:29-07:43	Ravensthorpe- Queensgate	Mondays - Fridays	City 2/ City 3
406	07:45-07:59	Queensgate - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Fridays	City 2/ City 3
406	07:59-08:13	Ravensthorpe- Queensgate	Mondays - Fridays	City 2/ City 3
406	08:15-08:29	Queensgate - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	08:29-08:43	Ravensthorpe- Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	16:58 - 17:12	Paston - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	17:15 - 17:28	Queensgate - Paston	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	17:20 - 17:27	Bretton - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	17:29 - 17:36	Ravensthorpe - Bretton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	18:15 - 18:29	Queensgate - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	18:29 - 18:43	Ravensthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	18:45 - 18:59	Queensgate - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	18:59 - 19:13	Ravensthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	19:15 - 19:29	Queensgate - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	19:29 - 19:43	Ravensthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	19:45 - 19:59	Queensgate - Ravensthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
406	19:59 - 20:13	Ravensthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	City 2/ City 3
407	17:28 - 17:40	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	17:45 - 17:57	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
407	17:58 - 18:10	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	18:15 - 18:27	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
407	18:28 - 18:40	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	19:15 - 19:27	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
407	19:28 - 19:40	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	20:15 - 20:27	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
407	20:28 - 20:40	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	20:45 - 20:57	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
407	20:58 - 21:10	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	21:15 - 21:27	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
407	21:28 - 21:40	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	21:45 - 21:57	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
407	21:58 - 22:10	Orton - Hampton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 1 and City 6
407	22:15 - 22:27	Hampton - Orton	Mondays - Saturdays	City 6 and City 1
408	15:17-15:38	Walton - Queensgate	Schooldays only	Citi 3 and Citi 1
408	15:43-16:02	Queensgate - Walton	Schooldays only	Citi 1
408	15:43-16:13	Queensgate - Bretton	Saturdays & School Hols	Citi 1 and Citi 3
408	16:08-16:38	Bretton - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	Citi 3 and Citi 1
408	16:43-17:02	Queensgate - Voyager School	Schooldays only	Citi 1
408	16:43-17:13	Queensgate - Bretton	Saturdays & School Hols	Citi 1 and Citi 3

410	07:05-07:19	Queensgate - Newark	Mondays - Fridays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	07:21-07:37	Newark - Queensgate	Mondays - Fridays	{to achieve better value
410	07:40-07:54	Queensgate - Newark	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	07:56-08:12	Newark - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	08:15-08:29	Queensgate - Newark	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	08:31-08:52	Newark - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	08:40-09:09	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Mondays - Fridays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	08:45-09:09	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	09:09-09:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	09:45-10:09	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	10:09-10:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	10:45-11:09	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	11:09-11:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	11:45-12:11	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	12:11-12:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	12:45-13:11	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	13:11-13:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	13:45-14:11	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	14:11-14:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	14:45-15:11	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	15:11-15:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	15:45-16:11	Queensgate - Dogsthorpe	Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	16:11-16:42	Dogsthorpe - Queensgate	Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	15:59-16:28	Newborough - Queensgate	Mondays - Fridays	{to achieve better value
410	16:45-17:00	Queensgate - Newark	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	17:07-17:22	Newark - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	17:15-17:30	Queensgate - Newark	Mondays - Saturdays	{Retender combined service 410/411
410	17:32-17:48	Newark - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	{to achieve better value
410	18:15 - 18:41	Queensgate - Newborough	Mondays - Fridays	Potential to replace with call connet/dial-a-ride
410	18:44 - 19:10	Newborough - Queensgate	Mondays - Fridays	Potential to replace with call connet/dial-a-ride
410	19:15 - 19:41	Queensgate - Eye	Mondays - Saturdays	Service 37
410	19:47 - 20:10	Eye - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	Service 37
410	20:15 - 20:41	Queensgate - Newborough	Mondays - Saturdays	No alternative
410	20:44 - 21:10	Newborough - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	No alternative
410	21:15 - 21:41	Queensgate - Eye	Mondays - Saturdays	Service 37
410	21:47 - 22:10	Eye - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	Service 37
410	22:35 - 22:58	Queensgate - Eye	Mondays - Saturdays	Service 37
410	22:59 - 23:14	Eye - Queensgate	Mondays - Saturdays	No alternative
410	09:14 - 09:43	Newborough - Queensgate	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Service 37 from Eye
410	09:45 - 10:13	Queensgate - Newborough	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Service 37 to Eye
410	10:14 - 10:43	Newborough - Queensgate	Sundays & Bank Holidays	Service 37 from Eye
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ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 7
17 SEPTEMBER 2009	Public Report

Report of the Executive Director - Operations

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

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the updated Biodiversity Strategy for the Committee to consider and if considered appropriate to refer it to the Cabinet.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee receives and endorses the updated Biodiversity Strategy and the measures outlined within it, which will replace the existing 2004 Strategy.

2.2 That the Committee refers the Strategy to Cabinet for endorsement prior to its consideration by Council as part of the major policy framework.

2.3 That the Committee recommends to Cabinet that the requirement for additional resources is considered during the development of the Council Budget for 2010/11 alongside other budget pressures.

2.4 That the Committee agrees to receive annual progress reports against the updated Strategy.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

3.1 The updated Strategy is directly linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and LAA via National Indicator 197 County Wildlife Sites and associated targets. It is more generally linked to the SCS and National Indicators via the Cleaner Greener sections of these documents.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 The existing Biodiversity Strategy was endorsed by Cabinet in October 2004. The Vision Statement which forms part of the Strategy was subsequently considered and adopted by full Council at its November 2004 meeting where the following decision was made:

“To adopt the Biodiversity vision statement as a guidance and reference document to officers and the executive when making decisions on biodiversity ensuring that the vision, objectives and targets are used in a flexible manner, within existing resources and subject to planning considerations”.

4.2 This report and updated Strategy is submitted to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee by a working group of Officers and Councillors. This working group was convened following a report to the then Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel in January 2008 with respect to the new biodiversity duty brought in by S40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006:

“Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity”

- 4.3 This report to the Scrutiny Panel concluded that the 2004 Strategy and the wording of its adoption by Council did not adequately reflect the requirements of the new Biodiversity Duty. The Scrutiny Panel endorsed the intent to update the Strategy to take into account the new biodiversity duty.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The key issues which the Committee need to consider are laid out in the appendices. These include changes to land management practices, the ability of the Council to maintain existing resourcing and in some instances make other resources available. In many cases additional resources can be used to access additional external funding for restoration and habitat creation works, however routine management would have to be met by the Council's own resources.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The incorporation of biodiversity into many of the Council's functions and services can be achieved within existing resources, providing that this is maintained. This is supported by the experience of the implementation of the 2004 Strategy.
- 6.2 However the updating of the Strategy has identified that some additional resources would be required. In some cases additional resource requirements can also be offset by seeking external funding for restoration of degraded habitats, however routine management could not generally be funded in this way.

A summary of the additional financial resource implications is summarised in the table below:

Element	Annual Costs	Single/One off Costs	Responsible
Changes in Management Practices to road verges to enhance County Wildlife Sites, reflect designation of new sites and create habitat links	£8798	N/A	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Secure management of the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve by a body such as the Wildlife Trust, Froglife or Nene Park Trust.	£4000	N/A	Peterborough City Services
Chemical Treatment of Japanese Knotweed at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve	N/A	£600	Peterborough City Services
Match funding to make 3 bids for up to £98,000 of external funding. This is for works to Local Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	N/A	£12000	Peterborough City Services
Signage for County Wildlife Site Road Verges including new sites and extensions	N/A	£3410	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Totals	£12,798	£16,010	£28,808

Owing to the success of the 2004 Strategy and the maintenance of existing resources in support of it, the degree of additional funding required to comply with the Biodiversity duty is greatly reduced.

6.3 This report has implications throughout the authority area where the Council is a Landowner or Manager.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the Officers, Groups and organisations which were consulted with respect to the original Biodiversity Strategy along with additional relevant organisations that have become known in the Peterborough area in the intervening time. These have included:

- BritishTrust for Conservation Volunteering (BTCV)
- Buglife
- Consultation has also been undertaken with the Councils Finance as well as Legal and Democratic Services.
- Council Officers within the update working group and Biodiversity Officer Working Group. This includes, Bereavement, Recreation, City and Education Services, tree and woodland team, Natural Environment Team. Landscape Architect, Transportation.
- Councillor representatives within the Working Group
- Forestry Commission
- Froglife
- Natural England
- Parish Councils
- PECT
- Peterborough Bird Club
- Peterborough Conservation Volunteers
- Peterborough Friends of the Earth
- Planning Policy team
- RSPB
- The Landyke Trust
- The Wildlife Trust
- Woodland Trust
- Greater Peterborough Partnership
- Opportunity Peterborough

7.2 Councillor Sandford as a member of the working group updating the strategy has indicated agreement with all the recommendations in the report with the exception of the following.

7.2.1 Appendix B, point 21 (pesticides). Councillor Sandford has indicated that this should go further to require a commitment to reducing usage of herbicide progressively over time, and felt that a commitment to review usage is not useful if it does not state any intention to do anything as a result. Councillor Sandford has indicated that previously there was a commitment to reduce herbicide usage in the Council's Environmental Strategy and for example organisations signing up to Forest Stewardship Council certification on sustainable tree/woodland management are required to make such a commitment.

7.2.2 Appendix E (nesting birds policy) in its entirety. Concern was expressed with respect to the length and complexity of this document as well as a concern that it would weaken current policy/practice. The current policy/practice implemented by City Services was understood by Councillor Sandford to be to avoid works on trees, shrubs and hedges during the bird nesting season unless there are clear health and safety concerns. It was felt by Councillor Sandford that this was a simple, straightforward and easily understood policy which complies with best conservation practice.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 To refer the Strategy to Cabinet for endorsement prior to the Vision Statement being considered by Council as part of the major policy framework.

8.2 To receive an annual report with respect to progress in implementing the Strategy from the Biodiversity Officers Working Group. This would include all parts of the Strategy including the approach and specific actions.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (Section 40).
- Guidance for Local Authorities on Implementing the Biodiversity Duty, Defra, May 2007.
- Peterborough City Council Approach to Biodiversity submitted to the Environment Policy Overview Committee on 2 August 2004.
- Peterborough Sustainable Community Strategy (including Rural Vision Strategy and Environment Capital manifesto).

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix A: Vision Statement.

10.2 Appendix B: Action Points.

10.3 Appendix C: Summary of BAP targets.

10.4 Appendix D: Financial Implications.

10.5 Appendix E: Policy with respect to works during the bird nesting season.

VISION STATEMENT

The working group has developed the following updated vision of what the Council's approach to Biodiversity should be:

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL AND BIODIVERSITY

a) **Our vision**

- i) The Peterborough area has a rich mix of habitats including woodland, parkland, rivers, and alluvial and limestone grassland. Peterborough's Natural Environment Audit identifies approximately 10% of the district is of at least county significance for its wildlife and 2% of the area as of national importance. This includes 3 sites which are also of international importance. Peterborough City Council wants to see its district remain rich in wildlife, with existing habitats of value safeguarded for future generations and new features for wildlife created wherever possible.
- ii) Peterborough City Council is committed to the Peterborough Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement. It recognises that biodiversity is a key part of the LAA, Community Strategy and its component parts such as the Rural Vision Strategy and Environment Capital manifesto.
- iii) The City Council recognises that Biodiversity and the Natural Environment enhance wellbeing and quality of life by enhancing the places in which we live, work and play. It can give economic benefits through tourism and the production of quality local produce. Natural habitats can absorb floods, help treat pollutants and act as windbreaks. There are also cultural and aesthetic aspects to Biodiversity, for example through the writings of John Clare.
- iv) The City Council recognises that Biodiversity – or more simply the wealth of wildlife is a truly cross-cutting theme. The City Council will, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity¹. As such it will be included in all Council strategies, plans, programmes and practices.
- v) The City Council recognises that biodiversity is under threat from habitat and population fragmentation, climate change, invasive alien species as well as development and land pressures. The City Council will play its part in countering these threats, working to protect and enhance, sites, habitats and species of biodiversity importance, including the protection and provision of a network of wildlife corridors to establish physical links between sites and populations of known wildlife interest.
- vi) The City Council will work with partners to achieve a net gain in Biodiversity in the district by protecting these key habitats, species, and habitat networks; mitigating against potentially damaging impacts; seeking compensation where damage is unavoidable; and enhancing existing or creating new habitats of value wherever possible.

b) **Our approach**

To achieve this vision for Biodiversity the City Council adopts the following broad approach, in that it will take reasonable steps which are consistent with the proper exercise of the authorities functions to:

- i) **Awareness raising:** Make every attempt to ensure that employees and members of Peterborough City Council are aware of the importance of and need to

¹ As required by section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

safeguard, enhance and promote Biodiversity through the City Council's activities and thereby contribute to the achievement of this approach.

- ii) **Habitat networks and Climate Change:** Work with the Peterborough Natural Networks partnership and contribute to the achievement of the green grid strategy to form a coherent and less fragmented green infrastructure network of habitats across the authority area²; which will be robust to the effects of and facilitate adaptation to climate change by species and habitats.
- iii) **Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Take reasonable steps consistent with the proper exercise of the authority's functions,** to further the conservation and enhancement of Sites of Special Scientific Interest and International Sites³.
- iv) **County Wildlife Sites:** Work with the Wildlife Trust and Local Sites partnership to further the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites. Also to ensure that up-to-date information is available for all local wildlife sites in Peterborough and work with partners to deliver the targets of the Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy with respect to Local Wildlife Sites.
- v) **Non native invasive species:** Take action to deal with invasive non native species where these are present on sites of wildlife importance; or where these are on land in the authorities control and threaten habitats and species of importance or the coherence of habitat networks.
- vi) **The Planning system:** Ensure that biodiversity is protected and enhanced within the planning system within Peterborough and deliver the key principles for biodiversity set out in national planning guidance. Where full protection is not possible mitigation and compensatory measures should be put in place.
- vii) **Green Spaces:** Increase and diversify wildlife interest in all green places and open spaces; and provide access to sites of wildlife interest for all sections of the community, including the disabled and disadvantaged. Also to promote accessibility to wildlife by creating these new habitats in public areas and encourage their creation in private areas such as, schools, factories, offices.
- viii) **Wider understanding:** Promote wider understanding and enjoyment of Peterborough's wildlife through formal and informal education and interpretation, and events such as Peterborough's annual Green Festival.
- ix) **Involvement:** Promote active interest and involvement in wildlife issues at the local, national and international levels by all sections of the community at home, in the workplace, as a leisure activity and as part of the local economy.
- x) **Local wildlife groups:** Assist local voluntary wildlife groups in their aims of protecting wildlife and promoting interest in conservation.
- xi) **Biodiversity Action Plan targets:** Contribute to the achievement of the Biodiversity Action Plan Targets relevant to the authorities functions and area (please see appendix C). To continue to support the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership.
- xii) **Biodiversity Data:** Ensure that up to date biodiversity data is available and used appropriately to support this approach.

Actions to achieve this vision and broad approach are described in more detail in appendix B.

² As required by Regulation 37 of the Habitats Regulations.

³ As required by Section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

SPECIFIC ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE VISION AND APPROACH OUTLINED IN APPENDIX A

It is intended that opportunities will be exploited as they arise, however the following specific actions and possible methods of delivery have been identified under the headings used in the approach and also the vision and approach more generally.

	Specific action	Possible methods of delivery, consideration and comments
Awareness Raising		
1	<p>All City Council and contract staff directly involved in the management of open space should be given training and guidance on good management practice to safeguard and promote Biodiversity.</p> <p>This should include the identification of 'model' sites to demonstrate best practice.</p>	<p>Opportunities for internal and external training and guidance to be regularly brought to the attention of and where appropriate taken up by employees and members. Internal training to be requested from the councils own internal specialists where required.</p> <p>A lack of clear guidance with respect to cutting of shrubs, hedges and trees in the bird nesting season has been identified. Guidance has been produced as part of the process of updating the biodiversity strategy and is included at appendix E.</p>
2	To comply with the guidance with respect to the cutting of shrubs, hedges and trees during the bird nesting season set out in the Biodiversity Strategy (appendix E).	Guidance to be issues to staff involved with grounds maintenance and tree works. Training to be organised as required. This should be incorporated into relevant contracts upon their renewal.
Habitat Networks and Climate Change		
3	Where PCC owned or managed land forms part of a wildlife corridor its management will aim to facilitate its role as a part of the ecological network it is part of.	Please see appendix D for more detail of site specific actions which might be required and the financial implications of these actions.
Sites of Special Scientific Interest		
4	Secure funding for enhancement works and SSSI specific management for the PCC owned part of the Orton Pit SSSI.	<p>This is the only PCC owned SSSI and consists of part of the treebelt which runs along the southern edge of the Fletton Parkway. Woodland grant scheme could be sought to cover a significant proportion of SSSI specific works within the Treebelt. Please see appendix D for further detail.</p> <p>Other opportunities to assist Natural England with the conservation and enhancement of SSSIs should also be supported. This may for example include efforts to create habitat links to connect SSSIs within the wider landscape as outlined under specific action 3 above.</p>

	Specific action	Possible methods of delivery, consideration and comments
5	Continue to work with Natural England in their role as statutory adviser in planning and development matters pertaining to SSSIs and International sites.	Continue dialogue at the strategic planning level as well as with respect to specific development proposals. Contributes to item 3 of the approach outlined as part of the vision statement.
County Wildlife Sites		
6	All PCC County Wildlife Sites to be positively managed to conserve and where possible enhance the site for the criteria for which they are designated CWS.	Re-survey of all wildlife sites in the Peterborough area is in part covered under a service level agreement between the Wildlife Trust and the City Council. PCC are responsible for 12 out of 107 wildlife sites: Eye Green gravel pit The Boardwalks Debdale pond Broadway Cemetery Eastfield Cemetery Pocock's Wood Grimeshaw Wood, Highlees Spinney, Spencer's Hurn & Water Spinney Holywell Fish Ponds Southey Lodge verge (Langley Bush Road). Stamford Rd./Heath Rd./ Ailsworth Rd./King St. verges (Includes "Marholm road" west of King Street Crossroad) Barnack road verges Bedford Purlieus-Wittering road verge One site is due to be added, this is 1400m of road verge at the south end of Highfield road. Please see appendix D for detail of site specific actions which might be required and the financial implications of these actions.
Non native invasive species		
7	Employ best practice procedures to deal with invasive non native species on sites of wildlife importance; or where these are on land in the authorities control and threaten habitats and species of importance or the	Invasive species which are problematic in the Peterborough area and on sites managed by the authority include: Japanese Knotweed

	Specific action	Possible methods of delivery, consideration and comments
	<p>coherence of habitat networks.</p> <p>Otherwise the occurrence of invasive non native weed species should be reported by PCC officers where this is observed as a result of carrying out their normal duties.</p>	<p>Giant Hogweed Orange Balsam</p> <p>The authority should also be on its guard against other problem species such as:</p> <p>Himalayan Balsam New Zealand pygmyweed Parrots feather</p> <p>Training in the recognition of these species should be organised for non specialist employees/contractors as required.</p> <p>Please see appendix D for more detail of site specific actions which might be required and the financial implications of these actions.</p>
The Planning System		
8	<p>Planning related departments of the City Council to continue to work with internal advisers, conservation bodies and local groups with respect to the production of a Local Development Framework and also specific development proposals.</p>	<p>Training as outlined in respect of specific action 1 in this table is also relevant in this respect.</p>
Green Spaces		
9	<p>In the short-term reasonably significant areas should be identified for trialling new approaches to landscape management.</p>	<p>The area chosen should be large enough to contain a variety of types of landscape (e.g. parks, playing fields, kick about areas, open space in housing areas, etc). The trial should involve consultation with local residents and relevant departments within the City Council in planning the management of such areas, and offer a range of different options for particular sites within the trial area and the habitats they possess.</p> <p>Where appropriate this could be through the use of set conservation management specifications or where it would be beneficial the production of management plans for these spaces such as already demonstrated for Central Park. The possibility of reduction in management costs should be acknowledged as a possibility via this change in management. The possibility of the creation of</p>

