

## **ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2010**

**6.30 PM (PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT START TIME)**

**Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall**

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### Committee Members:

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

Substitutes: Councillors: J Goodwin and C Ash

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM - TOWN HALL ON 12 NOVEMBER 2009**

**Present:** Councillors C Burton (Chairman), D Day (Vice-Chairman), R Dobbs, J A Fox, S Goldspink, N North and J Wilkinson

**Also Present:** Councillor N Sandford – Representing the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group  
Councillor M Lee, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture  
Councillor D Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources

**Officers Present:** Trevor Gibson, Director of Environment Capital  
John Harrison, Executive Director of Strategic Resources  
Steven Pilsworth, Head of Strategic Finance  
Karen Franklin, Head of Business Support – Operations  
Carrie Denness, Principal Solicitor  
Louise Tyers, Scrutiny Manager

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations**

Councillor Sandford declared the following personal interests:

- Item 6 – as a member of the Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)
- Item 8 – as a Board Member of the Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP).

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 September 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2009 were approved as an accurate record, subject to Councillor North being added to apologies for absence.

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

There were no requests for call-in to consider.

**5. Response to Recommendations Made by the Committee**

The Committee considered the responses made by the Executive to our recommendations from the last meeting.

The recommendations related to:

- Review of Subsidised Bus Services
- Review of the Biodiversity Strategy

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- Councillor Sandford reminded the Committee that at the last meeting City Services advised that they did not envisage any changes to their normal working practices following the introduction of the new Biodiversity Strategy, however in some areas of the city shrubs are now being completely removed rather than just pruned.

### **ACTION AGREED**

The Scrutiny Manager to write to City Services to clarify their policy in relation to shrub maintenance.

## **6. Progress on the Delivery of the Environment Capital Portfolio**

We welcomed Councillor Lee, Deputy Leader to the meeting.

The report focussed on the performance of the Environment Capital portfolio which formed part of the Deputy Leader's responsibilities. A lot of good work was in progress but it was acknowledged that there was still a long way to go in some areas. He was hopeful that we would be able to achieve our goal of being the UK's Environment Capital.

Key performance highlights included:-

- Significant, dedicated resource being committed to delivering the Environment Capital priority.
- The work of the "TravelChoice" initiative had facilitated a significant modal shift towards more sustainable travel modes with a corresponding reduction in car usage.
- The city continues to perform highly in waste recycling and Peterborough was designated as one of six Zero Waste Places in the UK by DEFRA in 2008.
- The city's strong environment goods and services sector (the "Enviro-Cluster") currently comprised 380 businesses of varying sizes.
- Targeted street cleansing activities, based on feedback from community consultation, were resulting in measurable improvements to cleansing standards.
- The majority of the city's extensive network of wildlife sites were under positive management regimes ensuring both quality and biodiversity in an accessible local environment.
- The Integrated Growth Study (IGS) published in 2008, provided a detailed benchmark describing the steps required for the city to grow substantially and sustainably alongside a wide range of parameters against which progress can be measured. Outcomes from the IGS include current detailed studies of the energy and water requirements of Peterborough as it grows including recommendations as to how these requirements will be met sustainably.
- A number of high profile community based projects continue to be actively supported, including the Eco-Arts Project, Green Backyard and Green Glington.
- The emerging Peterborough University would have a Sustainable Construction faculty as one of its initial academic offers.
- The Council has recently conducted a thermal imaging exercise of the urban areas of Peterborough to act as a basis for further work on energy efficiency in existing homes. The "Your Footprint Counts" campaign is raising awareness of individual responsibilities and behaviour change associated with climate change.
- Peterborough's Green Festival 2009 was the biggest and best yet with a range of accessible environmentally friendly events and activities taking place during the fortnight. This successful event is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year.
- The Green Festival 2009 incorporated a stage of the Tour Series Cycle Race on 4 June. Peterborough was chosen as one of ten city centre venues for this national event and it attracted an estimated 8,000 visitors to the city and was watched by an

estimated 3m television viewers on ITV4. It is intended that the city will host a stage of this series in 2010.

- The city council has made significant efforts to reduce its own carbon footprint including the replacement of hundreds of individual printers, photocopiers and fax machines with a significantly smaller number of multi-function devices.
- The Council is also taking part in the shadow Carbon Trading Scheme administered by the Local Government Information Unit. Learning from this pilot will inform the statutory scheme which will be implemented nationally in 2010.
- A successful Masterclass involving, amongst others, Members of the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee, was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Hosted by Jonathon Porritt, the outcomes from this important event will be fed into the city's further work on sustainability.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- Who would declare us as Environment Capital and would there be an independent verification process to support that claim? *There is no one body who would declare us as Environment Capital and in part it would be for us to develop the criteria as none currently existed. We needed to set a standard that other people could challenge and our claim should be able to stand up to external audit.*
- Was any other city already claiming the title of Environment Capital? *No one is claiming it at the moment. We are looking to set the standard and would look to get our claim audited and we are up for being challenged.*
- At the recent Jonathon Porritt Masterclass, Forum for the Future had ranked us 10<sup>th</sup> out of 21 cities for sustainability. Was this a concern? *The Forum's report looked at the 20 largest cities in the country which were all significantly bigger than Peterborough. It showed that there were some areas in which we should be doing far better, for example health and education. Waste produced per household was high when compared to other cities. This has been a problem for some time and needed more work.*
- Why was Central Ward still having weekly black bin collections? *The three bin system has achieved a lot in the City but there is still a need to do a lot of work with a number of communities across the City, particularly around awareness and education. The Deputy Leader would clarify as to whether all of Central Ward had a weekly collection and would provide an update as to the work being done in that area.*
- It was important that dates were started to be added to some of this work, including dates we would have done more work, dates for reports on why Peterborough generates more waste and what work is being done in Central Ward and a possible date for declaring us the Environment Capital. *The Deputy Leader undertook to provide future dates in writing outside of this meeting.*
- There is already an Environment Manifesto and it is important that we implement the targets that we already had.
- Improvements to the housing stock are already being made by Cross Keys Homes but there are significant opportunities for improving the energy efficiency of privately owned and privately rented properties. This work also has a significant impact on the eradication of fuel poverty.
- How were the figures about Travelchoice arrived at? *This is an area that cannot be calculated easily other than for bus passenger journeys. For walking, cycling and car journey reduction a representative survey of residents' behaviour before and after Travelchoice was used and the figures are based on that survey data.*
- It is important that accurate statistics are used and when publicising that information it should be made clear that the figures are from a survey. *Counts can only be done on certain routes and then modelled. This is accepted practice and the data is used to try and encourage people to change their behaviours.*

- We need to get better at publicising the facts, both good and bad, and put it in a way that people can see what it means to them personally. *This view was fully supported and there had been an increase in communications over the last few months but we needed to encourage more people to make changes. More work was needed and the Deputy Leader would speak to the Communications Team.*
- Whilst the report is good at highlighting good practice it does not highlight the negatives. The Advisory Committee on Climate Change had indicated that 8,000 wind turbines needed to be constructed to provide sufficient renewable energy but 3/4 of turbine applications were being refused by planning authorities. What could we do to reverse this trend when applications were being considered by the Planning Committee? *It was not possible to control the Planning Committee but we would like to see proposals for more renewable energy in the area. The legal advisor stated that the Ministry of Defence had a number of issues with turbines as they could affect flying space. A Planning Inspector would be holding a public inquiry in November to look at objections and this should provide guidance on how to deal with future applications.*
- The Council should take a lead on using alternative power in its own buildings. Could ideas be brought forward in a future report? *This was an area that was being looked at. Often the up-front costs were high but some could be recouped back over time. There would be no point in doing work on buildings which we may not own in the future. Some work is being started with schools, particularly when new extensions were being built. Regulations had changed over recent years so that there was a need to take account of the environmental impact of buildings.*
- The report by the Forum for the Future would be a useful document showing comparable data with other cities. It may be useful to ask the Forum to carry out further research with cities of a similar size to us.

## **ACTIONS AGREED**

- (i) That the Deputy Leader provides a further update at our meeting in March 2010.
- (ii) That a further report is provided on the progress of using alternative sources of energy within Council buildings.
- (iii) That communications with residents are improved to ensure that the consequences of peoples' actions are highlighted.
- (iv) That further information is provided on targets of further work including dates.
- (v) That education is improved in certain areas of the city on waste and recycling.
- (vi) That the Director of Environment Capital reports back with a list of cities we could be compared with and whether Forum for the Future could undertake further research for us.

## **7. Medium Term Financial Plan 2010/11 to 2014/15**

The Executive Director of Strategic Resources apologised for Councillor Seaton who had had to leave for another appointment. If any members had any questions directly for Councillor Seaton, he would respond in writing outside of the meeting.

The Cabinet had considered the Medium Term Financial Plan 2010/11 to 2014/15 at their meeting on 12 October 2009. As part of the Annual Budget Framework the Cabinet was required to consult with the Committee and other local stakeholders on the medium term financial plan.

The last Comprehensive Spending Review in 2007 provided a three year financial settlement for Councils which provided some certainty for the Revenue Support Grant and Dedicated Schools Grant. The final year of this settlement was 2010/11. The next three year settlement was highly likely to be less favourable nationally with the national budget in March effectively outlining a requirement to reduce overall spending in public services in future. This bleak financial picture will face whoever forms the Government after the General Election.

The 2009-10 budget had been set in the context of the continuing effects of the recession and in particular the reduced income streams expected, the impact of the Icelandic bank investments and the potential for increased pressure in demand led budgets. The Council had faced additional budget pressures during the year, including increased demand for children' social care, the ongoing impacts of the recession and the need to reprofile the Cross Keys Homes VAT shelter income over the next few years, rather than receiving it all in the current financial year. If left unmanaged, these pressures would total £8m.

The Council remained committed to its strategy in delivering service efficiencies and improvements using a proactive approach to managing council finances. A range of actions and measures had been implemented to manage these additional pressures, including:

- Use of balances to smooth impact;
- Delivery of departmental savings plans;
- Review of departmental reserves; and
- Target of external funding

Several budget scenarios on the impact of future funding levels had been modelled to assist with decision making in setting the budget for 2010/11 and provisional budgets for the following four years. The scenarios assumed the funding of no further cost pressures, and these would need to be absorbed within budget plans. The following impacts would arise from the scenarios indicated:

<b>Scenario</b>	<b>Impact by 2014-15</b>
1 - Original MTFS baseline (grant increase)	£1.3m deficit
2 – grant freeze every year	£8.1m deficit
3 – 5% grant reduction	£12.1m deficit
4 – 10% grant reduction	£16m deficit

The Council would need to tackle these possible deficits, whilst maintaining its commitment to meeting priorities and ensuring community needs were met longer term. To do so it would be necessary to undertake the following work streams to help deliver this:

- Review of service levels, fees and charges;
- Business Transformation expanded and accelerated;
- Review capital programme to release capacity;
- Asset disposal plans accelerated where practical;
- Review and ongoing challenge of projects;
- Review of the collection fund.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy approved by Council in February 2009 assumed Council Tax increases of 2.5% in each of the years up to and including 2011/12. It had been assumed that the tax increase would follow through in each year to 2014/15 and was used for modelling purposes only at this stage.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- What contribution had concessionary fares made to the position of the Operations budget? *An extra £242,000 had been put into the budget for concessionary fares and we had managed to save £80,000 after negotiations with suppliers. Demand had risen by 6% and there were a number of reasons for this increase, including Peterborough being a sustainable travel town which made it easier to travel on public transport.*
- What was the current expenditure on consultants? *This needed to be looked at in relation to the ratio of savings arising from their work. Consultants were usually*

*employed on an invest to save basis and the current ratio of savings to cost was around 3:1. Officers would pull together detailed figures.*