	Specific action	Possible methods of delivery, consideration and comments
		<p>with bodies such as Natural England and Wildlife Trust would be needed to develop and encourage these schemes. Support for small-scale community wildlife schemes is also provided through the Natural Environment grant scheme and Peterborough in Bloom Project Grants.</p> <p>PCC support of projects such as Nature in Your Neighbourhood and any successor projects such as Access to Nature would be relevant in this respect.</p>
14	Recognise the role of allotments and cemeteries in promoting Biodiversity.	<p>For example:</p> <p>Opportunities should be taken where there is local support for the utilisation of disused allotments and closed cemeteries for promoting wildlife habitats.</p> <p>Allotments and cemeteries that are in use have a part to play with respect to Biodiversity. This is not intended to be in conflict with their operating requirements.</p> <p>Initiatives such as biodiversity guidance for allotment holders should continue.</p>
Wider understanding		
15	Support initiatives to encourage wildlife friendly gardening, recognising the increasing amount of land devoted to this usage.	For example via Peterborough in Bloom.
Involvement and Local Wildlife Groups		
16	With partners investigate the re-instatement of a Peterborough Wildlife Group or Wildlife forum.	<p>At a recent urban wildlife meeting with local wildlife groups; support was voiced for the possibility of bringing back the Urban Wildlife Group for Peterborough.</p> <p>Also see action above under broad approach 8 of the Vision statement, to give explicit support for small-scale community wildlife schemes, including encouraging community management of existing landscaping where requested and appropriate.</p>

	Specific action	Possible methods of delivery, consideration and comments
Biodiversity Action Plan Targets		
17	Establish measurable annual targets for the creation of new areas of wildlife interest.	<p>Including tree/shrub planting and woodland creation – both through the City Council's own land management and its role as a planning authority.</p> <p>The Natural Networks partnership is investigating how the targets from the Green Grid Strategy, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan and Peterborough Environment Audit can be brought together as one set of targets for Peterborough. If this were achieved it may be possible to further extract a set of targets for the City Council.</p>
Biodiversity Data		
18	Continue to support the Biological Records Centre for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	A biological records centre is essential to enable effective and efficient management of biological and ecological data about Peterborough, but would be financially unsustainable if developed just for the Peterborough area. This data is a pre-requisite to the planning, implementation and monitoring of Biodiversity gain, as well as the achievement of more sustainable patterns of development. Effective management of biological data is also essential to the monitoring of the success or otherwise of the targets set out in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan.
Overall Contribution to the Vision Statement and Approach		
19	Give particular emphasis to the protection of ancient, and semi-natural habitats through all the City Council's activities.	For example ancient woodland and veteran trees as outlined in appendix D.
20	Investigate and exploit external funding opportunities for creating and enhancing the Biodiversity value of City Council managed land. For example from Forestry Commission, Natural England, landfill tax or aggregates levy.	While much can be achieved by the City Council, this should be viewed as essential to achieving many of the actions listed above and those particularly highlighted in this respect under appendix D.
21	Continue to review the use of pesticides (including fungicides and herbicides) in the City Council's land management.	Such that their use is consistent, minimised and very carefully targeted in line with COSHH regulations requirements.

SUMMARY OF TARGETS FROM RELEVANT (TO PETERBOROUGH) HABITAT ACTION PLANS IN THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

It should be recognised that the targets contained in this annex are for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and cover private as well as Local Authority land. The actual targets that the City Council could reasonably be expected to achieve on Peterborough City Council Owned land are significantly less than those stated below which are for the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The City Council will attempt to facilitate and encourage other landowners, as described in the report, within the Authorities area to achieve these goals.

Habitat	Objectives	Five Year Targets (to 2005)	Ten Year Targets (to 2010)
Woodland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current area of ancient woodland as identified in the Ancient Woodland Inventory. • Achieve appropriate management of all semi-natural ancient woodland sites, incorporating buffer zones and scrub edge habitat. • Maintain current area of species rich woodland (i.e. that which has a recognised Biodiversity value, including ancient secondary not classed as ancient semi-natural, e.g. Overhall Grove). • Achieve appropriate management of all species rich woodland (as defined in previous bullet). • Identify a strategy for creating new native woodland in terms of species composition, ground flora introduction, site size and location. • Create new native woodland, particularly where it links or buffers existing woodland or other habitats of Biodiversity value. • Achieve appropriate management of all new woodland so that it delivers against species and habitat Biodiversity targets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No loss of semi-natural ancient or species rich woodland. • 100% of SSSI woodland in appropriate management, including woodland edge buffer zones. • Identify all species rich woodland. • 10% increase in the total amount of woodland. • Identify what management regimes are required to deliver species and habitat targets in new woodlands. • Deer management groups established. • If practicable, have consolidated the elm recovery programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No loss of semi-natural ancient or species rich woodland. • Restore 50% of coniferised ancient woodland to broad-leaved base. • 50% of semi-natural ancient woodland total resource in appropriate management. • Plant 20ha of new woodland on cleared semi-natural ancient woodland sites or adjacent to existing woodland. • 50% of species rich woodland in appropriate management.
Urban Forest (i.e., all trees within the urban area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To halt the indiscriminate loss of and damage to urban trees. • To diversify the age structure of the urban forest. • To increase the range of tree species. • To make greater use of native species where appropriate. • To maintain and enhance the nature conservation value of the urban forest. • Consolidate the elm recovery programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a countywide compatible basic database describing the character and extent of the urban forest. • Publish awareness of the contribution that the urban forest makes to Biodiversity to all sections of the community. • Produce a community-based strategy for the management of the urban forest integrating nature conservation and arboricultural values. • Publish information on tree management to reduce damage to and loss of urban trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be decided.

Habitat	Objectives	Five Year Targets (to 2005)	Ten Year Targets (to 2010)
Hedgerows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halt the loss of species rich hedgerows • Achieve favourable management of species rich hedgerows within the county • Plant new hedgerows within the county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halt the loss of species rich hedgerows through neglect and removal and aim to halt all loss of hedgerows, which are both ancient and species rich by 2005. • Achieve the favourable management of 25% of hedges by the year 2000 and of 50% by 2005. • Encourage at least 120Km new hedgerows by 2005. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish at least 220 km new hedgerows by 2010.
Ponds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop the net loss of ponds in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough • Increase the number of ponds in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough • Ensure the provision of quality advice on pond management • Better understand the Biodiversity value of ponds at different successional stages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve characterisation of pond stock in Cambridgeshire including numbers, turnover and categories (for example: permanent, ephemeral, natural/semi-natural origin). • Research the local rate of disappearance of ponds across the county. • Create new conservation ponds in the landscape and resurrect derelict ponds where appropriate, the target numbers reflecting the local rate of disappearance by both natural and human processes. • Disseminate advice to known landowners that own ponds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat a sample survey of ponds to identify trends in management and numbers.
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halt the loss of allotments through the generation of interest in this resource. • Ensure that policies are adopted in development plans to provide new allotment provision for new developments. • Cambridgeshire Design and Sustainability Guidance for Major New Developments to include specific reference to allotment provision in new developments. • Inform and emphasise the benefits of increasing Biodiversity for allotment holders. • Optimise the utilisation of under used allotments for the benefits of wildlife. • Maximise wildlife potential of allotments, for example by creating wildlife features and ensuring that maintenance practices benefit wildlife. • Increase organic food production. • Establish local composting schemes both as a habitat and for re-use of materials. • Develop site specific wildlife friendly management plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers of allotments to be implementing widely agreed wildlife friendly management plans on 50% of allotments. • Community composting schemes on 30% of allotments. • 30% of Local Authority excess bark chippings to be used on community composting schemes. • Create uncultivated beetle banks on 15% of large allotments. • Provide buffer zones adjacent to watercourses, woodland and other site components of high Biodiversity value. • Promote individual wildlife schemes by individual allotment holders on their own plots. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managers of allotments to be implementing widely agreed wildlife friendly management plans on 75% of allotments. • Community composting schemes on 50% of allotments. • 60% of Local Authority excess bark chippings to be used on community composting schemes. • Create uncultivated beetle banks on 30% of large allotments.

Habitat	Objectives	Five Year Targets (to 2005)	Ten Year Targets (to 2010)
Churchyards, cemeteries and burial grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect burial grounds as important wildlife habitats by incorporating them in local development plans and nature conservation strategies. • All burial grounds to be regularly surveyed. • All burial grounds to have widely agreed management plans which are being implemented by the site manager in partnership with the local community. The site working requirements would need to be deconflicted with biodiversity as part of this process. • Carry out regular habitat and specific species surveys of all burial grounds and designate suitable sites as County or City Wildlife Sites. • Raise the profile and celebrate burial grounds as a sanctuary for wildlife. • Educate the public about the ways in which management of burial grounds for wildlife and for people can be complementary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All burial grounds under the ownership or management of town, district or city council to be implementing a widely agreed wildlife friendly management plan. • 50 per cent of parish burial ground managers to be in the process of producing a wildlife friendly management plan. • All burial grounds to have in place a system for regular habitat and specific species surveys. • All suitable burial grounds under the ownership or management of town, district or city councils to be identified as County or City Wildlife sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All managers of burial grounds to be implementing widely agreed wildlife friendly management plans. • All suitable burial grounds to be identified as County or City Wildlife sites.
Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguard and improve the existing wildlife value of this resource • To increase the resource by encouraging wildlife gardening across the county. • To increase the resource by encouraging appropriate native planting in new development areas. • To increase awareness of the importance of wildlife gardening to all the community. • To advise gardeners of the ways in which management of gardens for wildlife need not compromise practicalities and aesthetics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a local HAP wildlife gardening leaflet to promote planting of native species only and highlight damage caused to garden wildlife by chemicals. • 40% of gardeners producing own compost as opposed to using imported material such as peat or coir. • 40% of gardeners not using pesticides. • 5 open gardens open in 5 years time as show pieces for best practice, including one small inner-city garden. • New habitats created within gardens. • Implement system for site survey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All local garden centres encouraging purchase of native, wildlife friendly species only, home composting as an alternative to peat, and reduced usage of chemicals. • Produce a leaflet for developers encouraging appropriate native planting with local character in mind. • 80% of gardeners producing own compost as opposed to using imported material such as peat or coir. • 80% of gardeners not using pesticides. • Best wildlife garden competition running in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. • Encourage gardeners to reduce and stop using fertilisers.

Habitat	Objectives	Five Year Targets (to 2005)	Ten Year Targets (to 2010)
Parks, shelterbelts and open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater appreciation of the Biodiversity value of parks, shelterbelts and open spaces by their managers, users and the public. Appropriate management of parklands, open spaces and shelterbelts for their existing and potential wildlife benefit. Fullest investigation of opportunities for the imaginative design and management of shelterbelts and open spaces associated with new development. Greater use of native species in landscape designs for new and existing open spaces and shelterbelts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring accessible open space of high value for wildlife within 280m for 50% of all residents by 2005. At least 40% of the total area of urban parks managed for measurable wildlife benefit. At least 40% of the total length of shelterbelts in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough managed for measurable wildlife benefit. At least 25% of the total area of publicly accessible open space in urban areas managed for measurable wildlife benefit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring accessible open space of high value for wildlife within 280m for all residents by 2010. At least 80% of the total area of urban parks managed for measurable wildlife benefit by 2010. At least 80% of the total length of shelterbelts in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough managed for measurable wildlife benefit by 2010. At least 50% of the total area of publicly accessible open space in urban areas managed for measurable wildlife benefit by 2010.
Built environment and derelict sites	<p><u>Derelict Land</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise the Biodiversity value of derelict sites in location and design of new development. Identify derelict sites of particular significance for Biodiversity and outline any management needs. Improved information about the Biodiversity value of derelict sites for planners, developers. Raised public awareness of the Biodiversity value of derelict sites. <p>Built Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that new development incorporates measures to protect existing built environment features where a Biodiversity value has been identified and if possible to create new habitats. Raised public awareness of the Biodiversity value and potential of buildings. 	<p><u>Derelict Land</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain or increase Biodiversity value of 50% of sites recognised as Wildlife Sites. Raise awareness of the Biodiversity value and increase public participation in recording. Secure public access at 2 new derelict sites where appropriate. <p><u>Built Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New features for Biodiversity on buildings to be incorporated into 10 larger developments. Raise awareness of the Biodiversity value of the built environment and increase participation in recording features such as old walls and bat roosts. 	<p><u>Derelict Land</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain or increase Biodiversity value of 100% of sites recognised Wildlife Sites. Raise awareness of the Biodiversity value and increase participation in recording. Secure public access at 5 new derelict sites where appropriate. <p><u>Built Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness of the Biodiversity value of the built environment and increase participation in recording features such as old walls and bat roosts. New features for Biodiversity on buildings to be incorporated into 100 larger developments.

Habitat	Objectives	Five Year Targets (to 2005)	Ten Year Targets (to 2010)
Road Verges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain existing County Wildlife Site and protected roadside verges within the county. • Ensure favourable management status of all County Wildlife Site and protected roadside verges. • Instigate a condition-monitoring programme for County Wildlife Site and protected roadside verges. • Designate additional roadside verges on suitable sites. • To have re-evaluated the wildlife value of all roadside verges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain a 44 ha area of protected roadside verges (approx. measured 1991 area) by year 2005. • To achieve the favourable management of 11 ha (approx. 25% of measured 1991 road verge area) by year 2001 and 22 ha (approx. 50% of measured 1991 road verge area) by 2005. • To instigate an on-going monitoring programme (both botanical and measured area assessments) for protected roadside verges. A 22 ha sample (approx. 50% of measured 1991 area) should be surveyed before 2000 and 4 ha (approx. 10%) annually there after until 2005. • To maintain protected roadside verge signs for all 74 sites by year 2005. • To cost and trial removal of cut material from protected road verges in 2 pilot areas in 1999/2000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate designation of a further 2 ha of protected roadside verge per year equals 10 ha by 2010. • Re-survey all protected verges and monitor 8 ha per year of the total verge area (approx 20%) equalling 40 ha by 2010.

Note: The interpretation of the phrase "Woodland Buffer Zone" should be taken to refer to the transitional habitat that occurs at the edge of woodland, where a transition occurs between woodland habitat and another type of habitat such as reed bed or grassland

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EXTRAPOLATION OF SPECIFIC TASKS AND THEIR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN COMPLYING WITH THE BIODIVERSITY DUTY THROUGH THE BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY, ITS VISION STATEMENT, APPROACH AND SPECIFIC ACTIONS

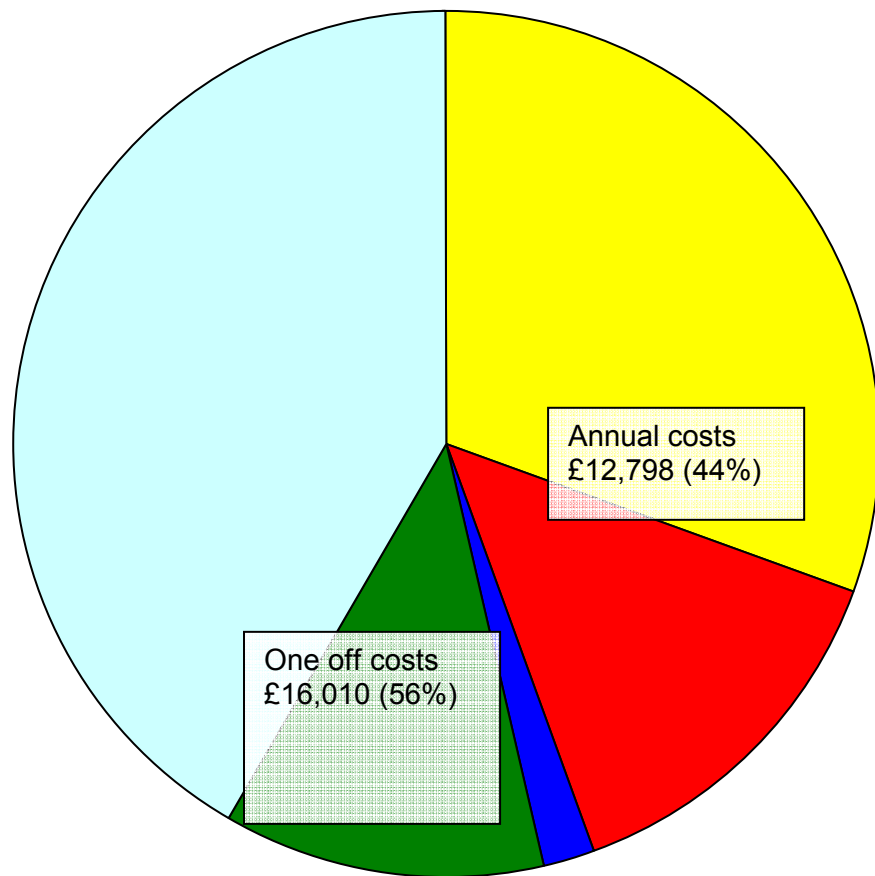
1. Summary

Overall achieving the elements set out in the updated biodiversity strategy will require the City Council to continue to resource its current efforts and in some instances change management practices. This will have financial implications which are considered in detail below. In many instances the cost of restoring or creating habitats can be off set by seeking external funding or other changes to management practices which are less expensive than existing.

Overall the assessment carried out below has identified that the following additional funding would be required:

Element	Annual Costs	Single/One off Costs	Responsible
Changes in Management Practices to enhance 42 km of County Wildlife Site road verges; extend the CWS management regime to 22km of additional road verge to reflect designation of new sites and create habitat links.	£8798	N/A	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Secure management of the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve by a body such as the Wildlife Trust, Froglife or Nene Park Trust.	£4000	N/A	Peterborough City Services
Chemical Treatment of Japanese Knotweed at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve	N/A	£600	Peterborough City Services
Match funding to make 3 bids for up to £98,000 of external funding. This is for works to Local Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	N/A	£12000	Peterborough City Services
Signage for County Wildlife Site Road Verges including new sites and extensions	N/A	£3410	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Totals	£12,798	£16,010	£28,808

Distribution of additional costs




- Changes in Management Practices to road verges to enhance County Wildlife Sites and create habitat links. £8,798
- Secure management of the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve by a body Such as the Wildlife Trust, Froglife or Nene Park Trust. £4000
- Chemical Treatment of Japanese Knotweed at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve. £600
- Signage for County Wildlife Site Road Verges and extensions £3410
- Match funding to make 3 bids for up to £98,000 of external funding. This is for works to Local Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest. £12,000


An overall failure to implement the Strategy would entail non compliance with Biodiversity Duty, failure to be worthy of Environment City status or to be able to present Peterborough as the UKs environment capital. Associated negative effects to quality of life and the economy and cultural heritage should also be expected as should a more limited contribution to flood and pollution control.

2. Detailed breakdown of specific actions and financial implications

A detailed breakdown of specific actions and their financial implications is detailed in the table below. Elements already present in the 2004 Strategy have been included for completeness but are left unshaded. The 2004 strategy by the way in which it was adopted was to be achieved within existing resources. Progress reports with respect to achieving the requirements of the 2004 strategy have been made to Councillors since its adoption. Where satisfactory progress is already being made within existing resources this has been used as a basis to demonstrate that this is a valid financial consideration in respect of the inclusion of these actions in this updated 2009 strategy. The table is otherwise colour coded blue to show what actions are new to the Strategy but which are already being achieved within existing resources and green to show where new actions are proposed and additional resourcing would be required.

 Elements which were already present within the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy and which therefore are already being achieved within existing resources.

 New elements which were not already present within the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy but which are already being achieved within existing resources or where no resource change would be required.