- *How much money was being proposed to be delegated down to the Neighbourhood Councils? No decisions had yet been made and it would depend on what each of the neighbourhoods needed. This was why it was important that Neighbourhood Plans were developed.*
- *Would some Neighbourhood Councils have larger budgets if they knew what was needed in their area? There was no simple answer. In areas such as grounds maintenance decisions would need to be made by the Council as to what it would accept as a minimum standard.*
- *Would the budget to Cabinet have details of the amounts to be delegated to Neighbourhood Councils? The amount of money would be the same and decisions on how it would be delegated would need to be made at the appropriate time.*
- *This consultation was not extensive and some authorities were consulting much earlier in the process. A more proactive process was needed. Officers were open to suggestions on how consultation could be improved but it was a two way process.*
- *A request for details of the Operations Action Plan was requested a number of weeks ago but had not been received. The report only gave broad headings with no detail of what savings had been put forward. Details of the action plan savings would be left with the Committee tonight and officers would be happy to meet with Members to go through them in detail.*
- *Were any departments undertaking zero based budgeting this year? Zero based budgeting was happening at various levels, for example concessionary fares and business support, but it was not being done on a Council wide basis.*
- *Was the Council Tax and Business Rates collection performance what you would expect it to be? It was close to what was expected for this time of the year but performance would be challenging, especially with business rates. This was a national problem.*
- *Would it be possible to have a breakdown of what the capacity bids were for 2010/11 and 2011/12? Officers would send the schedules to the Committee.*
- *Would it be possible to provide a list of discretionary spending areas, including why we provide the service and what the effect would be of not providing it? It would be difficult to define statutory levels but officers would look to providing details of the top 10 - 20 discretionary services with approximate values.*
- *Were officers concerned at the current position of the Capital Programme? There was a profile date for when we expected a receipt to be received and this was proactively reviewed each month.*

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Cabinet provide details of the proposed budgets for the Neighbourhood Councils including how much will be delegated and when this will happen.

## **ACTIONS AGREED**

- (i) That the draft questions which had been developed be forwarded to the Executive Director for him to provide a response.
- (ii) Officers to provide details of the top 10 – 20 discretionary services with approximate values.
- (iii) That the Chairman of the Committee works with officers in developing a simpler report for the future.
- (iv) Officers to provide details of the savings made against the cost of employing consultants.
- (v) Officers to provide a breakdown of the capacity bids for 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Councillor Goldspink left the meeting.



## 8. Progress on the Delivery of the Local Area Agreement Priority

The Committee received an update on the performance as at September 2009 of the Environment Capital outcomes contained within the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

Peterborough's LAA contained four priorities: Creating Strong and Supportive Communities; Creating the UK's Environment Capital; Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities; Substantial and Truly Sustainable Growth. Each of those priorities had four specific outcomes, beneath which sat a diverse range of actions and interventions to deliver lasting positive change for Peterborough.

The Environment Capital priority was measured by 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. A Red/Amber/Green flagging system was used to indicate overall performance against each of the outcomes – red indicated that the outcome was significantly behind target, amber indicated that the outcome was experiencing difficulties, and green indicated that the outcome was on target or had achieved its objectives.

Overall the Environment Capital priority was reported at Amber for this period. The "Use of Natural Resources" outcome had stayed at Red during the last quarter although there were signs of improvement including a reduction in the overall level of contamination in the recycled waste collected. The "Cleaner and Greener" outcome had stayed at Amber as fly tipping reports and enforcement activity was still behind target.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- Were there any examples of really good school travel plans which could be used as best practice with other schools? *Most schools are engaged and tried to use best practice to encourage those schools not yet involved.*
- The Voyager School were commended as good practice and they should be used as best practice. They have done a lot of work on sustainable methods of transport and the students monitor the plan themselves.
- Did we look for best practice in all of the target areas? *We could do more and are always learning. Systems are not as good as they should be and we do not always shout out about our successes.*
- Was there any way there could be some competition between schools, for example best sustainable travel rates?
- How were garden waste bins collected as there was a rumour that items in the brown bins were put in to the black bins as anything that did not compost down within three months was sent to landfill? *Officers would raise this with the Commercial Services Director and seek clarification.*

### **ACTION AGREED**

That officers would clarify with the Commercial Services Director what happened to the waste contained within the brown bins.

## 9. 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.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- A decision on approving the shortlist of bidders for the Energy from Waste Facility was due to be taken this month. In light of the decision of the Secretary of State to grant permission for the PREL facility, should the Council look again as to whether it should have its own facility? *It was agreed to discuss this issue at the next Group Representative's meeting.*

**ACTION AGREED**

To note the latest version of the Forward Plan.

**10. Work Programme**

We considered the Work Programme for 2009/10.

**ACTION AGREED**

To add an item on the Christmas Park and Ride service to the Work Programme for March 2010.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 14 January 2010 at 7pm.

CHAIRMAN  
7.00 - 8.55 pm

<b>ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
<b>14 JANUARY 2010</b>	<b>Public Report</b>

## **Report of the Solicitor to the Council**

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### **SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGET 2010/11 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2014/15**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report to advise the Committee on how scrutiny of the Budget 2010/11 and the Medium Term Financial Plan to 2014/15 will be undertaken.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Committee scrutinises the proposals for the Budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2014/15 including seeking the views of the other scrutiny committees and commissions.

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

- 3.1 The budget provides the resources to meet the targets and aspirations of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The proposed budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2014/15 was presented to the Cabinet on 14 December 2009 and copies of the proposals have been sent to all members of the Council. Cabinet resolved that the proposed budget now be consulted upon.
- 4.2 A briefing on the budget was held for Members on 6 January 2010 and the first meeting of the Committee's scrutiny of the budget was held following that meeting. The first meeting looked at the budget as it related to the Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues. It was looked at the overall strategy for the budget.
- 4.3 Members are requested to bring their copy of the budget papers (previously circulated to all members of the Council) to this meeting.

#### **5. KEY ISSUES**

- 5.1 It is within the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee's terms of reference to receive and consider the Executive's annual budget proposals and to makes any recommendations.
- 5.2 In previous years each of the scrutiny committees considered the relevant parts of the budget proposals and made comments individually. As the remit is now within one committee, a new approach is being taken to scrutinise this important issue. Undertaking scrutiny of the budget in this way will enable the budget to be looked at as a whole rather than as individual parts. This will lead to better understanding of where parts of the budget may have an impact on other parts.

- 5.3 Two meetings of the Committee are being held. The first was held on 6 January and the final meeting will be this evening.

These two sessions will scrutinise the individual elements of the budget during specific slots. The relevant Cabinet Members, Directors and relevant scrutiny committee/commission will be invited to attend. Themed scrutiny will then be undertaken aligned to the terms of reference of each scrutiny committee/commission. Relevant recommendations will be agreed at the end of each session and the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee will then agree the final submission to the Cabinet.

- 5.4 The meeting on 6 January looked at the following areas of the budget:

- Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities Scrutiny Committee
- Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues
- Overall financial plans and Council Tax level

- 5.5 Tonight's meeting will consider the following aspects:

- Scrutiny Commission for Rural Issues
- Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee, including the Asset Management Plan
- Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee
- Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee (operational issues), including the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 As set out in the report to Cabinet on 14 December 2009.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 This report forms part of the process leading to the setting of the budget in February 2010.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1 Any comments and recommendations on the proposed budget will be report to the meeting of Cabinet on 8 February 2010 prior to a recommendation being made to full Council on 24 February.

## **9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

- 9.1 As set out in the report to Cabinet – 14 December 2009

## **10. APPENDICES**

- 10.1 None

<b>ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5d</b>
<b>14 JANUARY 2010</b>	<b>Public Report</b>

## **Report of the Executive Director - Operations**

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### **DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek the Committee's views on the draft Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2010/11 prior to its consideration by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Committee scrutinise the proposed 2010/11 capital programme of works contained in the following annexes and make any appropriate recommendations:

Annex 1 – 2010/11 Integrated Transport Capital Programme  
Annex 2 – 2010/11 Highways Maintenance Programme  
Annex 3 – 2010/11 Street Lighting Maintenance Programme  
Annex 4 – 2010/11 Bridge Maintenance Programme

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

- 3.1 There are many links and shared objectives in the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement (LAA) which are related to, or reliant on transport solutions. The Local Transport Plan (LTP) considers the requirements of all of these documents and provides a co-ordinated and cost effective approach, to deliver results through its annual capital programme of works (attached). Issues addressed through this programme include:
- i. Road Safety/Community Safety – accident reduction schemes, road maintenance, street lighting and CCTV systems.
  - ii. Environment – congestion reduction schemes, encouraging sustainable transport through improved public transport, walking and cycling routes.
  - iii. Health/education – improved information/access to services and the promotion of healthier lifestyles through the Travelchoice project and the Safer Journeys to School project.
  - iv. Network management – developing new infrastructure/systems or improving existing facilities, to improve network efficiency and cater for and support predicted economic growth.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Each financial year, through the Planning Guideline process, the Council is awarded an allocation of funding from central Government to spend on transportation schemes and maintenance of the road network. To ensure this money is spent effectively the second Peterborough Local Transport Plan (2006–2011) was developed, in consultation with a wide range of key stakeholders and was approved by full Council. The Council considered a range of

transport solutions to best address local problems, meet the growth aspirations of the City and integrate the Governments 'shared transport priorities' agreed nationally by the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Department for Transport (DfT).

- 4.2 In order to evaluate the wide range of potential transport solutions, a computer based forecasting model was produced using the SATURN software package. This model was used to examine the effect of land use growth and potential transport improvements (by walk, cycle, public transport and road). Based on these results a broad five year programme of works was produced.

## 5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The Council has been awarded a total of £10.406m transport settlement for 2010/11 (Table 1 refers). The allocations for Integrated Transport and Capital Maintenance were awarded on the basis of a formulaic calculation that takes into account a number of parameters for example passenger numbers, road lengths, Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI) etc. Primary Route Network funding (PRN) is an allocation specifically ring fenced for the maintenance of structures on strategically important transport corridors. This allocation was set following the determination of an evidence based bid submitted to Government in August 2007. A further sum of £0.390m of transport resource funding was also awarded, the details of which are shown in Table 2. In addition to the external funding Corporate Capital funding has been allocated to areas detailed in Table 3.

**Table 1 – LTP capital allocation**

	2010/11	2009/10
Integrated transport (block)	£1.939m*	£2.289m
Capital maintenance (block)	£2.085m*	£2.407m
Road Safety Grant	£0.072m	£0.073m
Primary route network (ring fenced)	£6.310m*	£6.310m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10.406m</b>	<b>£11.079m</b>

\* The figures shown in Table 1 do not include funds carried forward from 2009/10 financial year. Details of this are shown against the relevant schemes in Annexes 1- 4.

**Table 2 – Transport Resource Funding**

	2010/11	2009/10
Specific Road Safety Grant (Resource)	£0.300m**	£0.305m
Detrunked Roads Maintenance (Resource)	£0.061m**	£0.060m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.361m</b>	<b>£0.365m</b>

\*\* Both the Specific Road Safety Grant and the Detrunked Roads Maintenance Grant are classified as Area Based Grants and a bid has been submitted to Strategic Finance for the sums indicated.

**Table 3 – Corporate Capital Funding**

	2010/11	2009/10
Highways Capital Maintenance	£0.542m	£0.765m
Roads and Bridges	£0.122m	£0.250m
Street Column Replacement	£0.200m	£0.245m
Off Street Car Park Structural work + resurfacing	£0.100m	£0.117m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.964m</b>	<b>£1.377m</b>

- 5.2 The Committee is now asked to scrutinise the suitability of the Draft 2010/11 Capital Programme of Works as follows:

- (1) Annex 1 – 2010/11 Integrated Transport Capital Programme
- (2) Annex 2 – 2010/11 Highways Maintenance Programme
- (3) Annex 3 – 2010/11 Street Lighting Maintenance Programme
- (4) Annex 4 – 2010/11 Bridge Maintenance Programme

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial**

- 6.1 Failure to get approval of the proposed programme by March 2010 is likely to present difficulties in delivering all of the schemes. Reduction in spend will have a direct and negative impact on delivering objectives and meeting LAA and LTP targets and could result in a reduced allocation in future years.
- 6.2 All of the external transport capital block funding is provided in the form of the single pot and is not ring fenced. The formulaic highways capital maintenance funding of £2.605m is provided as supported borrowing. The integrated transport block total of £2.423m is provided as two thirds supported borrowing (£1.615m) and one third (£0.808m) direct capital grant, paid by DfT in quarterly instalments. The rest of the external capital funding will be provided through specific grants under section 31 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003. The external revenue funding will be paid as part of the area based grant.
- 6.3 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy shows a capital efficiency saving of £1.2 million pound as a result of closer working between the council, Atkins (professional services consultant) and Ringway Infrastructure Service (term maintenance contractor). To achieve this, the indicative allocations made through the Local Transport Plan process and the corporate capital programme have been reduced by that amount. If this saving is revised downwards after further investigation, a Cabinet Member Decision Notice will be raised to allocate any additional funds beyond a threshold of £500k in line with the cabinet member's delegation in relation to the transport capital programme

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Legal Services and Strategic Finance have, where appropriate, provided specialist advice on the report and the proposed programme. The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development has been consulted on the Report and associated Annexes. Democratic Services have provided advice on the process.
- 7.2 Ongoing consultation is undertaken on individual schemes in the LTP capital programme and every other year through each Delivery Report. The LTP and indicative five year programme was subject to extensive consultation before finally being signed off by Full Council in March 2006.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1 The Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Housing and Community Development will consider all representations prior to considering a Cabinet Member Decision Notice.
- 8.2 The delivery and spend on the capital programme of works for 2010/11 will be monitored on a regular basis through highlight reports to the five PRINCE 2 Environment, Transport & Engineering Services Project Boards. Overall programme delivery/spend will be monitored by the PRINCE 2 Programme Board (Transport & Engineering Services Group Managers Meeting). Business cases will be produced for larger schemes and submitted to the Project Governance Board through the project gateway process.
- 8.3 Delivery of the 2010/11 Capital Programme of Works will be reported to the Government Office for the East of England (GO-East) and the DfT, by means of the Bi-annual LTP Progress/Delivery Report.