 New elements which were not already present within the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy where a resource change would be required.

	Approach to achieving the vision	Specific Actions (where relevant these are shown against the part of the approach to which they contribute)	Consideration of Relevant points from Method of delivery and Specific Actions required to achieve this	Financial Implications of Specific Actions	Implication of not carrying out action	Responsible/ Lead for specific task
1	Make every attempt to ensure that employees and members of Peterborough City Council are aware of the importance of and need to safeguard, enhance and promote Biodiversity through the City Council's activities and thereby contribute to the achievement of this approach.	<p>All City Council and contract staff directly involved in the management of open space should be given training and guidance on good management practice to safeguard and promote Biodiversity.</p> <p>This should include the identification of 'model' sites to demonstrate best practice.</p>	<p>Training</p> <p>Opportunities for internal and external training and guidance to be regularly brought to the attention of and where appropriate taken up by employees and members. Internal training to be requested from the councils own internal specialists where required.</p>	<p>Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.</p> <p>Internal training can be provided within existing resources providing that these are maintained.</p> <p>Guidance is routinely available electronically at no cost.</p> <p>External training has been provided in the past through the City Councils existing partnerships with other organisations at little additional cost to its current commitments.</p> <p>Other external training would need to be subject to the normal</p>	Fundamental to achieving implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy, Vision statement and biodiversity duty.	Natural Environment Team/All

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				process of requesting training and the consideration of this by the Corporate Management Team.		
2		To comply with the guidance with respect to the cutting of shrubs, hedges and trees during the bird nesting season set out in the Biodiversity Strategy (appendix E).	<p>Bird Nesting</p> <p>Guidance to be issued to staff involved with grounds maintenance and tree works. Training to be organised as required.</p>	<p>This guidance does not imply a requirement to cut hedges more frequently but rather attempts to set out clear guidance with respect to how these sorts of works might legitimately be carried out where required.</p> <p>The guidance should therefore help remove a perceived constraint rather than necessarily a requirement for additional hedge, shrub and tree works.</p> <p>The guideline also sets out a clear approach which will help the council to</p>	<p>No clear guidance for the maintenance of trees, hedges and shrubs during the bird nesting season. The potential for inappropriate works remains and works continue to be unnecessarily restricted by the potential presence of nesting birds.</p> <p>Pressure will be brought to be to remove or not plant trees, hedges and shrubs in the longer term, particularly in the urban context. This has an implication on the benefits of</p>	All

	Approach to achieving the vision	Specific Actions (where relevant these are shown against the part of the approach to which they contribute)	Consideration of Relevant points from Method of delivery and Specific Actions required to achieve this	Financial Implications of Specific Actions	Implication of not carrying out action	Responsible/ Lead for specific task
				avoid prosecution and fines in carrying out legitimate grounds maintenance works.	biodiversity to quality of life etc set out in the overall vision statement.	
3	Work with the Peterborough Natural Networks partnership and contribute to the achievement of a coherent and less fragmented network of habitats across the authority area; which will be robust to the effects of and facilitate adaptation to climate change by species and habitats.	Where PCC owned or managed land forms part of a wildlife corridor its management will aim to facilitate its role as a part of the ecological network it is part of.	<p>Site and works required (Habitat Networks)</p> <p>Extension to management employed on Southey Lodge Road Verge County Wildlife Site to link this with Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI and grassland at Upton which would form the PCC part of a possible link to Castor Hanglands SSSI.</p> <p>Change in management of road verge of Main Street south of Southorpe to replicate that employed on road verge CWS. This would link a number of grasslands to Sutton Heath and Bog SSSI and contribute to a much improved link with Sutton Meadows North CWS</p>	<p>Financial implication</p> <p>Management of 7000 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £2604 PA.</p> <p>Signage for verge £260.</p> <p>Change in Management of 6000 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £2232 PA.</p>	Threat to delivery of a habitat network which will be resistant to climate change.	<p>Highways/ Peterborough City Services</p> <p>Highways/ Peterborough City Services</p>

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			and Sutton Disused Railway CWS.	Signage for verge: £176		
			Extension to management employed on Bedford Purlieus/Wittering Road Verge County Wildlife Site to link this with Wittering Valley CWS.	Change in Management of 2000 m road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £744 PA.		Highways/ Peterborough City Services
			Extension to management employed on Stamford etc Road Verge County Wildlife Site to the north to link this with Ring and Bailey Meadow CWS as well as the east coast mainline and therefore Marholm Crossing CWS and Bainton Pits CWS.	Change in Management of 3400 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges (with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £1265 PA. Signage for verge: £304		Highways/ Peterborough City Services
			Extension to management employed on Stamford etc road verge County Wildlife Site to the south to link this with Ailsworth Marsh and	Change in Management of 2100 m of road verge in line with that used for a CWS road verges		Highways/ Peterborough City Services

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			Green Lane CWS and the PCC part of a possible link to Ailsworth Meadow South.	(with additional cut at beginning of year) is estimated to cost £782 PA.		
4	Work with Natural England to further the conservation and enhancement of Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	Secure funding for enhancement works and SSSI specific management for the PCC owned part of the Orton Pit SSSI.	<p>Sites of Special Scientific Interest</p> <p>This is the only PCC owned SSSI and consists of part of the treebelt which runs along the southern edge of the Fletton Parkway. Woodland grant scheme could be sought to cover a significant proportion of SSSI specific works within the Treebelt.</p> <p>Other opportunities to assist Natural England with the conservation and enhancement of SSSIs should also be supported. This may for example include efforts to create habitat links to connect SSSIs within the wider landscape as outlined under specific action 3 above.</p>	<p>This is estimated to be likely to cost up to £10,000, however up to 80% of the cost of works could be sought through a woodland grant from the Forestry Commission.</p> <p>This is none the less a statutory requirement of the authority under S28 G of the Wildlife and Countryside act.</p>	Failure to comply with the authorities legal duty with respect to SSSIs.	Tree and Woodland Team/ Peterborough City Services

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		Continue to work with Natural England as their role as statutory adviser in planning and development matters pertaining to SSSIs.	Such as strategic planning which may affect SSSIs as well as specific development proposals.	This is an existing duty in the planning system and can continue to be delivered providing that existing resources are maintained.	Failure to comply with the authorities legal duty with respect to SSSIs, national, regional and local planning policy.	Planning Department and Planning Policy
5	Work with the Wildlife Trust and Local Sites partnership to further the conservation and enhancement of Local Wildlife Sites. Also to ensure that up-to-date information is available for all local wildlife sites in Peterborough and work with partners to deliver the targets of the Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy with respect to Local Wildlife Sites.	See below.	Survey of County Wildlife Sites Re-survey of all wildlife sites in the Peterborough area is in part covered under a service level agreement between the Wildlife Trust and the City Council.	The achievement of the approach is currently being achieved within existing resources (£4600 PA). This can continue providing that this resourcing is maintained.	Failure to achieve LAA target in respect of CWS.	Natural Environment Team /Planning Policy
6	Contributes to Local Sites part of the approach outlined	All PCC County Wildlife Sites to be positive	County Wildlife Site and works required	Financial implication	Failure to deliver a key part of the authorities	

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	above but requires separate detailed consideration.	management to conserve and where possible enhance the site for the criteria for which they are designated CWS.	<p>Eye Green gravel pit:</p> Maintain existing management by the Wildlife Trust on behalf on the City Council and maintain infrastructure as required.	Maintain existing resource allocation.	biodiversity duty. Also failure to contribute to the achievement of the LAA target on those sites actually managed by the City Council.	
		<p>The Boardwalks:</p> Maintain existing management and seek external funding for restoration and habitat creation works as well as works to paths and signage. In the longer term investigate a similar arrangement with the Wildlife Trust as at Eye Green.	Maintain existing resource allocation and seek funding for additional works. This will require the City Council to make available 10% match funding. It is estimated that up to £50,000 is required to bring this site properly up to Local Nature Reserve standard. An agreement with the wildlife trust could cost up to £4000 per year to manage the Boardwalks LNR.	Recreation Services/ Peterborough City Services		
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			<p>Debdale pond:</p> <p>Maintain existing management.</p>	<p>Maintain existing resource allocation.</p>		<p>Recreation Services/ Peterborough City Services</p>
			<p>Broadway Cemetery:</p> <p>Maintain existing management.</p>	<p>Maintain existing resource allocation.</p>		<p>Bereavement Services/ Peterborough City Services</p>
			<p>Eastfield Cemetery:</p> <p>Wildlife Site status is currently incompatible with the ongoing burials at this site. Works with respect to the wildlife site are therefore not compatible with the sites primary function. It is therefore likely to be de-designated following a final resurvey.</p>	<p>N/A</p>		<p>Bereavement Services/ Peterborough City Services</p>
			<p>City managed ancient woodland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pockock's Wood. ○ Grimeshaw Wood, Highlees Spinney, 	<p>Maintain existing resource allocation and seek funding for additional works. Considerable additional funding will</p>		<p>Tree and Woodland Team/ Peterborough City Services</p>

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			<p>Spencer's Hurn & Water Spinney:</p> <p>Carry out works as outlined in the tree and woodland teams ancient woodland report.</p>	<p>be required over the long term to achieve this. In the immediate future the City Council should seek Woodland Grant Scheme agreements to assist with the management of its ancient woodlands as well as pursuing additional external funding for habitat restoration works. Initially this might realistically be sought in the region of £50,000 and would require the City Council to make available 10% match funding. It should however be expected that funding additional to this would subsequently need to be sought.</p>		
			<p>Holywell Fish Ponds:</p>	<p>Maintain existing resource allocation.</p>		<p>Recreation Services/</p>

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			Maintain existing management.			Peterborough City Services
			<p>PCC managed County Wildlife Site Road Verges (Protected Road Verges):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Southey Lodge verge ○ Stamford Rd./Heath Rd./Ailsworth Rd./King St. verges ○ Barnack road verges ○ Bedford Purlieus-Wittering road verge <p>Maintain existing management of a cut at the end of the growing season (late September depending on weather conditions) and removal of cuttings.</p>	Maintain existing management and associated resource allocation.		Highways/ Peterborough City Services
			Make an additional cut at the start of the growing season to reduce standing grass growth (arisings need not be removed on this initial cut).	Additional cut is estimated to cost £650 PA.		Highways/ Peterborough City Services

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			Onsite signing of CWS road verges to assist PCC staff, contractors and utilities companies.	Estimated to cost £2500.		
			In recognition of its forthcoming designation as a County Wildlife Site to add 1400 metres of verge at the south end of Highfield Road (700m of road length) to the County Wildlife Site management specification for road verges. For this 1400m of verge this would include the proposed additional cut at the beginning of each year, cutting and removal of cuttings at the end of the year and appropriate signage.	Cost of annual maintenance: £521 Signage of new County Wildlife Site: £170		Highways/ Peterborough City Services
7	Take action to deal with invasive non native species where these are present on sites of wildlife importance; or where they are on land in the authorities control and	Employ best practice procedures to deal with invasive non native species on sites of wildlife importance; or where these are on land in the	Invasive species which are problematic in the Peterborough area and on sites managed by the authority include: Japanese Knotweed Giant Hogweed	The Boardwalks LNR is the only known site to which this policy would currently be applicable with the presence of orange balsam and Japanese knotweed.	These are not species that the City Council as a responsible land manager should tolerate, particularly on an LNR. Unless Japanese knotweed	All

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	threaten habitats and species of importance or the coherence of habitat networks.	<p>authorities control and threaten habitats and species of importance or the coherence of habitat networks.</p> <p>Otherwise the occurrence of invasive non native weed species should be reported by PCC officers where this is observed as a result of carrying out their normal duties.</p>	<p>Orange Balsam</p> <p>The authority should also be on its guard against other problem species such as:</p> <p>Himalayan Balsam New Zealand pygmyweed Parrots feather</p> <p>Training in the recognition of these species should be organised for non specialist employees/contractors as required.</p>	<p>Efforts to control orange balsam at the Boardwalks LNR are currently being achieved within existing resources through works undertaken by the Peterborough Conservation Volunteers on behalf on the City Council. Resourcing of these efforts will need to continue.</p>	<p>is treated it will spread within the site and cost more to deal with in the future treat.</p>	

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				The treatment of Japanese knotweed might be included in a bid for external funding. However the cost of treating is estimated to cost £600 for the approx 600 sq metres present at the Boardwalks LNR and may need to be dealt with separately to an external funding bid. This estimate is based upon a case study from Swansea where this species has been particularly problematic.		Peterborough City Services
8	Ensure that biodiversity is protected and enhanced within the planning system within Peterborough and deliver the key principals for biodiversity set out in	Planning related departments of the City Council to continue to work with internal advisers, conservation bodies and local groups with respect to the production o a Local	Planning Training as outlined in respect of specific action 1 in this table is also relevant in this respect.	Currently being achieved through existing resources. This includes keeping the key environmental characteristics of the Authority area under review in order to be	Failure to comply with the authorities legal duty with respect to Biodiversity as well as national, regional and local planning policy and legislation.	Planning

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	national planning guidance.	Development Framework and also specific development proposals.		<p>able to progress a Local Development Framework and also contribute to an annual monitoring report on the Local Development Framework. The monitoring of barn owls to the East of Peterborough has proved important in this respect (cost £2395 PA) and in the authorities ability to consider major road and wind farm applications.</p> <p>County wildlife site monitoring as well as the working relationship with the Biological Records Centre also have a key role in the ability of the authority to comply with these requirements.</p>		

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9	Increase and diversify wildlife interest in all green places and open spaces; and provide access to sites of wildlife interest for all sections of the community, including the disabled and disadvantaged. Also to promote accessibility to wildlife by creating these new habitats in public areas and encourage their creation in private areas such as, schools, factories, offices.	In the short-term reasonably significant areas should be identified for trailing new approaches to landscape management.	<p>Green Spaces</p> <p>The area chosen should be large enough to contain a variety of types of landscape (e.g., parks, playing fields, kick about areas, open space in housing areas, etc). The trial should involve consultation with local residents and relevant departments within the City Council in planning the management of such areas, and offer a range of different options for particular sites within the trial area and the habitats they possess.</p> <p>Where appropriate this could be through the use of set conservation management specifications or where it would be beneficial the production of management plans for these spaces such as already demonstrated for Central Park. The possibility of reduction in management</p>	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.		All

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			costs should be acknowledged as a possibility via this change in management. The possibility of the creation of new purpose designed sites and habitats for wildlife and people should not be ruled out nor should the potential role of the PCC Agricultural Estate.			
10		Biodiversity should be incorporated into all landscape management contracts.	Landscape contracts The Best Value review of Contract Services considered the Biodiversity impact of all activities carried out, including grass cutting regimes, weed control and pesticide use.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.		All
11		Production of management plans for open spaces as has been done for Central Park. In the context of the above, where appropriate	Greenspace Management plans In consultation with relevant departments within the City Council and local residents and user groups. It should be recognised that works that	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.		All

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		incorporate differential grass cutting regimes in parks, verges and large open spaces.	are required on the grounds of Health and Safety take precedence over the needs of wildlife. This could however form part of the approach to PCCs creation of links within the habitat network discussed in line three above.			
12		<p>Hedges and Shrubs</p> <p>The loss of hedges and shrubs will be resisted unless there are sound horticultural or other reasons to indicate otherwise e.g. disease, structural damage or the shrubs are due for replacement.</p>				All
		Where it is appropriate consideration will be made for the gradual replacement of non-	For example where suitable native species can be selected to provide a similar landscape function.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.		All

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		native species with native species.				
13		Give explicit support for small-scale community wildlife schemes, including encouraging community management of existing landscaping where requested and appropriate.	<p>Community Projects</p> <p>The principle of leasing of certain areas to some bodies (e.g., Eye Green Local Nature Reserve to the Wildlife Trust) has been established but could be expanded to include leasing some open spaces to residents associations and Parish Councils with some delegated budgets for management. Further work with bodies such as Natural England and Wildlife Trust would be needed to develop and encourage these schemes. Support for small-scale community wildlife schemes is also provided through the Natural Environment project grant scheme (sometimes known locally as parish Environment grants) and Peterborough in Bloom Project Grants.</p>	<p>Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.</p> <p>Current resourcing of PCC Natural Environment Grant Scheme is £3500 PA.</p> <p>Support to a project such as Access to Nature is likely to cost approximately £3000</p>	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	All

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			PCC support of projects such as Nature in Your Neighbourhood and any successor projects such as Access to Nature would be relevant in this respect.	PA and could be accommodated within existing resources.		
14		Recognise the role of allotments and cemeteries in promoting Biodiversity.	<p>Allotments and Cemeteries</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>Opportunities should be taken where there is local support for the utilisation of disused allotments and closed cemeteries for promoting wildlife habitats.</p> <p>Allotments and cemeteries that are in use have a part to play with respect to Biodiversity. This is not intended to be in conflict with their operating requirements.</p> <p>Initiatives such as biodiversity guidance for allotment holders should continue.</p>	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	Peterborough City Services and Bereavement Services

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15	Promote wider understanding and enjoyment of Peterborough's wildlife through formal and informal education and interpretation, and events such as Peterborough's annual Green Festival.	Support initiatives to encourage wildlife friendly gardening, recognising the increasing amount of land devoted to this usage.	Community Engagement For example via Peterborough in Bloom.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	All
16	Also promote active interest and involvement in wildlife issues at the local, national and international levels by all sections of the community at home, in the workplace, as a leisure activity and as part of the local economy.	With partners investigate the re-instatement a Peterborough Wildlife Group or Wildlife forum.	Support of Wildlife/Voluntary Groups At a recent urban wildlife meeting with local wildlife groups; support was voiced for the possibility of bringing back the Urban Wildlife Group for Peterborough. Also see action above under broad approach 8 to give explicit support for small-scale community wildlife schemes, including encouraging community management of existing landscaping where requested and appropriate.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	Natural Environment Team/All
17	Assist local voluntary wildlife groups in their aims of protecting wildlife and promoting interest in conservation.			Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Threat to delivery of an important part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	All