## **9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

- Peterborough City Council's Medium Term Financial Plan

## **10. APPENDICES**

Annex 1 – 2010/11 Integrated Transport Capital Programme

Annex 2 – 2010/11 Highways Maintenance Programme

Annex 3 – 2010/11 Street Lighting Maintenance Programme

Annex 4 – 2010/11 Bridge Maintenance Programme

Annex 5 - Department for Transport three year Local Transport Plan capital settlement 2008/09 - 2010/11 letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007.



## INTEGRATED TRANSPORT

**Programme Area: Your Travel Choice**

Budget Head	Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Public Transport	Primary Public Transport Corridor (Core Routes)	A range of measures which could include: provision of bus borders, replacement or refurbishment of bus shelters and the upgrading of existing signals or implementation of new traffic signals to facilitate bus priority.	290	
	Interchange Infrastructure Improvements/Bus Stop Improvements.	Improvements to interchanges and upgrading of bus stops and bus shelters using vandal-resistant "Spacemaster". Schemes prioritised annually in accordance with the approved assessment methodology.	65	
Walking and Cycling	'More Cycling' - Primary Cycle Network	Implementation of a range of measures to improve cycling facilities on Primary Cycle Network and associated key strategic links.	150	
	Cycle Parking	Implementation of cycle parking infrastructure to reduce cycle theft and encourage cycling generally.	20	
	Small Walking Infrastructure Schemes	Installation of a walking scheme prioritised through the Request Database.	25	
	Pedestrian crossing scheme.	Design of a new pedestrian crossing or upgrade of an existing pedestrian crossing prioritised from the Request Database.	25	
	Dropped Kerb Programme	Continuation of a rolling programme to install dropped crossing points to improve accessibility to essential services.	35	
Improving Information	Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI)	Continuation of a programme to implement a system providing timely, accurate and reliable bus service information to passengers at the bus station, bus stop or whilst travelling.	110	A scheme supporting the <i>Travelchoice</i> project.
	Route Branding	Continuation of a consistent and integrated route branding system across the sustainable travel network. Measures to include gateways, signage, way markers, LED lighting etc.	39	.
	Business Travel Plan Infrastructure Support	Provision of facilities for local businesses, to encourage sustainable travel behaviour.	20	.
		<b>Total</b>	<b>779</b>	

**Programme Area: Managing the Transport Network**

Budget Head	Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC).	UTMC plus first Urban Traffic Control (UTC) route	Continuation of a scheme to identify and part implement a network of Intelligent Transport Systems linked to/controlled by a central computer system. This to include co-ordination of the operation of traffic signals in order to reduce delays on parts of the road network. Introduction of SCOOT routes (linked traffic signals).	300	£198k GAF funding available in 2010/11
Major schemes	Fletton Parkway Major Scheme Widening Junction 2-3	Resolution of Road Safety Audit observations plus remedial works.	60	
	Paston Parkway Major Scheme Widening Junction 21-22	Resolution of Road Safety Audit observations plus remedial works.	25	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>385</b>	

**Programme Area: Safer Roads**

Budget Head	Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Local Safety Schemes	The Triangle New England	Implementation of a scheme to improve road safety in the vicinity of the Triangle area in New England.	250	Measures identified through modelling, accident analysis and consultation.
	A1073 Eye Green traffic mitigation scheme	Implementation of measures to reduce traffic through the village and enforce the speed limit, once the new A1073 road becomes active. Implementation must be completed after and within one year of the new road opening in the summer of 2010 (planning condition).	200	£100k A1073 funding available + £25k S278 for a zebra crossing. This is Speed Management scheme for 2010/11.
	Welland Road Traffic Calming (linked to A1073 Major Scheme)	Road Safety Audit plus resulting remedial works. Traffic monitoring of 2009/10 scheme effectiveness and implementation of any further traffic mitigation measures deemed necessary.	94	Due to delays in start date £134k of 09/10 funding carried forward to 2010/11 FY.
	Newark Road/Oxney Road Junction	Introduction of measures to reduce approach speeds on Newark Road and high accident rates at the junction of Newark Road/Oxney Road.	30	£20.4k S106 funds available to improve safety on Oxney Road. Possible top up from Road Safety Grant monies.

	Old Bourges Boulevard	Traffic calming measures on Old Bourges Boulevard plus Improvements to visibility at the Searjeant Street Junction and English Street Junction	10	Design only in 2010/11 FY. Possible top up from Road Safety Grant monies.
		<b>Total</b>	<b>584</b>	

**Programme Area: Improving Accessibility**

Budget Head	Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Safer Journeys To School (SJTS)	SJTS – a project to promote health and safety for the pupil’s journey to school.	Measures to be identified in partnership with participating schools:  <u>2009-2011 Intake</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norwood</li> <li>• Leighton</li> <li>• Phoenix</li> </ul> Possible start of generic 20MPH speed limit outside schools programme.	130	Schools prioritised annually. Bishop Creighton is reserve in case any school drops out.
Travel Security	Improving travel safety to encourage use of sustainable travel modes.	Implementation of various measures including: lighting enhancements and installation of CCTV.	20	
	Developing Local Action Plans/Delivering Measures	Facilitating workshops with community groups and service providers, publicity of services, identification and implementation of appropriate measures. In 2010/11 production of action plans for the following wards: tbn. Delivery of action plans for following wards (tbn).	31	
Rights of Way Infrastructure	Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) implementation	New or enhanced signage, drainage and surface treatments to the local public rights of way network as identified by the ROWIP.	10	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	

		<b>INTEGRATED TRANSPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>1939</b>	
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## CAPITAL MAINTENANCE