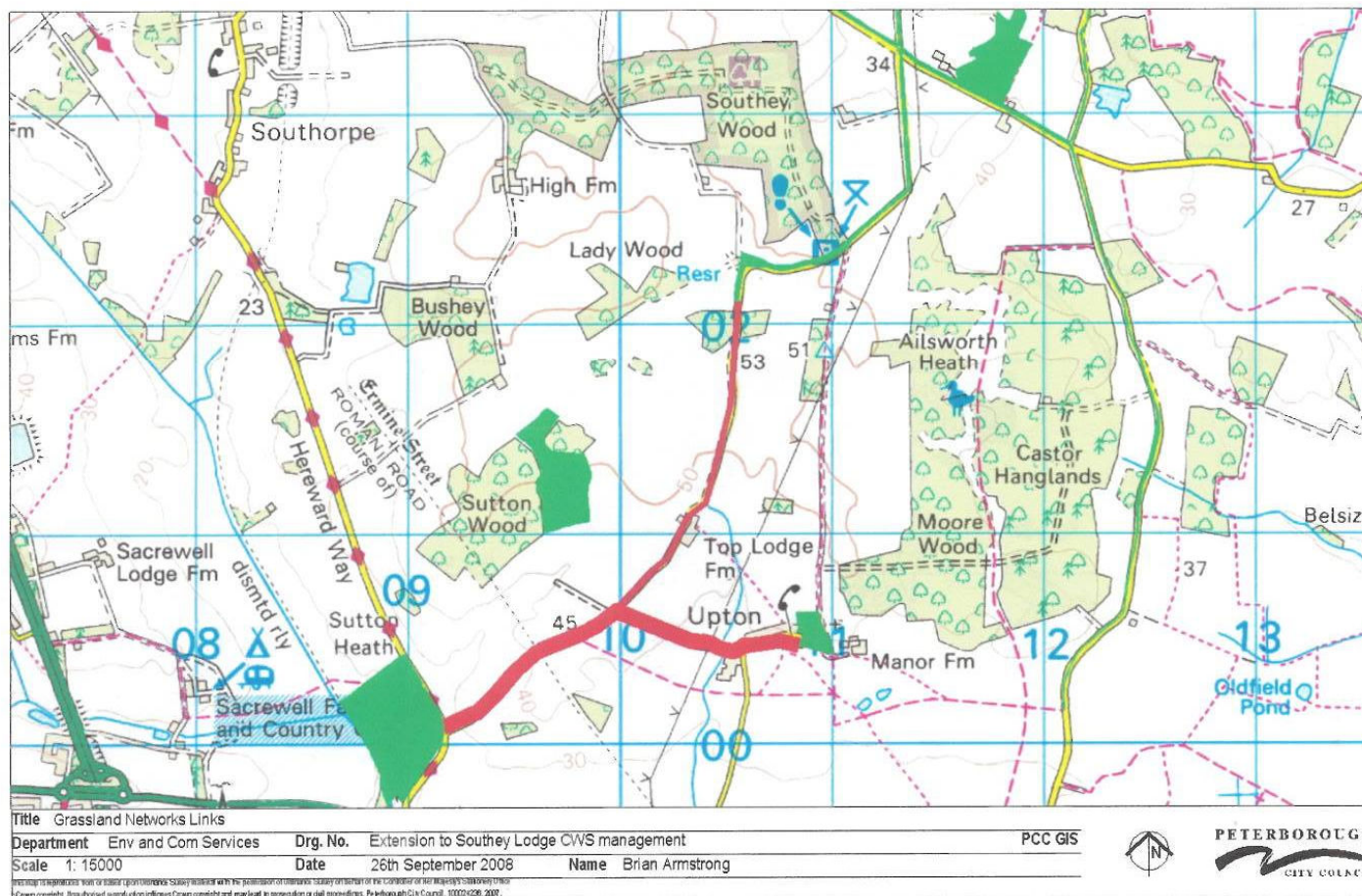
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18	<p>Contribute to the achievement of the Biodiversity Action Plan Targets relevant to the authorities functions and area (please see appendix C).</p> <p>To continue to support the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Partnership.</p>	Establish measurable annual targets for the creation of new areas of wildlife interest.	<p>Biodiversity Action Plan Targets/Partnership Including tree/shrub planting and woodland creation – both through the City Councils own land management and its role as a planning authority.</p> <p>The Natural Networks partnership is investigating how the targets from the Green Grid Strategy, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan and Peterborough Environment Audit can be brought together as one set of targets for Peterborough. If this were achieved it may be possible to further extract a set of targets for the City Council.</p>	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the PCC 2004 Biodiversity Strategy. (£3000 PA contribution to the Biodiversity Partnership).	Threat to delivery of a key part of the already existing Biodiversity Strategy.	All
19	Ensure that up to date biodiversity data is available and used appropriately to support this approach.	Continue to support the Biological Records Centre for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	A Biological Records Centre is essential to enable effective and efficient management of biological and ecological data about	Currently being achieved through existing resources (£6780 PA) under the 2004 Biodiversity	Critical to support the delivery of the biodiversity strategy and compliance with biodiversity duty as	Natural Environment Team/Planning and Planning Policy

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			Peterborough, but would be financially unsustainable if developed just for the Peterborough area. This data is a pre-requisite to the planning, implementation and monitoring of Biodiversity gain, as well as the achievement of more sustainable patterns of development. Effective management of biological data is also essential to the monitoring of the success or otherwise of the targets set out in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biodiversity Action Plan.	Strategy.	well as planning related elements of the City Councils functions.	
20	Contributes to the vision and approach overall.	Give particular emphasis to the protection of ancient and semi-natural habitats through all the City Council's activities.	Ancient Habitats For example ancient woodland and veteran trees.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Critical to achieving significant elements of the biodiversity strategy and compliance with biodiversity duty.	All
21	Contributes to the delivery of the vision, approach and specific targets overall.	Investigate and exploit external funding opportunities for creating and	External Funding While much can be achieved by the City Council, this should be viewed as	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004	Critical to achieving significant elements of the biodiversity strategy.	All

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		enhancing the Biodiversity value of City Council managed land. For example from Forestry Commission, Natural England, landfill tax or aggregates levy.	essential to achieving many of the above actions listed above and in particular those listed under.	Biodiversity Strategy.		
22	Contributes to the vision and approach overall.	Continue to review the use of pesticides (including fungicides and herbicides) in the City Council's land management.	Pesticides Such that their use is consistent, minimised and very carefully targeted in line with COSHH regulations requirements.	Currently being achieved through existing resources under the 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.	Failure to comply with legal COSHH requirements.	All

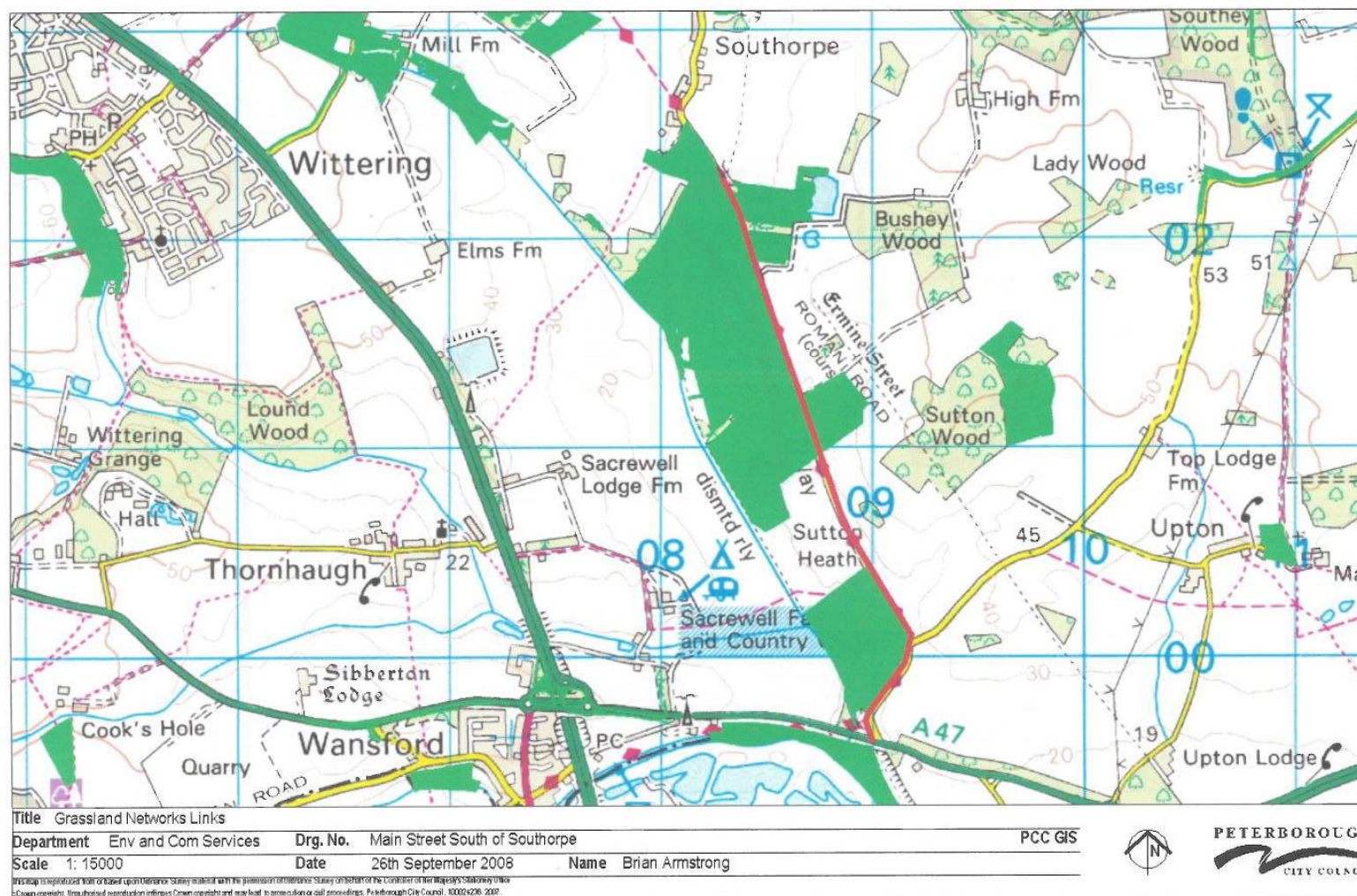
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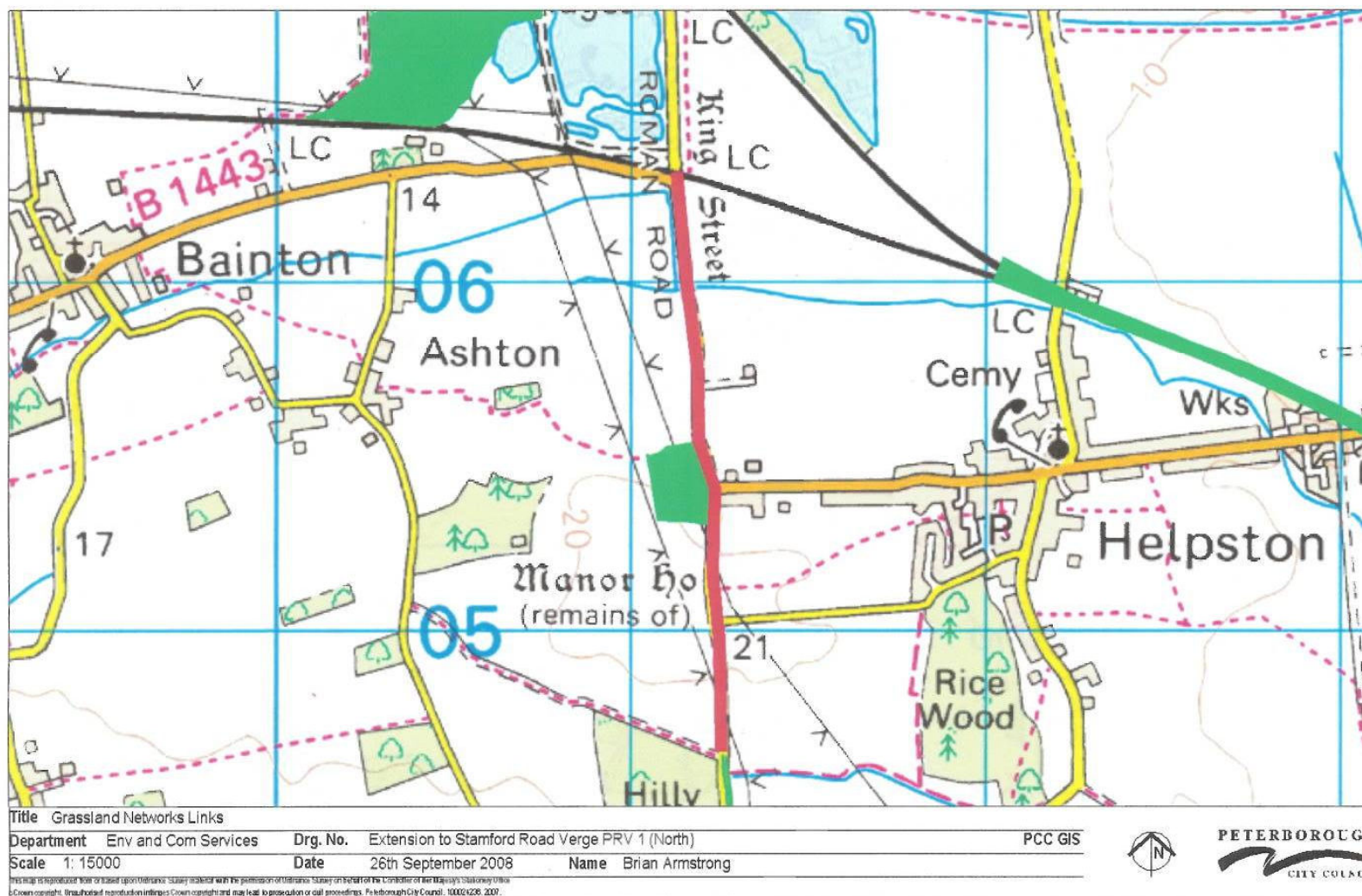


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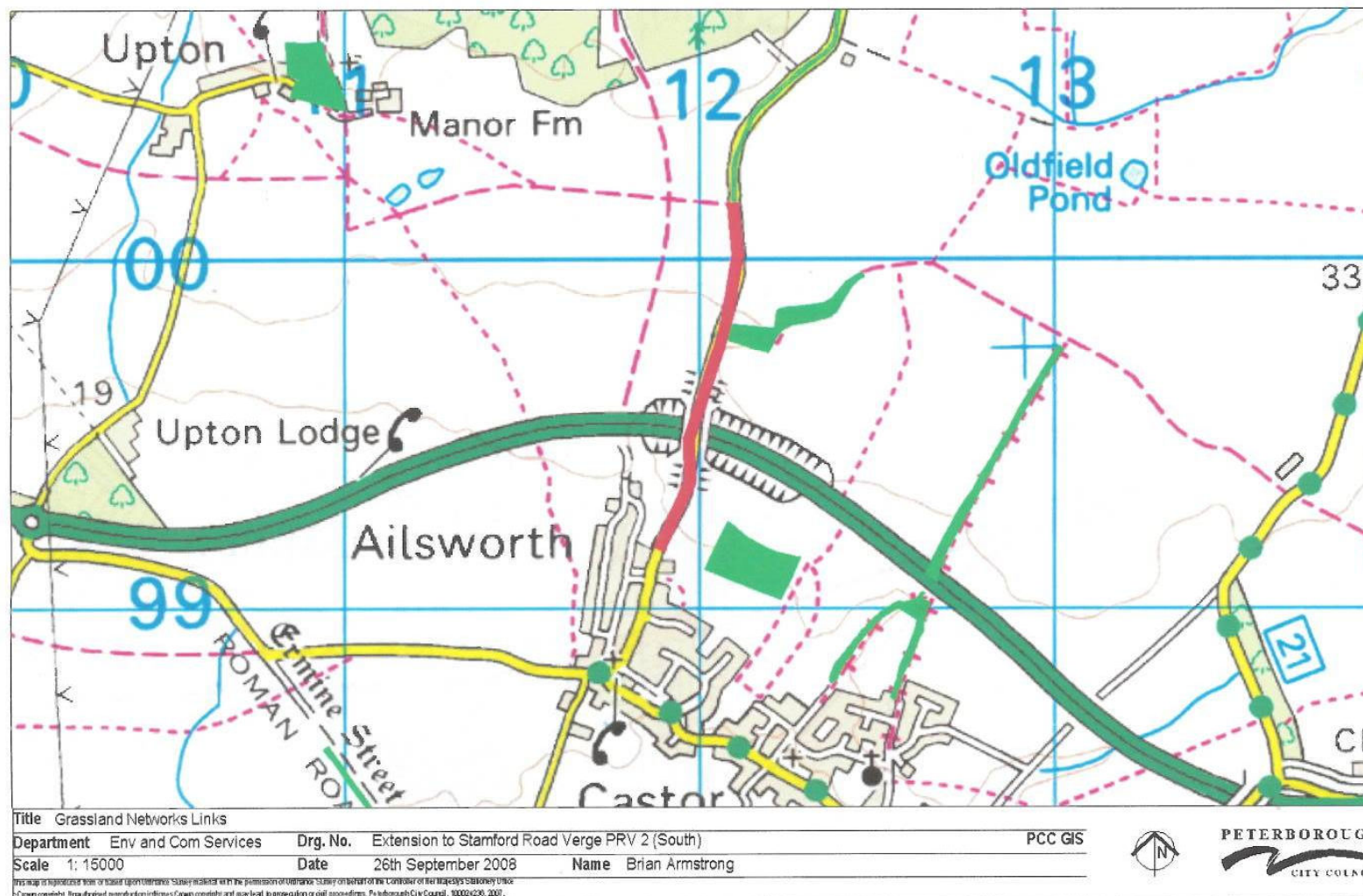
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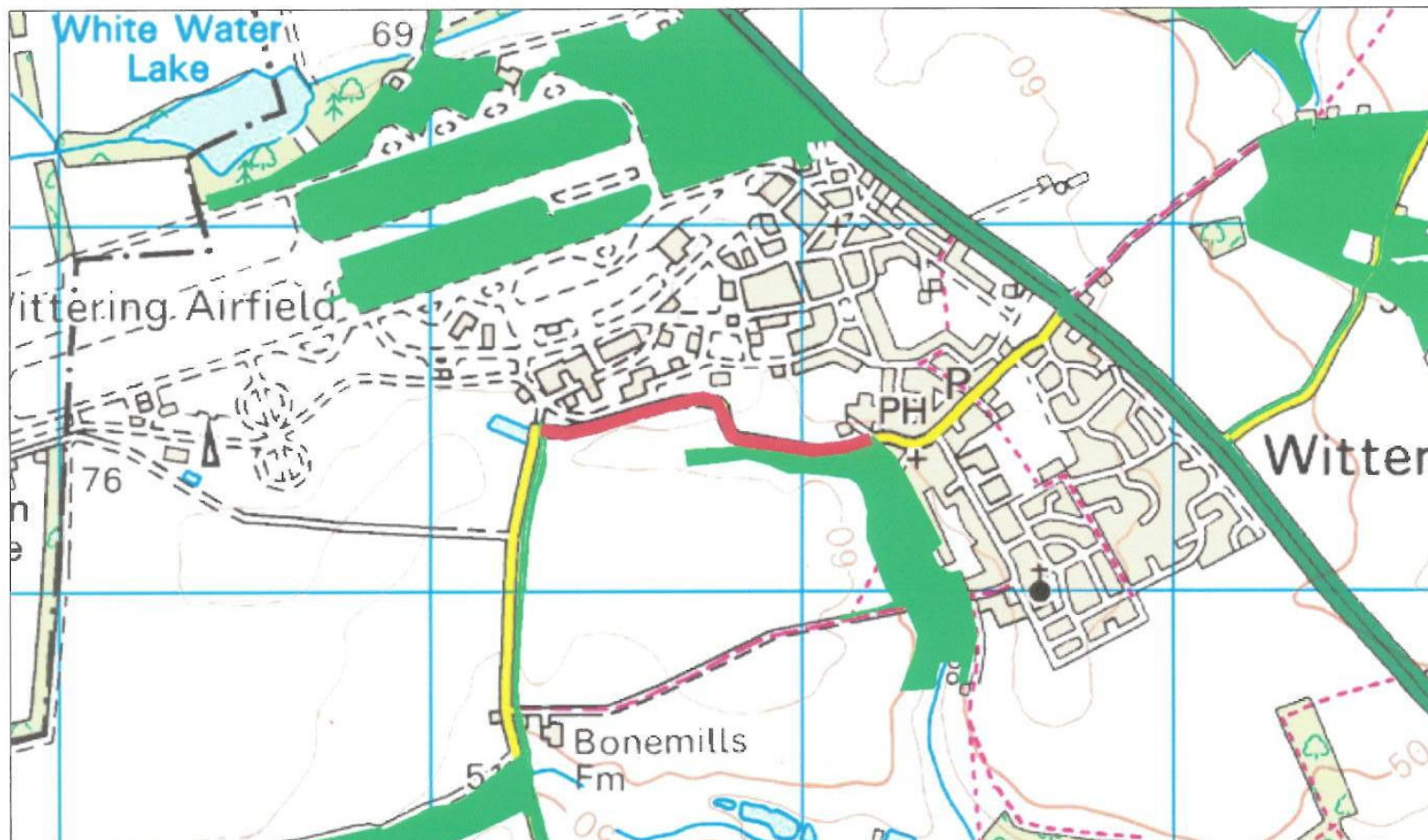
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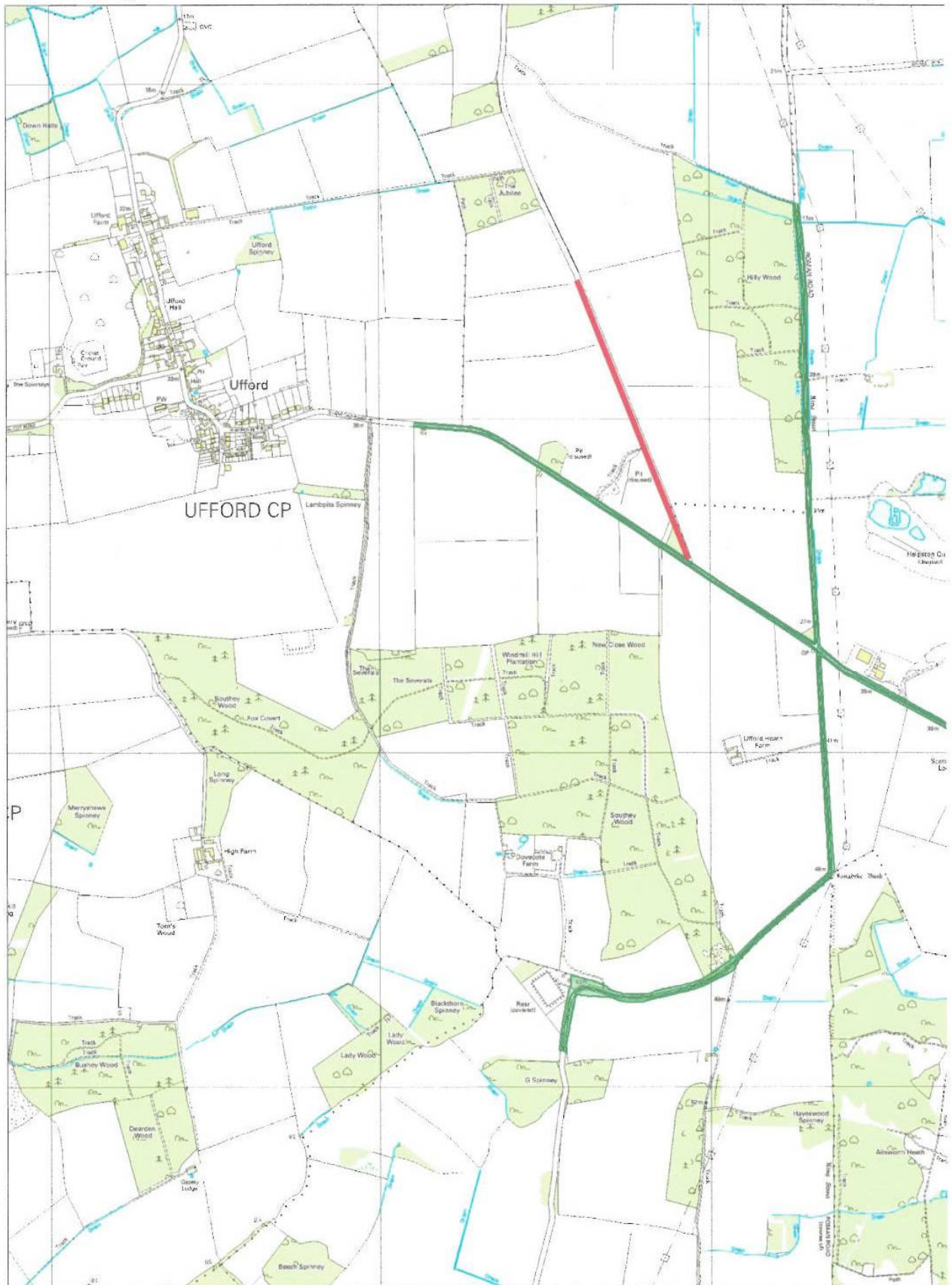


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Peterborough City Council Guideline with respect to Tree works and cutting of Shrubs Hedges in the Bird nesting season (1st March - 31st August).

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Summary

Concerns were raised in the past from the public and Councillors regarding the cutting of council hedges, trees and shrubs during the summer months and the possible effects that this may have on nesting birds. In response to this much management of these features has stopped during the bird nesting season, however this has probably gone beyond what is required to comply with the legal requirements with respect to nesting birds. Most recently the perceived under management of shrubs, hedges and trees in the bird nesting season has led to concerns from the public with respect to visibility, security and visual amenity issues and some pressure being brought to bear to remove some of these features altogether.

It is recognised that bird populations in urban areas are declining due to number of factors and causes. Therefore the Council should be aiming to support nesting birds and play its part to help reduce this decline. To do this it is important that hedges, shrubs and trees are retained so that nesting and feeding habitat is available. However to do this the City Council has to be able to manage these assets professionally and within the law.

This guideline has been produced to give a clear line with respect to what works could reasonably be undertaken during the bird nesting season and what approach should be taken to ensure that reasonable steps have been taken to comply with legal and basic good practice requirements with respect to nesting birds. Beyond this it is necessary to try to strike a balance between ideal management and other competing requirements such as appearance and visibility. For example while it would be ideal for wildlife for hedges to be left uncut until they had borne fruit this is often incompatible with other user pressures such as the use of cycle paths.

It is appropriate that a specific approach is developed for the management of the City Councils hedges shrubs and trees, as the adherence to general best practice would often not be relevant to the specific urban situations the City Council finds itself operating within. The approach outlined in this document aims to outline a specific best practice approach for nesting birds which is applicable to Peterborough City Councils area and management operations. This approach acknowledges the urban bias and competing pressures upon many of these management operations and seeks to give an appropriate and reasonable approach for works in the bird nesting season.

This document sets out the current situation, existing legislation and lists recommendations for the future to act as a Council Policy. If adopted this would be distilled into the single page/simplified guidance for the everyday use of PCC contractors and employees contained at the end of this Appendix.

1.2 Legal protection of birds

The main legislation relating to nesting birds is the Wildlife & Countryside Act of 1981. This Act protects all birds from intentional killing and injury and also makes it an offence to intentionally damage or destroy the nest of a wild bird when it is in use or being built.

There is an additional protection within the act for birds which are specifically listed on schedule 1 of the act. It is an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb a schedule 1 bird while it is building a nest or is in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young. It is also an offence to disturb the dependant young of a schedule 1 bird. Recklessness is often defined as taking a deliberate unacceptable risk or failing to notice or consider an obvious risk.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act (4(2)c) however makes it clear that an offence shall not have been committed if the action was the incidental result of a lawful operation and could not reasonably be avoided. This protocol aims to lay out procedures which adhere to this principle.

1.3 The legal protection of birds in the context of the management of the City Councils Trees, hedges and shrubs

There are four species listed on schedule 1 which it is not beyond the realms of possibility could be found within the City Councils woodland/treebelts. These are:

- Barn Owl
- Goshawk
- Red Kite
- Hobby

These species are not however reasonably likely to be found in street trees. Other schedule 1 species such as kingfisher and marsh harrier are present in the Peterborough area but simply won't be found in the Councils trees and none of the species listed on this schedule are assessed as likely to be found in the Councils hedges or shrubs. Therefore schedule 1 species are only dealt with in connection with tree works.

Therefore in practice to comply with this legal requirement the City Council should aim to:

- **For hedges and shrubs:** avoid killing and injury of all birds and the damaging or destruction of their nests.
- **For trees:** avoid killing and injury of all birds and the damaging or destruction of their nests. In addition for non street trees to avoid the disturbance or undertaking works which risk the disturbance of adult schedule 1 birds at their nests or their young.

However in either case work required to preserve health and safety is not legally restricted even if nesting birds (including schedule 1 birds) are present. In such cases, while every care should be taken to avoid and minimise harm, any killing and injury of birds and/or the damaging or destruction of nests would be an incidental result of a lawful operation which could not reasonably have been avoided and therefore exempt under section 4(2)C of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

1.4 Best practice and birds

Trees, hedges and shrubs are likely to contain nesting birds between 1 March and 31 August and should be assumed to do so unless either it can clearly be seen that nesting birds are not present or a survey has concluded that nesting birds are not present.

Nature Conservation best practice would recommend that as general good practice above and beyond lawful requirements that hedgerows should not be cut during the nesting season. The main nesting period is considered to be between the beginning of March and the end of July and occasionally running into August, although some species such as Barn Owl will commonly breed outside of this period. Common birds such as the blackbird, sparrow, thrush, robin, bullfinch and the spotted flycatcher amongst others often seek nesting sites in hedges and hedgerow trees.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds also recommends that 'ideally' hedge cutting should be left until the end of winter to leave any seeds, berries and the like on hedges as food for birds and wildlife.

1.5 The Practicalities of compliance with best practice

Ideally the City Council would be able to work to best practice guidelines for both wildlife, horticulture and desire to achieve visual amenity and visibility. Unfortunately these do not always sufficiently overlap for this to be realistically achievable. For example in many cases when a hedge has been planted space has only been allowed for regular tight cutting and not for a full years growth to be put on. Changing this cutting regime to allow hedge growth to become longer can therefore inevitably give rise to conflict with neighbouring features such as footpaths.

This is particularly the case in the urban environment and for example wildlife guidelines on hedgerow cutting are often more applicable to the management of rural farmland hedges where the many conflicting urban pressures upon these resources are not an issue. For example if the management of urban hedges were to strictly follow best practice conservation guidelines this would equate to hedge cutting only during January February. This is likely to be impractical in relation to hedges within the existing Peterborough urban environment, for example for reasons of:

- Sound horticultural practice and visual amenity.
- Maintaining health and safety in relation to the use of footpaths and cycle paths, sight lines on roads or within play areas. (It is estimated that over 30% of the council's formal hedges adjoin roads, footpaths or cycleways). For road verges particular issues are highway junction visibility, forward visibility and sign and street light visibility.
- Maintaining visibility to assist with crime reduction and perception of public safety.
- Removing vegetation which has grown across windows blocking out light from homes and places of work.

Therefore while an initial consideration suggests it would be ideal from a wildlife perspective if all management were carried out in strict accordance with general conservation best practice guidelines; this is not the only factor which has relevance to the management of these features. If management were carried out in strict accordance with general wildlife best practice this would result in overwhelming pressure is likely to be brought to bear to remove a significant proportion of these

features from the urban environment. On balance this would be far more detrimental to the conservation of urban bird populations than the loss of food sources which would result from management strictly in accordance with general conservation guidelines.

It is therefore appropriate that a specific approach needs to be developed for the management of the City Councils hedges shrubs and trees, as adherence to general best practice is often not relevant to the specific urban situations the City Council finds itself operating within. The approach outlined in this document therefore aims to outline a specific best practice approach for nesting birds which is applicable to Peterborough City Councils area. This approach acknowledges the urban bias and competing pressures upon many of these management operations and seeks to give an appropriate and reasonable approach for works in the bird nesting season.

1.6 Practicalities of compliance with the proposed new guideline

The following sections set out specific guidance with the aim of giving a clear approach with respect to how to observe the legal requirements and appropriate best practice specific to the maintenance of the City Councils Trees, Hedges and Shrubs. This must include sufficient detail for the approach to be clear to expert scrutiny by wildlife specialists and also robustly underpin a very simplified 1 page guidance note to be issued to contactors.

Where a hedge, shrub or tree has been left uncut due to the presence of nesting birds and a complaint or request is received then the enquirer should be made aware of this guideline and the requirements under UK Law with respect to birds and their nests as well as the City Councils desire to retain these features in the urban environment and comply with its duty with respect to biodiversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act to have regard to biodiversity (nature conservation) in carrying out its functions.

It is recommended that if adopted a copy of the simplified guidance note outlined at the end of this appendix should be issued to all operatives involved with hedge, shrub and tree works. Where appropriate this should be preceded by appropriate training in the use of the guidance note. It is intended that a copy could then be kept in contractors' vehicles in an easily accessible location to act as a ready form of reference when carrying out works or responding to a question from a member of the public.

2.0 Hedge and Shrub cutting during the Bird nesting season 1st March to 31st August

The guideline below covers hedge cutting during the bird nesting season. Prior to hedge and shrub cutting between 1st March and 31st August the assessment outlined below should be carried out.

Specially protected species under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside act are not reasonably likely to be found in Hedges and Shrubs in the Peterborough Urban Area. Therefore for hedges and shrubs the legal requirement is to avoid killing and injury of all birds and the damaging or destruction of their nests. This is unless damage or destruction would be the incidental result of a lawful operation that could not reasonably be avoided, such as works required for reasons of preserving health and safety. This is the aim of the approach outlined in sections 2 and 3 of this protocol.

2.1 Cutting of Permanent hedge and shrub growth versus routine trimming

The permanent growth of a hedge or shrub is distinct from new growth which has been put on in that year/growing season and would be subject to annual cutting back. The removal of permanent growth might for example include removing a section of hedge to create an access or complete removal of shrubs in advance of replanting.

The permanent growth of a hedge or shrub is structurally much better for birds to be able to construct nests and therefore the chances of encountering nesting birds and having to avoid them is much increased. Therefore ideally works to the permanent growth of hedges and shrubs should be programmed to take place between 1st September - 28th February, outside of the bird nesting season. However where this is not possible works may still be able to proceed providing that the approach outlined below is employed.

2.2 Recommended approach

It is unlikely that nests will be damaged when undertaking routine trimming providing that these are carried out in a controlled way by skilled operators. Dependant on the circumstances one of three different approaches will be appropriate:

Circumstances	Approach
The material to be cut can be clearly seen to be clear of nesting birds by a simple assessment as outlined below in 2.4.	Work should proceed. The operator should however continue to observe for nests as they carry out trimming, but only if safe to do so bearing in mind the requirement for the safe use of the machinery and tools being used and stop if they identify one in the path of their cut. If this were to happen a record should be made (see section 4) and the simple assessment outlined in section 2.4 should be repeated. If this then identifies that a detailed assessment (section 2.5) is required this should be carried out.

	<p>If the presence of all possible nests has already been identified then the more detailed assessment can be missed out. The procedure outlined in the last two rows of the table should be employed.</p>
<p>The material to be cut cannot be clearly seen to be clear of nesting birds by a simple assessment as outlined below in 2.4.</p>	<p>The more detailed assessment set out in 2.5 should be carried out. If stages 1 and 2 of this detailed assessment both fail to identify any evidence that nesting birds are present then works may proceed with care. If works are required for reasons of health and safety only the second part of this procedure should be employed.</p> <p>The operator should however continue to observe for nests as they carry out trimming and stop if they identify one in the path of their cut. If this were to happen a record should be made (see section 4) and the detailed assessment should be repeated.</p> <p>If the presence of nesting birds is identified by the detailed assessment then the procedure outlined in the next two rows of this table should be employed.</p>
<p>Work is not required to maintain health and safety and nesting birds have been identified which would be affected by the works.</p>	<p>Works should either be delayed until after the bird nesting season or only that part of the works implemented which would not involve the destruction of nests (providing that this would not result in the creation of a dangerous feature).</p>
<p>Work is required to maintain health and safety.</p>	<p>The work must be carried out regardless of if nesting birds are present. Only the works to address the health and safety issue should be carried out. The operator should inspect the hedge/shrub in advance and make every effort to minimise damage to any nests where this is sensibly possible. A record should be kept of any nest encountered (see section 4).</p>

2.3 Method of cutting during the bird nesting season (1st March - 31st August)

To achieve any of the approaches above work needs to proceed in a carefully and accurately controlled way that allows the operator to continue to observe while cutting is underway. Therefore it is important that as works are carried out using a hand held hedge cutting tool such as a reciprocating petrol hedge trimmer. The use of a tractor mounted flail would be insufficiently accurate and prevent the operator from observing for nests as work progresses.

2.4 Simple assessment of if nesting birds are present

This should be a relatively quick inspection on foot of the length of hedge/area of shrub to be cut and could be combined with the operators own initial inspection of the working area prior to commencing works:

- The operator should walk the length of hedge/around the shrub to be cut and determine if the material they intend to remove can clearly be seen to be free of nesting birds.
- Depending on the time of year/density of growth this may involve some stopping and possibly manoeuvring to achieve a view through denser vegetation.

The new spindly side and top growth on a hedge or shrub is particularly easy to assess in this way. However the dividing line between permanent growth and new growth on a hedge can make a good nesting site and particular care should be taken in this respect.

Areas of dense growth that cannot be seen to be clear of nests should either be left uncut or the next level of inspection should be used as outlined in 2.5 to try to establish if nesting birds are present.

2.5 Detailed assessment of if nesting birds are present

Birds have to make many trips to and from a nest, first to build it and then to feed chicks when they have hatched. It is possible to use this to find nest sites/the area of likely nests. This will however be less effective in identifying nests where eggs are yet to hatch and activity is much less, therefore a second stage is also required.

A two staged more detailed assessment should be used to determine if nesting birds are present or absent. If works are required for reasons of health and safety only the second stage should be employed. The aim would then be to minimise impact to any nests when carrying out essential works which must be implemented.

Stage 1:

- 15 minutes of observation of the section of hedge/shrub to be cut looking and listening for birds coming and going to a nesting site.
- If walls or fences are not in the way it is best to try to achieve an all round observation of a hedge or shrub to avoid the possibility that a bird might come and go from the opposite side unobserved.
- This might be done by two operatives observing one from each side. Or as a lesser option one operative could observe from one side for 15 minutes and then the other.
- Observations should be carried out by standing well back from the shrub/hedge being surveyed as birds are naturally less likely to break cover/return by that route that has a person standing right next to it.
- If a likely nest site is identified then works should avoid the area and any vegetation that cannot be seen to be clear on 2 metres either side for each nest.
- For those areas where no likely nest site has been identified then stage 2 of the detailed assessment should be carried out.

Stage 2:

- If no birds are seen by standing back and observing then vegetation should be carefully parted and moved aside to make a careful physical inspection for bird nests. Birds that had been silent may give an alarm call if this gets close to them so the operative should be careful to listen as well as look when doing this. If a nest is identified the operative should withdraw.
- Providing that this does not identify a nest then work should proceed in a controlled way using a hand held hedge cutting tool such as a petrol hedge trimmer. The use of a tractor mounted flail would be insufficiently accurate and too difficult for the operator to observe.
- The operator should continue to observe for nests as they carry out works and stop if one is identified for example in the path of their cut. If this were to happen a note should be made (see section 4) and the detailed assessment should be repeated.
- If a nest site is identified then works should avoid the area and any vegetation that cannot be seen to be clear on 2 metres either side for each nest.

3.0 Tree works during the Bird nesting season 1st March to 31st August

3.1 Introduction

The guideline below covers tree works during the bird nesting season. Prior to tree works in the period between 1st March and 31st August the assessment outlined below should be carried out.

Trees may contain features such as cavities and splits which provide ideal conditions for bats and some birds which are protected from disturbance as outlined in 1.2 and 4.6. This includes barn owl, red kite, goshawk and hobby. This is however not reasonably likely to be the case for street trees as they are not normally allowed to develop these features and are not situated in habitats which are attractive to these specially protected birds.

Therefore for City Council trees and woodland the legal requirement is to avoid killing and injury of all birds and the damaging or destruction of their nests. In addition for non street trees to avoid the disturbance or undertaking works which risk the disturbance of adult schedule 1 birds at their nests, or their young.

This is unless it can be demonstrated that this is the incidental result of a lawful operation that could not reasonably be avoided. Which is the aim of the approach outlined throughout this protocol.

3.2 Application of the protocol for trees

The guideline below covers the implementation of tree works to mature/established trees during the bird nesting season.

It is most appropriate for areas of dense cover of often younger tree planting or grown out hedge and shrub features to be approached using the guideline for cutting permanent growth of hedges and shrubs. This approach may also be applicable to edge coppicing work. A judgement will need to be made when programming edge coppice works with respect to if it will be most efficient for this to be programmed outside of the bird nesting season to avoid encountering bird nesting constraints which would otherwise be inevitable. Alternatively edge coppice work might be programmed for the early part of the bird nesting season when nesting birds are less likely to be encountered and the operator will find it easier to make an inspection and identify if nesting birds are present.