### Highways

Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Principal Roads, Non-Principal Roads and Unclassified Roads	See Annex 2 for a breakdown of proposed maintenance schemes for 2010/11.	1355	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1355</b>	

### Lighting

Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Street Lighting	See Annex 3 for a breakdown of proposed lighting improvement schemes for 2010/11.	104	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	

### Bridges

Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Bridge Maintenance Block	Rolling programme of bridge assessments, strengthening works and bearing replacements. See Annex 4 for further detail.	626	
Primary Routes (Bridge Maintenance)	Continuation of a programme of bridge strengthening and maintenance on the Primary Route Network. See Annex 4 for a breakdown of proposed maintenance schemes for 2010/11.	6310	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6936</b>	

	<b>CAPITAL MAINTENANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>8395</b>	
	<b>INTEGRATED TRANSPORT + CAPITAL MAINTENANCE + PRN TOTAL</b>	<b>10334</b>	

**HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Programme Area: Highway Maintenance**

Budget Head	Scheme			Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
<b>LTP Funded Allocation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>			Some of these proposed schemes may be affected by other works and utilities being carried out within Peterborough City Council Unitary Area and may have to be omitted from the programme for this financial year. Should this be the case then the next schemes of high priority will be taken from the list of assessed roads.
	North Bank	B1040	Northey Gravel Bridge	Haunch & Resurface c/w	20	
	Bretton Gate	A47 junction 16	Bretton gate	Resurface carriageway	41	
	Bukehorne Road	B1040	The reaches	Haunch & Resurface c/w	98	
	Bright Street	Bourges Boulevard	Lincoln Road	Resurface carriageway	135	
	Guntons Road	Bridgehill Road	B1443	Resurface carriageway	98	
	Bretton Way	Junction56	Junction 58	Carriageway haunches	115	
	Walcott Road	Ufford junction	"S" bends south of Barnack	Resurface carriageway	65	
	Storey's Bar Road	Padholme Rd East	Vicarage Farm Rd	Resurface carriageway	90	
	Boongate	Junction 5	Newark Rd R/B	Resurface carriageway	50	
	C40 Barnack	South B1443	Millstone Lane	Resurface carriageway	55	
	A1139 Fletton Pkwy	Junction 1	Eastbound Slip Rd	Haunch & Resurface c/w	65	
	A1139, Eye Road	Junction 8	East Garden Centre	Resurface carriageway	20	
	A1139 Fletton Pkwy	A1(M) junction 17	Junction 1	Resurface lane 1 c/w	75	
	A15 Northborough bypass	B1443/A15 Helpston R/B	B1162/A15 Maxey R/B	Resurface carriageway	50	
	A1073	A47, Eye	Lincs CC boundary	Resurface carriageway	60	
	Carr Road	Junct 5	Padholme Road	Resurface carriageway	78	
	Cobden Street	Cromwell Road	Gladstone Street	Resurface carriageway	20	
	St Martins Street	Lincoln Road	Victoria Street	Resurface carriageway	20	
	B1443 Thorney Rd	Whitepost Road	Peterborough Road	Place to place patching	100	
	Atkins	Inspections, design and consultation fees			100	
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1355</b>	

**HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Programme Area: Highway Maintenance**

Budget Head	Scheme			Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
<b>PCC Capital Allocation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>			Some of these proposed schemes may be affected by other works and utilities being carried out within Peterborough City Council Unitary Area and may have to be omitted from the programme for this financial year. Should this be the case then the next schemes of high priority will be taken from the list of assessed roads.
	City Road	Northminster	St Johns Street	Resurface carriageway	31	
	Cecil Road	Dogsthorpe Road	Pevril Road	Resurface carriageway	42	
	Allan Avenue	Oakdale Avenue	Rayner Avenue	Resurface carriageway	18	
	Lawson Avenue	Conneygree Road	Southfields Drive	Resurface carriageway	35	
	Bus Route Orton Southgate	Goldhay Way	Newcombe Way	Resurface carriageway	40	
	<i>Bus Route Orton Brimbles</i>	<i>Oundle Road</i>	<i>Pauls Grove</i>	<i>Resurface carriageway</i>	<i>reserve</i>	
	Various locations	Approx 12 km		Surface dress or micro-asphalt carriageway	227	
	High Friction Surfacing	Various locations	Approx 4 sites		30	
	Safety Fencing	Various locations			20	
	Gulley Replacements	Various locations			65	
	Atkins	Inspections, design and consultation fees			34	
				<b>542</b>		

**HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Programme Area: Highway Maintenance**

Budget Head	Scheme				Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
<b>All Roads PCC Revenue Allocation</b>	Inspectors Allocation	Allocation for highway inspectors defined schemes to carry more extensive works during inspections that would not qualify for a scheme				180	PCC revenue funding is shown for information only and is not reflected in the report to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.
	Small works action team	Dedicated contractors team to carry out high priority and emergency works.				155	
	<b>Location</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Description</b>			The list of proposed schemes is based on the latest financial plan but assumes a cut of 10% in the revenue budget on last years' allocation.  Some of these proposed schemes may be affected by other works and utilities being carried out within Peterborough City Council Unitary Area and may have to be omitted from the programme for this financial year. Should this be the case then the next schemes of high priority will be taken from the list of assessed roads.
Lilac Avenue (south side)	Eastern Avenue	Central Avenue	Footway slab replacement		29		
Lincoln Road (West side)	Mancectter Square R/B	Cock Inn corner	Resurface footway		40		
Eyebury Road	Outside school		Resurface footway		22		
Marholm Road	Lincoln Road	Railway crossing	Resurface footway		30		
Oakleigh Drive	Morpeth Close	Thornleigh Drive	Resurface footway		22		
Summerfield Road	Entire length		Resurface footway		35		
Chancery Close	Sections along entire length		Resurface footway		32		
Footway Slurry Seal	Approx 20 streets					100	
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>645</b>	

**HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Programme Area: Highway Maintenance**

Budget Head	Scheme			Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
<b>PCC Capital Allocation (ring fenced to footways)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>			This is PCC revenue funding switched to capital - this is shown for information purposes only and is not reflected in the report to the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.  Some of these proposed schemes may be affected by other works and utilities being carried out within Peterborough City Council Unitary Area and may have to be omitted from the programme for this financial year. Should this be the case then the next schemes of high priority will be taken from the list of assessed roads.
	Gunthorpe Road	Fulbridge Road	Brookside	Footway Slab replacement	11	
	Gunthorpe Road	Fulbridge Road	Lowther Gardens	Footway Slab replacement	11	
	Orwell Grove	Witham Way	Windrush Drive	Footway Slab replacement	19	
	Windrush Drive	Entire length		Footway Slab replacement	32	
	Birchtree Avenue	Western Avenue	Central Avenue	Footway Slab replacement	49	
	Russell Street	No 59	No 81	Relay concrete blocks	10	
	Fitzwilliam Street	Broadway	Park Road	Footway Slab replacement	11	
	Fitzwilliam Street	Park Road	Lincoln Road	Footway Slab replacement	17	
	Ivy Grove	Entire length		Footway Slab replacement	17	
	Lilac Avenue (South side)	Eastern Avenue	Central Avenue	Footway Slab replacement	30	
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>207</b>	



**NOTE:-**

***The list of proposed schemes will be dependent on the final budget allocation.***

***Also some of these proposed schemes may be affected by other works and utilities being carried out within Peterborough City Council Unitary Area and may have to be omitted from the programme for this financial year.***

***Should this be the case then the next schemes of high priority will be taken from the list of assessed roads.***

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**CAPITAL MAINTENANCE**

**Programme area: Street Lighting**

Budget Head	Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
<b>Street Lighting LTP Funded Allocation</b>	<b>South Millfield</b>			
	Lime Tree Avenue	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Summerfield Road	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Springfield Road	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Silverwood Road	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Cambridge Avenue	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Summerfield Road	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Norfolk Street	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Church Walk	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Atkins	Design and consultation fees		
		<b>Total for LTP Funded Allocation</b>	<b>104</b>	
<b>PCC Capital Allocation</b>				
	Taverners Road	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Park Road (south)	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Burghley Square	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Craig Street	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Cobden Avenue	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Fitzwilliam Street	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Windmill Street	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Searjeant Street	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Harris Street	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Parliament Street	Installation of new lighting schemes designed to BS5489		
	Atkins	Design and consultation fees		
		<b>Sub Total for this area</b>	<b>136</b>	

**Street Lighting**

Budget Head	Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
PCC Capital Allocation	<b>Private PCC cable system replacement</b>			
	Replacement of cable networks	Re-cabling of street lighting systems in various areas across the city. Installation of new supply points to increase reliability and improve safety of system.	<b>39</b>	
	Reserve for reactive work following further structural testing of columns	Installation of new columns and general improvements to systems, upgrading of controls.	<b>25</b>	
		<b>TOTAL for PCC Capital Allocation</b>	<b>200</b>	

**CAPITAL MAINTENANCE**

**Programme Area: Bridge Maintenance**

Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Bridge Maintenance Block (LTP funded)	Northey Gravel Bridge - re-construction	450	£346k has been carried forward from 09/10 to 10/11 FY to supplement the budget for Northey Gravel scheme. Total budget for this now £796K.
	Bluebell Bridge - parapet upgrade	150	
	Various bridges – investigations, options, design, preparation of works information for 11/12	26	
	<b>LTP BRIDGE MAINTENANCE BLOCK TOTAL</b>		<b>626</b>

Scheme	Description	Estimated Cost (£k)	Comments
Primary Routes Bridge Maintenance (LTP funded and ring fenced)	Continuation of a programme of bridge strengthening and maintenance on the Primary Route Network - as follows:	See scheme cost estimates below	Until ongoing bridge assessments are complete we are not yet certain if Nene Bridge and Oxney Road will go ahead. If they don't then we could spend considerably less than the £6.31m.
	Longthorpe Bridge – Major refurbishment, including extensive work to piers and replacement of bearings	450	
	Thorpe Interchange North and South – Major refurbishment, including extensive work to piers and replacement of bearings	900	

	Orton East Interchange North and South – Major refurbishment, including extensive work to piers and replacement of bearings	900	
	Oundle Road Bridge – Refurbishment, including pier strengthening and concrete repairs	250	
	Orton Subway – Refurbishment, including concrete repairs	50	
	Fletton Underpass – Refurbishment, including concrete repairs	150	
	Orton South Interchange East and West – Refurbishment, including pier strengthening and concrete repairs	650	
	Nene Bridge – Bearing replacement (PROVISIONAL)	2650	Awaiting bridge assessment
	Oxney Road Bridge – Pier strengthening (PROVISIONAL)	310	Awaiting bridge assessment
	<b>PRIMARY ROUTE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>6310</b>	Total 2009/10 = 6310
PCC Capital Allocation Bridges	Various bridges – investigations, options, design, preparation of works information for 11/12	122	
	<b>PCC CAPITAL - BRIDGE ALLOCATION TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	



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27 November 2007

Dear Ms Beasley

## **THREE YEAR LOCAL TRANSPORT CAPITAL SETTLEMENT (2008/09 – 2010/11)**

This letter summarises for your area the firm three year local transport capital settlement for 2008/09 to 2010/11, the last three years of your second local transport plan. It also announces some other transport funding, most of which will be included in the pooled area based grant, associated with your local area agreement.

### **THE NATIONAL PICTURE**

#### **Local Transport Plan Block Funding**

This settlement confirms the indicative allocations for the integrated transport block announced last year, which total £1,768m over the three years. It also announces the distribution by formula of capital allocations for highways maintenance totalling £2,109m over the three years. All of this funding is part of the single capital pot, with the formulaic highways maintenance allocations being provided as supported borrowing. The integrated transport block allocations are being provided partly through supported borrowing and partly by direct capital grant.

#### **Local Transport Planning: The Next Steps**

The Department for Transport consulted on proposals to change the previous formula for highways capital maintenance during the summer as part of a consultation 'Local Transport Planning: The Next Steps (July 2007)'. There was majority support for each of the technical changes proposed to the formula and these

have been implemented. An outline of how the formula now operates is being published on the Department's website.

The Department also issued advice to local authorities about reviewing in 2008 progress in implementing local transport plans and preparing and publishing concise progress reports as part of the same consultation. The finalised advice is being published on the Department's website.

The progress reports offer an opportunity for engagement with key delivery partners and stakeholders. Indeed, the Department strongly recommends that reports should be presented to Local Strategic Partnerships and connected to the development of the expanded local area agreements to be signed by June 2008.