3.3 Getting to the tree and carrying out the work

The City Councils tree stock includes a wide variety of different situations from ancient woodland to street trees. In some situations there may be no vegetation under the tree, such as with many street trees. In others tree works may require the removal of lower growing vegetation near a tree/trees to which works are planned. This might range from the under storey of woodland species found in more natural situations to more formal hedge and shrub type planting and may for example be required to:

- Create a safe access to the tree to carry out works.
- Create a safe working area in which to carry out works.

- Include the area in to which tree sections will be lowered.

Therefore while nesting birds may be absent from the tree itself they may be using vegetation at its base or which might otherwise be affected by the implementation of works. Therefore any hedge/shrub material which would need to be removed in order to carry out tree works should be treated in the same way for the routine and permanent cutting of these features above outlined in section 2.

3.4 Vegetation growing up a tree

Trees may also have ivy or other climbers bridging the gap between the under storey and the tree itself. This will need a sensible approach depending on the situation on the ground. In some situations it may be approached in the same way as outlined for shrubs and hedges: for example if it only extends a limited way up a tree and/or the tree is yet to come properly into leaf and can easily be observed from the ground. In other situations such as where there is dense ivy growth right into the crown which cannot be well observed from the ground it may be best to treat it as part of the tree itself, or a combination of the two approaches.

Clearly a sensible approach will also need to be taken with respect to any physical inspection of vegetation growing up a tree as if the use of a ladder/climbing is required this will need to very much be considered along with the tree rather than any underlying shrubs.

3.5 The tree itself

As trees are significantly different structures to hedges and shrubs and works often remove growth that has taken many years to accumulate a slightly different approach is required. This cannot sensibly differentiate between routine trimming and more in depth works. However some distinction can be made between street trees and woodland/tree belts and the probability of nesting birds generally and schedule 1 birds specifically being present.

Given the variety of tree types, situations and works which might be carried out a greater degree of judgement is needed to be exercised by the operator; however they will be a tree specialist/arborist so this is not inappropriate. Trees also are often much easier to assess than hedges and shrubs:

- The growth is often less dense and therefore easier to see into, this is particularly the case where the tree is not part of a woodland/tree belt, for example street trees.
- They often come into leaf later in the year and so can be more easily inspected much later into the nesting season.
- Because of the lower density of growth in a mature canopy the types of birds which favour hedges are replaced by other species such as crows which build larger more obvious nests.

Having said this trees may contain features such as cavities and splits which provide ideal conditions for bats and some birds which are protected from disturbance as outlined in 1.2 and 4.4. This includes barn owl, red kite, goshawk and hobby. This is however not reasonably likely to be the case for street trees as they are not normally allowed to develop these features and are not situated in habitats which are attractive to these specially protected birds. Where non street trees do have these features a special approach is required as outlined below.

3.6 Tree and woodland works in the bird nesting season: Schedule 1 (specially protected) birds

For tree works in the Peterborough area there are four species with special protection which it is in the realms of possibility might be encountered. These species are not however reasonably likely to be present in street trees.

This special protection extends to an offence of disturbing them on or near the nest. However no offence will have been committed provided that any disturbance or damage were the incidental result of a lawful operation that could not reasonably be avoided. An example of this type of work would be that which is required to maintain health and safety such as where a tree has become unstable or a limb is hanging off and to delay works would be unacceptable.

These four species and their nesting habits are outlined below.

Bird species	Nesting habits
Barn Owl	Will nest in trees if a suitable (large e.g. 100mm or more) cavity is present in a limb or trunk, barn owls may also nest much earlier and later than is generally the case therefore cavities in trees should be treated in this way at all times of year.
Red kite	Will nest on a main fork or a limb high in a tree typically 12-20m above the ground. The nest is constructed from dead twigs and lined with grass and sheep's wool. Prior to egg laying kites will decorate the nest with paper, rags, crisp packets, carrier bags, even clothing. New material is added to the nest throughout the breeding season, and a nest that has been in use for a number of seasons can grow to a considerable size. Old buzzard or crow nests can also be used by kites.
Hobby	Will nest in old crow's nests near the top of tall trees near farmland which provide a good vantage point. Isolated trees near farmland and wetland or tall trees within a small copse or woodland edge are likely to be used.
Goshawk	The Goshawk will tend to build its own nest close to the main trunk in the top third of a tree. It favours dense mature woodland and relies on radiating branches to construct its nest.

It is also worthy of note that the evidence outlined above only identifies a chance that a schedule 1 bird could be present rather than definite presence.

There is an offence of disturbing these nests or the birds if they are even near the nest, therefore even if a nest would not be removed by works an offence may still be committed by carrying out operations in the same tree or nearby. Therefore if the sorts of nests or cavities outlined above are identified then work should stop and further specialist advice sought, unless it would be unsafe to do so, or the works are required for reasons of maintaining health and safety.

For example if to delay works would endanger public health and safety then works must proceed. In such instances the works and any damage or disturbance would be classified as the incidental result of a lawful operation that could not reasonably be avoided and so would be covered by the defence provided by section 4(2) c of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

However only the works required to address the health and safety issue should take place and the operator should inspect the tree in advance and make every effort to minimise damage to any nests where this is sensibly possible. A record should be kept of any nests encountered and how disturbance and damage was kept to a minimum (see section 4).

3.7 Tree works in the bird nesting season: recommended approach if there is no evidence that schedule 1 birds might be present

3.7.1 Recommended approach

Where works are carried out in the bird nesting season the following approach has been designed with the aim of ensuring that reasonable measures have been taken to avoid damaging or destroying bird nests, unless there are overriding reasons such as health and safety which would be exempt.

Circumstances	Approach
<p>The tree and the material to be cut can be clearly seen to be clear of nesting birds by a simple assessment as outlined for routine works (see 3.7.3).</p>	<p>Work can proceed. The operator should however continue to observe for nests as they carry out works and if they identify a nest which would be impacted by their work stop if safe to do so. A record should be made and the simple assessment should be repeated and a more detailed assessment carried out if then identified as necessary.</p> <p>If the presence of all possible nests has already been identified then the more detailed assessment can be missed out. The procedure outlined in the last two rows of the table should be employed.</p>
<p>The tree and material to be cut cannot be clearly seen to be clear of nesting birds by a simple assessment as for routine works (see 3.7.3).</p>	<p>The more detailed assessment set out in section 3.7.4 should be carried out. If both stages 1 and 2 fail to identify any evidence that nesting birds are present then works may proceed. If works are required for reasons of health and safety only the second part of this procedure should be employed.</p> <p>The operator should however continue to observe for nests as they carry out works and if they identify a nest which would be impacted by their work stop if safe to do so. If this were to happen a record should be made and the detailed assessment should be repeated.</p> <p>If the presence of nesting birds is identified by the detailed assessment then the procedure outlined in the next two lines of this table should be employed.</p>
<p>Nesting birds have been identified which would be affected by the works. The work is not required to maintain health and safety.</p>	<p>Works should either be delayed until after the bird nesting season or only that part of the tree works implemented which would not involve the destruction of nests</p>

	(providing that this would not result in leaving the tree in a dangerous state).
Nesting birds have been identified which would be affected by the works. The work is required to maintain health and safety.	The work must be carried out regardless of if nesting birds are present. Only the work to address the health and safety issue should be carried out and the operator should inspect the tree in advance (as outlined in 3.7.3 and stage 2 of 3.7.4) and make every effort to minimise damage to any nests where this is sensibly possible. A record should be made of any nest encountered (see section 4) and how damage was kept to a minimum.

3.7.2 Health and safety of the operator

Following this guideline is designed to ensure that reasonable efforts have been carried out to ensure that nesting birds are not impacted by tree works and that where this is unavoidable, for example for reasons of maintaining health and safety, that any damage or disturbance would be the incidental result of a lawful operation that could not reasonably be avoided, and therefore covered by the defence given in the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

However in carrying out this assessment and subsequent works it is imperative that the operator does not do anything to compromise their own health and safety or that of others. Therefore if an operator is for example half way through cutting a limb and notices a nest they should only stop if it is safe to do so, and may indeed need to continue the cut to its completion. It must for example be acknowledged that:

- Once overall works to a tree have been commenced they will often need to be completed in order to avoid leaving a tree in a dangerous condition from work which is only partially complete.
- When a cut has been commenced to a specific tree limb it will have to be completed in order to avoid leaving it in a dangerous condition from work which is only partially complete.
- It would be the operator's paramount responsibility to ensure works are carried out in line with all health and safety guidelines of equipment use and to follow the correct policy and procedures in completing the task required

3.7.3 Simple assessment of if nesting birds are present

This should be a relatively quick inspection on foot from the ground and could be combined with the operators own initial inspection of the tree prior to commencing works:

- The operator should look at the tree from all sides and determine if it is clear of nests. Particular attention should be paid to:
 - The material they intend to remove and the part of the tree in which they will work, and if this can clearly be seen to be free of nesting birds.
 - The route the arborist will take into the tree.

- Any holes and cavities which might be present and which may be suitable for bird nesting or use by bats.
- Depending on the time of year/density of growth this may involve some stopping and possibly manoeuvring to achieve a view through denser vegetation, the use of binoculars may also be useful in this respect.

If it can clearly be seen that the working area is clear of nesting birds, works may proceed. The operator should however continue to observe for nests as they carry out works and if they identify a nest which would be impacted by their work stop **if safe to do so**. A record should be made and the simple assessment should be repeated. A more detailed assessment should be carried out if subsequently identified as necessary.

Areas of dense growth that cannot be seen to be clear of nests should either be left uncut or the next level of inspection should be used as outlined below to try to establish if nesting birds are present.

If features such as splits cracks or cavities are observed then specialist advice should be sought with respect to the likelihood of these being used as a bat roost.

3.7.4 Detailed assessment of if nesting birds are present

Birds have to make many trips to and from a nest, first to build it and then to feed chicks when they have hatched. It is possible to use this to find nest sites/the area of likely nests. This will however be less effective in identifying nests where eggs are yet to hatch and activity is much less, therefore a second stage is also required.

A two staged more detailed assessment should be used to determine if nesting birds are present or absent. If works are required for reasons of health and safety only the second stage should be employed:

Stage 1:

- 15 minutes of observation of the tree should be made looking and listening for birds coming and going to a nesting site. This might be targeted at the areas of the tree to which works are required or those parts of the tree which cannot be seen to be clear by a simple walk round assessment.
- If walls or fences are not in the way it is best to try to achieve an all round observation to avoid the possibility that a bird might come and go from the opposite side unobserved.
- This might be done by two operatives observing one from each side. Or as a lesser option one operative could observe from one side for 15 minutes and then the other.
- Observations should be carried out if possible by standing well back from the tree being surveyed as birds are naturally less likely to break cover/return by a route that has a person standing right next to it.
- If a likely nest site is identified then works should avoid the area and any vegetation that cannot be seen to be clear within 2 metres for each nest. It may be appropriate to consider at this point if the remainder of works can be achieved in a safe way and if these will leave the tree in an unstable state. Limbs containing nests should also not be removed, even if the cut would be made at more than 2 metres from the nest!
- For those areas where no likely nest site has as yet been identified then stage 2 of the detailed assessment should be carried out.

Stage 2:

- If no birds are seen by standing back and observing then a physical inspection can be made which might involve the use of ladders/climbing if appropriate. Vegetation should be carefully parted and moved aside to make a careful physical inspection for bird nests. Holes and cavities should be carefully inspected with the use of a torch. Birds that had been silent may give an alarm call if this gets close to them so the operative should be careful to listen as well as look when doing this. If a nest is identified the operative should withdraw.
- Providing that this further inspection does not identify a nest then work should proceed in a controlled way.
- If a nest is discovered in the course of the works the operator should stop if safe to do so. If this were to happen a note should be made as per section 4 and the detailed assessment repeated.

4. Record keeping when nests are found

A record should be kept of hedge, shrub and tree works carried out during the bird nesting season when nests that are in use are found. The record should include:

- The type of work including dates and times.
- The details of any enquiry/complaint which has drawn the works to the Council attention
- The location of the nest, what level of assessment had been carried out and how it was found.
- The condition of the nest for example, empty or with eggs. Adult bird present/scared off. Eggs warm or cold (this should only be checked if the adult bird is not present).
- If a nest was found while carrying out health and safety works, the health and safety justification as well as measures taken to minimise damage to nests should be included.
- For non health and safety works the action taken when the nest was found should be recorded.

This record should be lodged with the relevant line manager and also copied to the City Councils Wildlife Officer for the purpose of monitoring the need for revisions to this guidance.

5. Specialist advice and Further Information

Specialist advice can be sought from:

- Peterborough City Council Wildlife Officer: 01733 453400
- Peterborough City Council Natural Environment Team Leader: 01733 453465
- Natural England: 01733 405850
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Further information on the bird species listed here can be obtained from the RSPB website: www.rspb.org.uk

6.0 Conclusion

All birds and their nests are protected. There are four species which might be found in the within the City Councils woodland/treebelts which receive additional protection. These are:

- Barn Owl
- Goshawk
- Red Kite
- Hobby

These species are not however reasonably likely to be found in street trees. Other specially protected species such as kingfisher and marsh harrier are present in the Peterborough area but simply won't be found in the Councils trees. None of the species which receive special protection are likely to be found in the Councils hedges or shrubs.

Therefore in practice to comply with legal requirements with respect to nesting birds the City Council should aim to:

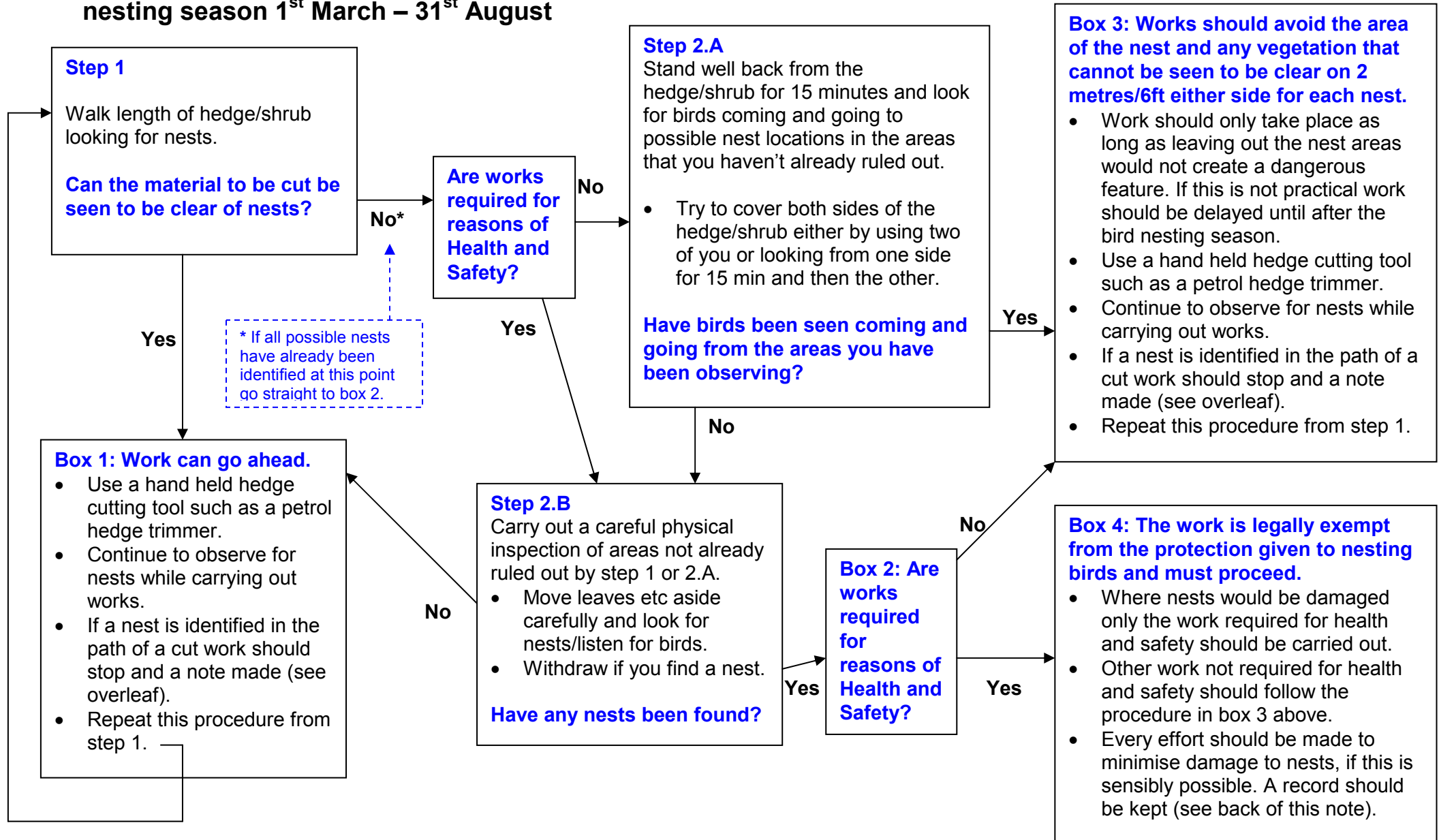
- **For hedges and shrubs:** avoid killing and injury of all birds and the damaging or destruction of their nests.
- **For trees:** avoid killing and injury of all birds and the damaging or destruction of their nests. In addition for non street trees to avoid the disturbance or undertaking works which risk the disturbance of adult schedule 1 birds at their nests or their young.

In both cases works required to preserve health and safety are not legally restricted even if nesting birds (including those which are specially protected) are present. In such cases, while every care should be taken to avoid and minimise harm, any killing and injury of birds and/or the damaging or destruction of nests would be an incidental result of a lawful operation which could not reasonably have been avoided and therefore exempt under section 4(2) C of the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

In practice this means that:

- If the tree, shrub or hedge can be seen to be clear of nesting birds then there is no restriction and works may proceed.
- If the tree, shrub or hedge cannot be seen to be clear of nesting birds then a more detailed assessment can be carried out, first by observing and then by physically looking for nests. If this concludes that no nests are present then work may proceed.
- If the presence of nests is identified and works are not required to maintain health and safety then works will need to be delayed until nesting activity has ceased.
- If the presence of nests is identified and works are required to maintain health and safety then the works must proceed. This is allowed for in the legislation that protects nesting birds.

7.1 Suggested Guidance for Issue to Officers and Contract Staff: Hedge and shrub cutting in the bird nesting season 1st March – 31st August



Record keeping when nests are found

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- The type of work including dates and times.
- The details of any enquiry/complaint which has drawn the works to the Council attention
- The location of the nest, what level of assessment had been carried out and how it was found.
- The condition of the nest for example, empty or with eggs. Adult bird present/scared off. Eggs warm or cold (this should only be checked if the adult bird is not present).
- If a nest was found while carrying out health and safety works, the health and safety justification as well as measures taken to minimise damage to nests should be included.
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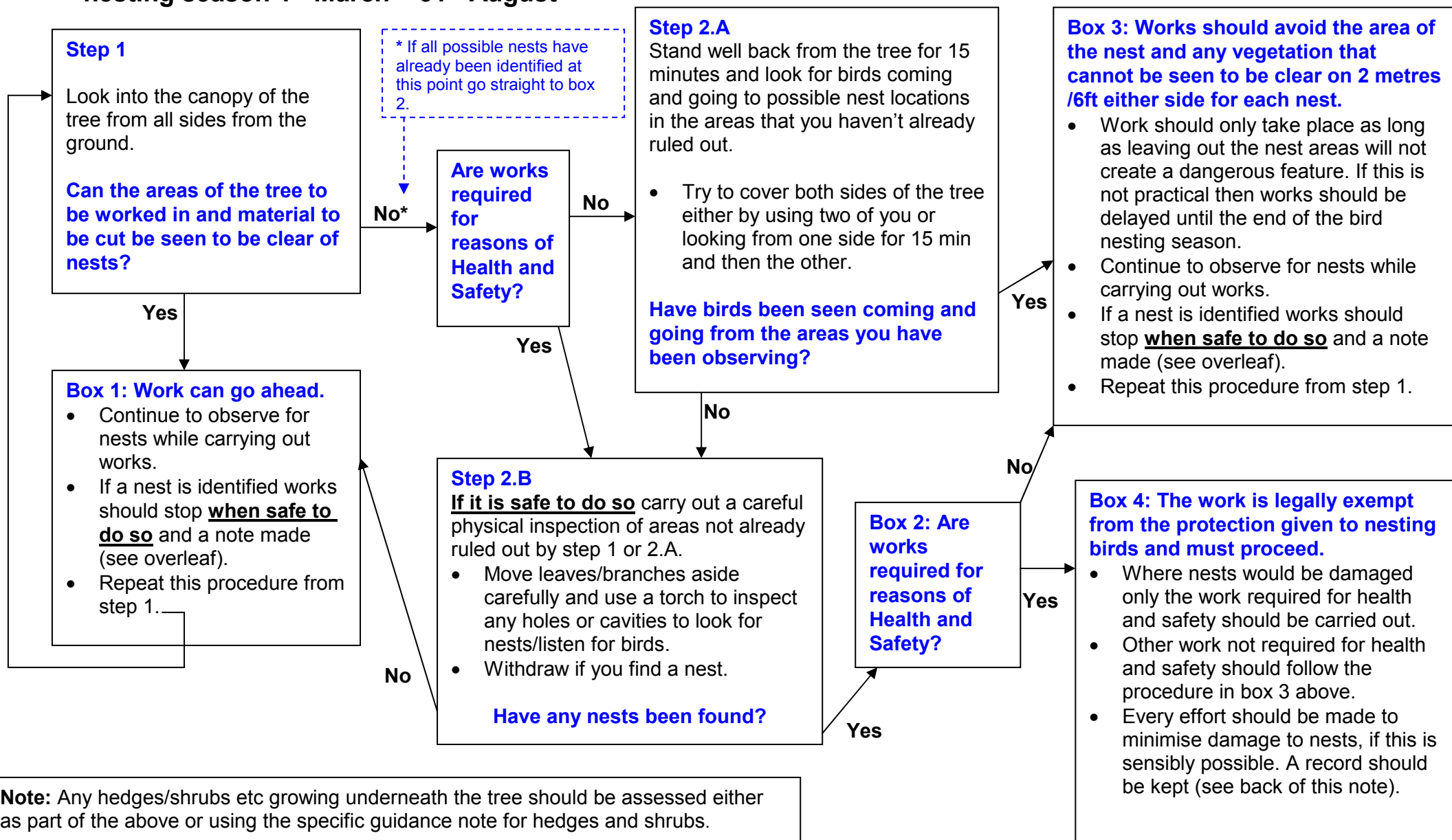
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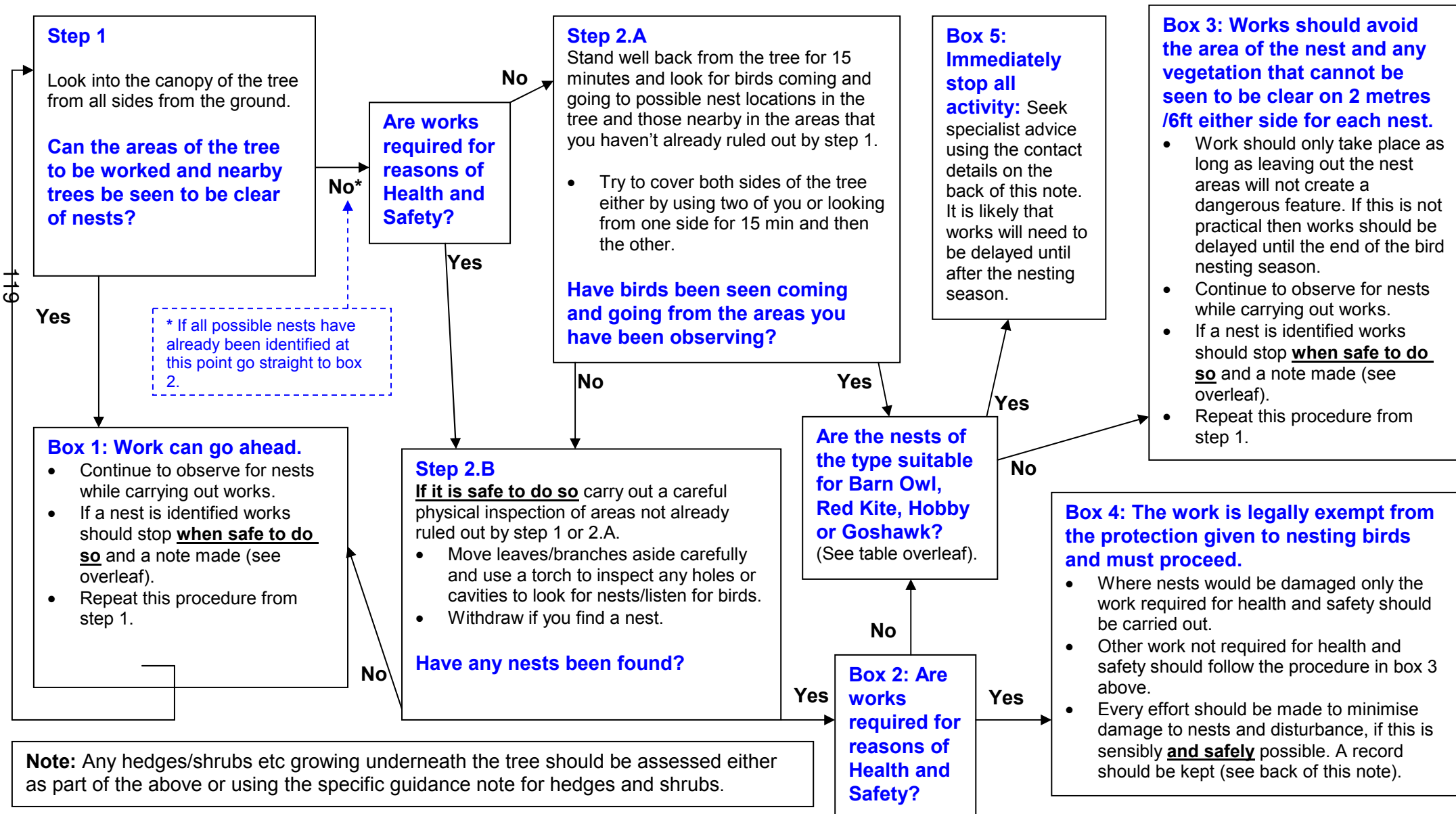
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7.3 Suggested Guidance for Issue to Officers and Contract Staff: Works to woodlands, shelterbelts and non street trees in the bird nesting season 1st March – 31st August



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Specially protected birds which could nest in non street trees in Peterborough

Bird species	Nesting habits
Barn Owl	Will nest in trees if a suitable (large e.g. 100mm or more) cavity is present in a limb or trunk, barn owls may also nest much earlier and later than is generally the case therefore cavities in trees should be treated in this way at all times of year.
Red kite	Will nest on a main fork or a limb high in a tree typically 12-20m above the ground. The nest is constructed from dead twigs and lined with grass and sheep's wool. Prior to egg laying kites will decorate the nest with paper, rags, crisp packets, carrier bags, even clothing. New material is added to the nest throughout the breeding season, and a nest that has been in use for a number of seasons can grow to a considerable size. Old buzzard or crow nests can also be used by kites.
Hobby	Will nest in old crow's nests near the top of tall trees near farmland which provide a good vantage point. Isolated trees near farmland and wetland or tall trees within a small copse or woodland edge are likely to be used.
Goshawk	The Goshawk will tend to build its own nest close to the main trunk in the top third of a tree. It favours dense mature woodland and relies on radiating branches to construct its nest.

Peterborough City Councils Biodiversity Strategy

Brian Armstrong
Wildlife Officer



Update of the Strategy

- 2004 Biodiversity Strategy.
- Biodiversity Duty Brought in by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
- Report to Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel January 2008.
- Working group of Councillors and Officers
- Internal and external consultation.



The updated strategy

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- B: Actions required to deliver the vision statement
- C: Summary of Biodiversity Action Plan Targets for Cambs and Peterborough
- D: Financial Implications of implementing the actions.



Element	Annual Costs	Single/One off costs	Responsible
Changes in Management Practices to road verges to enhance County Wildlife Sites, reflect designation of new sites and create habitat links.	£8798	N/A	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Secure management of the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve by a body such as the Wildlife Trust, Froglife or Nene Park Trust.	£4000	N/A	Peterborough City Services
Chemical Treatment of Japanese Knotweed at the Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve	N/A	£600	Peterborough City Services
Match funding to make 3 bids for up to £98,000 of external funding. This is for works to Local Nature Reserves and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.	N/A	£12000	Peterborough City Services
Signage for County Wildlife Site Road Verges including new sites and extensions	N/A	£3410	Highways/ Peterborough City Services
Totals	£12,798	£16,010	£28,808

Recommendation that additional resources considered during the development of the Council Budget for 2010/11 alongside other budgetary pressures.



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- E: Policy for works in the bird nesting season



Next steps?

- Discussion by the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee
- Referral to Cabinet for endorsement prior to consideration by full Council
- Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee receives annual progress reports against the updated strategy.



ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
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Report of the Director of Environment Capital

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PROGRESS ON DELIVERY OF LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PRIORITY AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is presented to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee to update Members on performance of relevant outcomes contained in the Local Area Agreement, and to allow Members the opportunity to scrutinise and challenge performance where necessary. The report also covers the Environment Capital Work programme and Member are asked to comment on its contents.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to comment upon performance, to provide challenge where necessary and to suggest ideas and initiatives to support improvements in performance.
- 2.2 Members are also asked to comment upon and challenge the proposed initiatives included in the Environment Capital Work Programme.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

- 3.1 This report contains information extracted from the regular Local Area Agreement reporting pack which is presented to the Greater Peterborough Partnership Executive.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Peterborough's Local Area Agreement contains four priorities: Creating Strong and Supportive Communities; Creating the UK's Environment Capital; Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities; Substantial and Truly Sustainable Growth. Each of these priorities has four specific outcomes, beneath which sit a diverse range of actions and interventions to deliver lasting positive change for Peterborough.
- 4.2 This report focuses on performance in the Environment Capital priority, which is measured via four specific outcomes: Overall Consumption of Natural Resources, Increasing the Use of Sustainable Transport, Growing our Environment Business Sector and Making Peterborough Cleaner and Greener. The performance report for June 2009 is attached as Appendix A to this report.
- 4.3 A Red/Amber/Green flagging system is used to indicate overall performance against each of the outcomes described above – red indicates that the outcome is significantly behind target, amber indicates that the outcome is experiencing difficulties, and green indicates that the outcome is on target or has achieved its objectives.

4.4 Appendix B is the latest draft of the Environment Capital Work programme and comprises strategic projects aimed at maintaining momentum behind this important priority and ensuring that Peterborough can claim to be the UK's Environment Capital.

5. KEY ISSUES

5.1 Overall the Environment Capital priority is reported as AMBER for this period. Specific comments relating to each outcome are included in the Appendix.

5.2 The "Use of Natural Resources" outcome has slipped from Green to Red status in June. This is due to a reduction in the overall amount of waste being collected coupled with an increasing level of contamination of the recycled materials. A detailed analysis of areas where such problems are most prevalent coupled with a focussed education campaign are aimed at improving overall recycling performance. It is probable that these actions will result in an improvement to Amber status over the coming months. Further work is required to ascertain what more can be done to achieve the LAA target for 2009/10.

5.3 The "Cleaner and Greener" outcome has slipped from Green to Amber in June due to an increase in fly tipping reports and enforcement activity. The combined impact is a rating of "not effective" in relation to National Indicator 196. It is hoped that this will improve to "effective" at least by the end of 2009/10 thanks to a range of specific measures including awareness raising campaigns, increased enforcement activity and training of neighbourhood wardens to increase investigation and enforcement capacity.

5.4 The Draft Environment Capital Work Programme comprises a number of strategic level outcomes aimed at ensuring that Peterborough achieves its ambition to become the UK's Environment Capital. All outcomes are adequately resourced by the lead organisation or partnership.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Failure to achieve positive outcomes in the Local Area Agreement may impact upon Peterborough's ambition to be the UK's Environment Capital. Efforts to bring performance back on track aims to ensure the achievement of this overall priority.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Local Area Agreement Reporting Pack is discussed widely amongst Greater Peterborough Partnership members.

8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

8.1 The key outcome following presentation of this report is that the Committee will have a clearer understanding of the structure of Local Area Agreement reporting, will feel better equipped to scrutinise and challenge performance, and will be able to offer new solutions to help improve performance wherever necessary.

8.2 Furthermore, the Committee may wish to comment on the actions contained within the draft Environment Capital Work Programme prior to its final adoption by the Environment Capital Partnership and GPP.

9. NEXT STEPS

9.1 Any comments on LAA performance and ideas for action will be forwarded to the relevant Outcome Lead Officer for action. Further performance reports will be presented to the Committee on a regular basis.

9.2 Suggested amendments or additions to the Work Programme will be incorporated prior to adoption.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Local Area Agreement 2008-11.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Extract from the Local Area Agreement Reporting Pack June 2009.

Appendix B: Draft Environment Capital Work Programme 2009/10

Extract from the GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack

June 2009

FINAL



Priority Comments

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)		
Trevor Gibson	June 2009	A
<p>In spite of its 9 month green status, a few areas of concern are appearing with the Environment Capital priority. All relate the various elements of the waste stream. High levels of contamination are playing a key role in recyclate being rejected which both increases tonnage to landfill and a reduction in recycling rates. The increasing level of fly-tipping incidents increasing is also of concern although partially due to local definition of what constitutes such an incident. Action plans have been developed with a strong likelihood that targets will still be reached by the year end. Both challenges are being closely monitored by the Environment Capital Partnership. Sustainable transport progress remains strong with capital projects on track and continuing increases in bus patronage. The number of environmental goods and services companies has remained static for the month whilst the city continues to perform well in relation to. On the wider front the city's environmental profile continues to increase including a conference presentation in Italy, update meetings with senior DEFRA officials and the commencement of a feasibility study into showcasing Peterborough at the UN.</p>		

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)				
Trevor Gibson				
Apr	May	Jun		Prediction
G	G	R	Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)	To reach Amber Mar 2010
G	G	G	Increase Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)	May slip to Amber by Dec 2010
G	G	G	Growing our Environment Business Sector (EC03)	Remaining Green
G	G	A	Making Peterborough Cleaner and Greener (EC04)	Remaining Amber



Outcome Comments

Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)

Paul Pace

June 2009

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All indicators falling under the waste & recycling category are currently failing to meet the profiled performances this month, however the indicators on Climate change remain stable.

- The poor performance in relation to the waste and recycling targets; continuous high levels of contamination which are plaguing the council's City Services collection teams . Vehicles containing recycling are being rejected due to high levels of contamination, and this material is then sent direct to landfill. (This has a double impact, firstly on the overall recycling performance under the LAA but also a second impact with increasing the landfill tonnage).
- The other factor in this outcome is that the council has also seen a reduction in the amount of organic material taken by the public to the householder recycling centre at Dogsthorpe.

The plans to address this failing performance are:

- Publicly in the form of positive recycling and composting stories has gone out and will continue to go out into the public domain which will help reiterate the recycling messages (what can and can't be recycled and composted).
- The council has secured a poster campaign slot through the City Wide JC Decaux Poster campaign running 28/07/09 to 24/08/09; these posters named "Keep It Clean" will help reiterate the recycling messages, key aim is to reduce the escalating contamination rate which is currently seeing material which should be recycled sent to landfill.
- Officers are currently also involved in discussions with several companies regarding exploring other options to recycle more of the councils waste, these areas of opportunities include; reusing and recycling the councils bulky waste, carpets, mattresses, and diverting some of our black bin waste away from the landfill into a refuse derived fuel (rdf) to produce energy from the waste.

With this ongoing proposed work as above and the work around introduction of a weekly recycling service for food waste (currently proposed latter in this year), officers currently forecast any reductions now in the councils recycling, re-use and composing rates should be recovered to align to the end of year targets, however timely and continued actions/ resources need to be re-directed into the rising contamination problem and other areas of opportunity to turn around this trend.

Partners can continue to offer support and assistance by promoting the council's co-mingled green recycling bin at festivals and other events, particularly focussing on educating the residents on what it does and doesn't accept!

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)

Teresa Wood

June 2009

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Work on the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital programme for 2009-10 is progressing well with Safer Journeys to School projects at Southfields Infant and Junior schools, Stanground St Johns school and Brewster Avenue Infant school. In addition, cycling and walking improvements, more cycle parking and improvements to bus infrastructure are progressing. Bus passenger numbers for 2008-09 increased by 3.79% to 12,971,507 which is slightly under the target of 13.1m.

June saw the conclusion of a very successful Beacon Year where Peterborough engaged with many local authorities and stakeholders to disseminate Peterborough's best practise and to learn from others.

The Accessibility and Travel group received Highly Commended in the public services category of the eWell-being awards in June for their ICT based initiatives which create environmental and social benefits. This includes real time passenger information, text and go, interactive journey planning and the car share website.

Two new officers have been appointed – school transport officer and climate change technical officer. However, the sustainable travel officer post remains vacant and this could affect the delivery of the walking and cycling projects, including LTP capital projects.



Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)

Gareth Jones

June 2009

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No update from last month. The number of LCEGS companies and organisations remains unchanged since last month but we are still working towards the outcome of “growing” the environmental business sector which we are doing through business support surgeries and clinics. We are also starting to plan a major growth initiative for the sector which will include a couple of the elements from our LAA action plan. The Eco Innovation Centre is also running close to capacity which will inhibit future growth, so we are working on plans to increase the number of offices and meeting rooms in the Centre.

Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)

David Denson

June 2009

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Currently two of the three services are green and one amber

NI 195 – The inspections (300) for the first tranche for this new financial year will be completed over the next 4 months and submitted to DEFRA at the end of July with the first results being included in the August report.

NI 196 – The “Fly capture” reports currently show we are Amber for this service. In April 09 we had a 30% increase on the April 08; May we had a 40% increase on May 08 (although this was also increased by administration error on input); June we had an 11 % increase on June 08. Officers are currently investigating a number of areas of concern including how and what is recorded as flytipping?

NI 197 – Currently 64 out of the 107 sites in the Peterborough Unitary area are classed as being in positive management. = 60%. The LAA target for 2009/10 is for 67/107 County Wildlife Sites to be in positive management/62%.

Efforts to bring sites into positive management have successfully commenced in 2009/10 and will be focussed using the existing surveys for these sites and analysis carried out by the Biological Records Centre. Re-survey of 15 County Wildlife Sites is underway during 2009/10 to assess if sites continue to be of nature conservation value as well as to target efforts with respect to bringing sites into positive management.



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Environment Capital Work Programme – 2009 - 2011



Ref	Activity	Outputs (including key milestones) (NB. Need dates)	What element of environment capital is this delivering on?"	What other areas of the city agenda does this project make a contribution to?"	Lead Officer and Organisation	Completion
EC01	The refreshing of the original research which identified the Peterborough Enviro-Cluster, funded by Opportunity Peterborough. The updated research will be used to promote the Cluster and encourage improved networking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research commissioned by - Sept 2009 ○ Refreshed evidence base available and promoted - Nov 2009 	Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector	Increasing economic prosperity (GO01) Improving Skills and Education (OI04) Building Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)	UKCEED (funded by OP)	
EC02	Bidding for "Future Jobs Fund" funding for a project which, amongst other things, will support Peterborough's Environmental Capital agenda by delivering house-to-house surveys across the city, providing households with information about our environment capital agenda, details of how to save energy; how to compost; how to cut down on car journeys etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submission of bid to Department of Work and pensions - July 2009 ○ Successful award from Future Jobs Fund (September) - Sept 2009 ○ Development of action plan to implement programme of initiative dependent on amount awarded - Sept/Oct 2009 ○ Evaluation of programme outcomes against initial proposal - Sept 2010 	Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector Conserving natural resources Increasing the use of sustainable transport	Improving skills in education (OI04) Increasing economic prosperity (GO01) All outcomes of Community Strategy/LAA	GPP – Antony Davis	
EC03	Further development of the Peterborough Environment Graduate Scheme (PEGS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Run one day Graduate Professional Development Day in Peterborough - October 2009 ● Develop structure and product with Peterborough employers December 2009 ● Run pilot intake of graduate placements - Feb 2010 	Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector Conserving natural resources Increasing the use of sustainable transport	Improving skills and education (OI04) Increasing economic prosperity (GO01) Promoting City Brand	GPP, StudentForce, UKCEED	

EC04	Presenting Peterborough case studies as part of the European Open Days in October 2009, Green Week 2010 and the cabinet corridor. Other European opportunities will also be investigated during the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrange Peterborough delegation attendance at the Open Days - Sept 2009 ○ Capitalise on available EERA exhibition space - Oct 2009 ○ Prepare and present Environment City to Environment Capital story - Oct 2009 	<p>Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener</p> <p>Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	<p>Increasing economic prosperity (GO01)</p> <p>Building pride in Peterborough (SSC04)</p> <p>Promoting City brand</p>	Opportunity Peterborough	
EC05	Undertaking a feasibility study into the possibility of Peterborough presenting at the United Nations World Urban Forum 2010 building on a recommendation from the Perception Peterborough Work published in 2008.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commission consultants – August 2009 ○ Receive final version of feasibility study – August 2009 ○ OP/PCC decision regarding main project. – Sept 2009 	<p>Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener</p> <p>Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	<p>Increasing economic prosperity (GO01)</p> <p>Building community cohesion (SSC02)</p> <p>Building pride in Peterborough (SSC04)</p> <p>Promoting City brand</p>	Opportunity Peterborough/Peterborough City Council	
EC06	Delivery of the "Tour Series – Peterborough" cycle race in June 2010, building on the success of the 2009 event. This will showcase Peterborough's Environment Capital Initiative and it's focus on Sustainable Transport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet "Sweetspot" re:- Tour 2010 – July 2009 ○ Obtain PCC/OP decision re: 2010 race and preferred date – Sept 2009 ○ Develop project plan to incorporate community involvement and maximum, local, regional and national publicity – Nov 2009 ○ Deliver Tour Series 2010 (subject to decision above) – June 2010 	<p>Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener</p> <p>Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	<p>Increasing economic prosperity (GO01)</p> <p>Building community cohesion (SSC02)</p> <p>Building pride in Peterborough (SSC04)</p> <p>Promoting City brand</p>	Peterborough City Council	
EC07	Joining the EU Covenant of Mayors, a network of cities focussed on tackling climate change. It will be the first town or city in the East of England to do so and will provide a significant boost to Peterborough's climate change work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obtain support from Cabinet Member for Environment Capital – June 2009 ○ Sign and submit the commitment ("adhesion form") – Oct 2009 ○ Develop action plan within 12 months of signature date comprising Climate Change Strategy, Energy study and Adapting to Climate Change work – Oct 2010 	<p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	<p>Increasing economic prosperity (GO01)</p> <p>Building Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)</p> <p>Promoting City brand</p>	Opportunity Peterborough	
EC08	Investigating opportunities for environmentally focussed projects in partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initial scoping meetings – July – Sepy 2009 ○ Decision regarding main project - Oct 2010 	<p>Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener</p> <p>Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p>	<p>Building community cohesion (SSC02)</p> <p>Building pride in Peterborough (SSC04)</p>	Peterborough City Council	

	with the Arts Council and the Royal Society of Arts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project completion - tbc 	Increasing the use of sustainable transport			
EC09	The adoption of a new Climate Change Strategy for the city by the end of 2009 which will cross-link with the Climate Change Adaptation Profile to be published in June 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Write Mission statement – Sept 2010 ● Present to Environment Capital Partnership and GPP board - Sept 2009 ● Develop Action planning toolkit – action plans to be written by city partners – tbc 	<p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	Increasing economic prosperity (GO01)	Peterborough City Council – Climate Change Team (Jenna Hiley and Charlotte Palmer)	
EC11	Development of a planning policy within the Local Development Framework which ensures that the sustainability principals at the core of the Environment Capital approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Undertake research to provide robust evidence base to support policy – Aug 2009 ● Develop and consult up planning policy. – April 2010 	<p>Growing Peterborough’s environmental business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	Building Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)	Peterborough City Council	
EC12	The allocation of £75,000 of LPSA funding to specific community focused projects commencing in 2009.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bids invited by Environment Capital Partnership (ECP) – May 2009 ○ Bids evaluated by sub-group – June 2009 ○ Decision confirmed by ECP – July 2009 ○ Projects start – Sept 2009 ○ Projects end - Sept 2010 	<p>Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener</p> <p>Growing Peterborough’s environmental business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p>	Projects were assessed according to the contribution they make to all outcomes of the SCS.	Greater Peterborough Partnership	
EC13	The City Council will set targets for CO2 reductions in relation to both property and fleet management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PCC have embarked upon phase 7 of the Carbon Trusts Local Authority Carbon Management Programme ● We have established a provisional baseline footprint of the councils operation including property, fleet, outsourced services, schools and street lighting. ● We have committed to reducing CO2 emissions by up to 35% over the next five years based upon the 2008/09 baseline 	<p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	Increasing economic prosperity (GO01)	Charlotte Palmer Peterborough City Council	
EC14	The delivery of a “Sustainability Master	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Liaise with Forum for the Future to develop bespoke master class 	<p>Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener</p> <p>Growing Peterborough’s environmental</p>	Improving skills and education (OI04)	Peterborough City Council	

	class" for key elected members, particularly those on the Environment Scrutiny Panel, will be investigated. This will put sustainability and the Environment capital Agenda at the very heart of decision making within the Council	<p>for Peterborough – Aug 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Master Class – Nov 2009 	<p>business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>			
EC15	Delivery of the Peterborough Green Festival 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Festival 2010. 	<p>Making Peterborough Cleaner and greener</p> <p>Growing Peterborough's environmental business sector</p> <p>Conserving natural resources</p> <p>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</p>	<p>Building community cohesion (SSC02)</p> <p>Building pride in Peterborough (SSC04)</p>	Peterborough Environment City Trust	

ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 9
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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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FORWARD PLAN – SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2009

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This is a regular report to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee outlining the content of the Council's Forward Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee identifies any relevant items for inclusion within their work programme.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The latest version of the Forward Plan is attached at Appendix 1. The Plan contains those key decisions, which the Leader of the Council believes that the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Member(s) will be making over the next four months.
- 3.2 The information in the Forward Plan provides the Committee with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these key decisions, or to request further information.
- 3.3 If the Committee wished to examine any of the key decisions, consideration would need to be given as to how this could be accommodated within the work programme.
- 3.4 A new version of the Forward Plan will be issued on 17 September 2009 and copies will be tabled at the meeting.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Details of any consultation on individual decisions are contained within the Forward Plan.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

None

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

1 SEPTEMBER 2009 TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS – 1 SEPTEMBER 2009 TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

During the period from 1 September 2009 to 31 December 2009 Peterborough City Council's Executive intends to take 'key decisions' on the issues set out below. Key decisions relate to those executive decisions which are likely to result in the Council spending or saving money in excess of £500,000 and/or have a significant impact on two or more wards in Peterborough.

This Forward Plan should be seen as an outline of the proposed decisions and it will be updated on a monthly basis. The dates detailed within the Plan are subject to change and those items amended or identified for decision more than one month in advance will be carried over to forthcoming plans. Each new plan supersedes the previous plan. Any questions on specific issues included on the Plan should be included on the form which appears at the back of the Plan and submitted to Lindsay Tomlinson, Senior Governance Officer, Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, Bridge Street, PE1 1HG (fax 01733 452483). Alternatively, you can submit your views via e-mail to lindsay.tomlinson@peterborough.gov.uk or by telephone on 01733 452238.

The Council invites members of the public to attend any of the meetings at which these decisions will be discussed and the papers listed on the Plan can be viewed free of charge although there will be a postage and photocopying charge for any copies made. All decisions will be posted on the Council's website: www.peterborough.gov.uk. If you wish to make comments or representations regarding the 'key decisions' outlined in this Plan, please submit them to the Senior Governance Officer using the form attached. For your information, the contact details for the Council's various service departments are incorporated within this plan.

NEW ITEMS THIS MONTH:

- Section 75 Pooled funding arrangements for substance misuse services.
- Budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2012/13
- Council Tax Base
- Partnership Agreement between the City Council and the Primary Care Trust for the Provision of Adult Social Care
- Lot 1 : Energy from Waste Facility, Lot 2: Materials Recycling Facility and Lot 3 Operational Services
- Peterborough City Services
- Peterborough Crematorium – Mercury Abatement

SEPTEMBER – KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Section 75 Pooled funding arrangements for substance misuse services. Variation to the existing partnership agreement under the National Health Act 2006 to pool funding from NHS Peterborough and PCC to commission drugs services. The variation takes into account the slight changes to governance and structure of the former Drug and Alcohol Action Team, now part of the Safer Peterborough Partnership, and additional funding made available to NHS Peterborough for integrated drug treatment within HMP Peterborough.</p>	<p>September 2009</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Commission for Health Issues</p>	<p>Internal stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Karen Kibblewhite Community Safety & Substance Misuse Manager, Tel. 01733 864122 karen.kibblewhite@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

<p>Arthur Mellows Village College Gym and Innovation Centre Authority to award the contract for the construction of the gym and innovation centre at AMVC</p>	<p>September 2009</p>	<p>Leader of the Council, Councillor Cereste</p>	<p>Creating Opportunities & Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Ward councillors and relevant stakeholders</p>	<p>Isabel Clark Planning and Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Lot 1 : Energy from Waste Facility, Lot 2: Materials Recycling Facility and Lot 3 Operational Services : To approve the shortlist of bidders in respect of the individual and combined lots to take forward to competitive dialogue; to approve the methodology for further reducing the number of bidders during the competitive dialogue and tender stages, to approve any other matters as these stages develop to ensure smooth running of the procurement process.</p>	<p>September 2009</p>	<p>Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Lee</p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and other Cabinet Members as appropriate</p>	<p>Margaret Welton Principal Lawyer (Special Projects/Waste 2020 Programme), Tel. 01733 452226 Margaret.welton@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Joint Service Centre at Hampton To commence the procurement process for a design and build contract for the provision of new leisure and library facilities at Hampton as part of the joint service centre in partnership with NHS Peterborough.</p>	<p>September 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture, Councillor Lee</p>	<p>Strong & Supportive Communities</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member for Community Services, ward councillors, affected internal divisions within PCC and potential user groups in Hampton.</p>	<p>Fiona O'Mahony Project Director JSC Hampton Tel: 01733 863856 fiona.o'mahony@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

Peterborough Crematorium – Mercury Abatement – To appoint a contractor for the Works	September 2009	Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture, Councillor Lee	Environment Capital	Internal stakeholders as appropriate	Jon Marsden Service Manager (Bereavement & Sports Services) Tel : 01733 863756 Jon.marsden@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
Extension to Woodston Primary School Authority to award the contract for the construction of an extension to Woodston Primary School	September 2009	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Councillor Holdich	Creating Opportunities & Tackling Inequalities	Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and ward councillors as appropriate	Isabel Clark Planning and Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
Extension to Hampton Hargate School Authority to award the contract for the construction of an extension to Hampton Hargate Primary School	September 2009	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Councillor Holdich	Creating Opportunities & Tackling Inequalities	Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and ward councillors as appropriate	Isabel Clark Planning and Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
Debt Collection To give authority to award the contract for the authority's debt collection	September 2009	Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton	Environment Capital	Consultation will be undertaken with relevant departments.	Helen Edwards Solicitor to the Council Tel: 01733 452539 helen.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made

<p>Midland Highway Alliance - Junction 8 Roundabout Improvements and Welland Road Traffic Mitigation Projects To appoint a contractor for the works</p>	<p>September 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development, Councillor Hiller</p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Internal stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Stuart Mounfield Senior Engineer Tel: 01733 453598 stuart.mounfield@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
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OCTOBER – KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
Older People’s Accommodation Strategy To agree the next phase of implementation of the Older People’s Accommodation Strategy	October 2009	Cabinet	Commission for Health Issues	Consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders as appropriate	Denise Radley Director of Adult Social Services and Performance Tel: 01733 758444 denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
Budget and Financial Strategy Consideration of the Council’s budget and financial strategy, including provisional cash limits for the forthcoming year and its medium term financial plan.	October 2009	Cabinet	Environment Capital	Internal and external stakeholders as appropriate.	Stephen Pilsworth Head of Strategic Finance Tel: 01733 384564	Public Report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made
Peterborough City Services : To endorse and agree the principles for taking Peterborough City Services forward	October 2009	Cabinet	Sustainable Growth	Consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders as appropriate	Ben Ticehurst, Deputy Chief Executive Tel: 01733 452303 Ben.ticehurst@peterborough.gov.uk	Public Report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made

<p>Integrated Development Programme To set out priorities for infrastructure provision to facilitate growth and regeneration of the city.</p>	<p>October 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth & Human Resources, Councillor Croft</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Relevant stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Shahin Ismail Head of Delivery Tel: 01733 452484 shahin.ismail@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Stationery Contract Authorisation to award the contract for stationery to the successful supplier following the procurement exercise</p>	<p>October 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with Heads of Service and other users of the contract</p>	<p>Lisa Osborne Category Manager Tel: 01733 452276 lisa.osborne@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>
<p>Furniture Contract Authorisation to award the contract for furniture to the successful supplier following the procurement exercise</p>	<p>October 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Seaton</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with Heads of Service and other users of the contract</p>	<p>Lisa Osborne Category Manager Tel: 01733 452276 lisa.osborne@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made</p>

NOVEMBER - KEY DECISIONS

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There are currently no decisions scheduled for November

DECEMBER – KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2012/13 Draft budget for 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2012/13 to be agreed as a basis for consultation. This will include the Council's Capital Strategy, Asset Management Plan and Draft Annual Accountability Agreement between Peterborough City Council and Peterborough Primary Care Trust.</p>	December 2009	Cabinet	Environment Capital	Report forms the basis of consultation with stakeholders, prior to further consideration by Cabinet in February 2010 and subsequent endorsement at full Council.	Stephen Pilsworth Head of Strategic Finance Tel: 01733 384564	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made
<p>Council Tax Base To agree the calculation of the council tax base for 2010/11</p>	December 2009	Cabinet	Environment Capital	Internal advice has been received from Finance and Legal Services. No formal consultation will take place regarding proposals	Stephen Pilsworth Head of Strategic Finance Tel: 01733 384564	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made

<p>Partnership Agreement between the City Council and the Primary Care Trust for the Provision of Adult Social Care To approve the new partnership agreement between the city council and the primary care trust</p>	<p>December 2009</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>Commission for Health Issues</p>	<p>All relevant stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Denise Radley Director of Adult Social Services and Performance Tel: 01733 758444 denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made</p>
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

Communications
Strategic Growth and Development Services
Legal and Democratic Services
Human Resources
Policy and Research
Performance and Programme Management
Economic and Community Regeneration
Housing Strategy
Drug Intervention Programme and Drug and Alcohol Team

CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT Nursery Lane, Fengate, Peterborough PE1 5BG

Property Services
Building & Maintenance
Streetscene and Facilities
Finance and Support Services

STRATEGIC RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Director's Office at Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

Finance
Internal Audit
Information Communications Technology (ICT)
Business Transformation
Strategic Property
Customer Services

CHILDRENS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT Bayard Place, Broadway, PE1 1FB

Family and Communities
Commissioning and Performance
Learning and Skills
Resources

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT Bridge House, Town Bridge, PE1 1HB

Planning Services

Building Control Services

Environmental and Public Protection

Cultural Services

Transport and Engineering Services

Emergency Planning

Occupational Health

City Centre Services

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**ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10**

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
16 July 2009 (Papers to be despatched on 8 July)	Floods and Water Management Bill To consider the Floods and Water Management Bill and the implications for the Council. Contact Officer: Richard Wills, Lincolnshire County Council	Recommendations made to the Leader of the Council and Executive Director of Operations – response reported to September meeting.
	Environmental Enforcement and Education To consider and comment on the future arrangements for environmental enforcement. Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson/Julie Rivett	Recommendations made to the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital & Culture and Executive Director of Operations – response reported to September meeting.
	Response to Adverse Weather Conditions – Footpaths To consider and comment on the response to adverse weather conditions, specifically footpaths. Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson/Andy Tatt	Recommendations made to the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital & Culture and Executive Director of Operations – response reported to September meeting.
	Biodiversity Strategy – Progress Report To consider and comment on the progress of the current Biodiversity Strategy. Contact Officer: Brian Armstrong	Recommendations made to the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital & Culture and Executive Director of Operations – response reported to September meeting.
	Members Waste and Recycling Working Group To reconstitute the Members Waste and Recycling Group. Contact Officer: Louise Tyers	Working Group reconstituted.

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
17 September 2009 (Papers to be despatched on 9 Sept)	Review of Council Subsidised Bus Services To consider and comment on the proposed decision in relation to the review of Council subsidised bus services. Contact Officer: Teresa Wood	
	Review of the Biodiversity Strategy To consider and make recommendations on the revised Biodiversity Strategy. Contact Officer: Brian Armstrong	
	Progress on Delivery of the LAA Priority and Work Programme To consider and comment on the progress of the delivery of the priority of creating the UK's environment capital. Contact Officer: Trevor Gibson	
12 November 2009 (Papers to be despatched on 4 Nov)	Progress on the Environment Capital Portfolio (Councillor Matthew Lee) To consider and comment on progress of the Environment Capital Portfolio. Contact Officer: Louise Tyers	
	Climate Change Strategy To consider and comment on the draft Climate Change Strategy. Contact Officer: Charlotte Palmer	
	Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change To consider and comment on the Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change. Contact Officer: Phil Harker	

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
	<p>Budget and Financial Strategy</p> <p>To consider the budget and financial strategy for the forthcoming year and the medium term financial plan.</p> <p>Contact Officer: John Harrison</p>	
	<p>Progress on Delivery of the LAA Priority 2009/10</p> <p>To consider and comment on the progress of the delivery of the priority of creating the UK's environment capital.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Trevor Gibson</p>	
<p>14 January 2010</p> <p>(Papers to be despatched on 6 Jan)</p>	<p>The Big Debate – The Effects of the Economic Downturn</p> <p>To address the question ‘Has the economic downturn had an effect on the sustainable transport elements of the Local Transport Plan?’</p> <p>Contact Officer: Louise Tyers</p>	
<p>11 March 2010</p> <p>(Papers to be despatched on 3 March)</p>	<p>Progress on the Environment Capital Portfolio (Councillor Matthew Lee)</p> <p>To consider and comment on progress of the Environment Capital Portfolio.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Louise Tyers</p> <p>Councillor Lee has confirmed his attendance.</p>	
	<p>Progress on Delivery of the LAA Priority 2009/10</p> <p>To consider and comment on the progress of the delivery of the priority of creating the UK's environment capital.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Trevor Gibson</p>	

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
	<p data-bbox="416 240 1160 272">Preparations for the Floods and Water Management Bill</p> <p data-bbox="416 301 1417 365">To consider the Council's preparations for the Floods and Water Management Bill and the implications for the Council. (Previously considered on 16 July 2009)</p> <p data-bbox="416 394 846 426">Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson</p>	

TO BE SCHEDULED

- Integrated Ticketing on Bus Services