The Department is publishing a summary of the responses it received to the whole consultation on its website, along with its reaction. Besides influencing the maintenance formula and advice about progress reports, the responses to the consultation have already informed the preparation of the Local Transport Bill and will inform the development of policy related to local transport planning beyond the current round of plans.

### **Non-Formulaic Local Transport Plan and Other Capital Funding**

£159m over three years has been 'top-sliced' from the total local transport plan funding of £2,268m available for highways capital maintenance leaving £2,109m to be distributed formulaically.

This settlement allocates £113m of this top-sliced element to cover eligible bids for bridge strengthening and major maintenance on the primary route network over the 2008/09 to 2010/11 period. Funds have been provided where they meet criteria for eligibility and have not been previously funded. Generally officials have already liaised with authorities regarding bids that are ineligible. Beyond 2010/11 the equivalent funding will be mainstreamed within the formulaically distributed block, increasing the flexibility local authorities have to fund their key local priorities.

A further £16m has been allocated mainly for 2008/09 to support a number of exceptional capital maintenance schemes, including three new ones (in Doncaster, Luton and Stockport). The Department has already announced that in future these projects will be subject to the general guidance on major schemes, and bids for extra funding will need to be considered by regions in the context of regional funding allocations rather than the local transport settlement. The remaining £30m over the 2008/09 to 2010/11 period has yet to be allocated. Some of this funding may be used in 2009/10 to encourage better transport asset management planning, which is vital to ensuring efficiency gains are realised.

This settlement confirms the indicative capital allocations for the specific road safety grant announced last year which total £52m over the period 2008/09 and 2010/11.





It also allocates £35m of grant for capital projects on detrunked roads in 2008/09. Bids for support for outstanding work for 2009/10 and 2010/11 on recently detrunked roads or roads still to be detrunked should be forwarded to the Department by July 2008 to [roadmaintenance@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:roadmaintenance@dft.gsi.gov.uk).

### **Transport Resource Funding**

The Government is mainstreaming about £5bn of resource funding for local authorities into area-based grant or revenue support grant. This provides for more flexibility for local authorities to allocate funds to key priorities and reduces the burden of central Government reporting requirements. Most resource funding for transport is already provided within revenue support grant. The resource grant related to road safety is also confirmed for the three year period. This and the grants for detrunked roads are being included in the area-based grant. The allocation of grants for buses and concessionary fares will be made at a later date.

### **Challenges Ahead**

The Eddington Report makes clear what local authorities have long known: that small local schemes to improve traffic flows, promote buses, cycling and walking, enable effective road maintenance and enhance local travel networks represent excellent value for money and make a real difference to local people and their access to services and jobs. The challenge is therefore to deliver these improvements over the next three years and ensure that value for money is secured.

### **THE REGIONAL PICTURE**

The attached regional press release contains details of the settlement in your region.

### **THE LOCAL PICTURE**

#### **Transport Capital Funding**

The local transport block capital allocations for Peterborough are:

Block	2008/09 £000s	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 £000s
Integrated Transport	<b>2154</b>	<b>2289</b>	<b>2423</b>
Highways Capital Maintenance	<b>2361</b>	<b>2407</b>	<b>2605</b>

All of this funding is part of the single pot and is not ring-fenced. The formulaic highways capital maintenance and two thirds of the integrated transport allocations will be provided as supported borrowing paid within the formula grant settlement.



One third of the integrated transport allocation in each year will be paid as direct capital grant to you by the Department for Transport in quarterly instalments.

In addition your authority has been allocated additional funding related to specific maintenance works as follows:

### **Bridge Strengthening and Maintenance on the Primary Route Network**

You have been awarded a total of **£14,480,000** as follows:

2008/09 £000's	2009/10 £000's	2010/11 £000's
<b>1860</b>	<b>6310</b>	<b>6310</b>

This funding will be provided as a direct capital grant and the Department for Transport will be in touch with your officers about payment details early next year.

### **Road Safety Grant**

On top of this the capital element of the specific road safety grant for your authority will be paid as a direct capital grant by the Department for Transport near the beginning of each financial year.

Funding	2008/09 £000s	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 £000s
Specific Road Safety Grant (Capital)	<b>64.510</b>	<b>72.971</b>	<b>71.995</b>

### **Transport Resource Funding**

The transport funding being pooled from April 2008 in the area-based grant is as follows for your authority:

Funding	2008/09 £000s	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 £000s
Specific Road Safety Grant (Resource)	<b>289.938</b>	<b>327.967</b>	<b>323.577</b>
Detrunked Roads Maintenance (Resource)	<b>62.914</b>	<b>64.487</b>	<b>66.099</b>

The detrunked roads maintenance grant covers roads detrunked prior to April 2007 and area based grant payments will be increased to take account of later detrunking.



## **Conclusion**

Please contact John Brown (Tel: 01223 372752) if you have any queries about this letter. We hope to be able to meet with your authority early in the New Year to provide more detailed feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**



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### **FORWARD PLAN – JANUARY TO APRIL 2010**

#### **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.

#### **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 JANUARY 2010 TO 30 APRIL 2010**

## FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS - 1 JANUARY 2010 TO 30 APRIL 2010

During the period from 1 January 2010 To 30 April 2010 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](mailto: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](http://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 Governance Support 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:

- Carbon Challenge
- Land Transactions to Enable Expansion and Relocation of a Primary School
- Compost Contract Extension
- Sale of Land at Dickens Street Car Park
- Award of Contract – Nene Valley Primary School
- Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works 2010/11
- Award of Contract – Heltwate School



## JANUARY

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p><b>Carbon Challenge</b> To enable the development of around 350 Zero Carbon homes on land in the South Bank regeneration area</p>	January 2010	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Growth and Human Resources</b></p>	Sustainable Growth	Internal departments as appropriate	<p>Shahin Ismail Head of Delivery Tel: 01733 452484 shahin.ismail@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p><b>Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR)</b> Authority to award the contract in partnership with the Police and Cambridgeshire County Council for the procurement of ANPR cameras to provide real time journey time data</p>	January 2010	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development</b></p>	Environment Capital	External and internal stakeholders as appropriate	<p>Susan Fitzwilliam Development Officer Tel: 01733 452441 susan.fitzwilliam@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p><b>Midland Highway Alliance - Junction 8 Roundabout Improvements and Welland Road Traffic Mitigation Projects</b> To appoint a contractor for the works.</p>	January 2010	<b>Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development</b>	Environment Capital	Internal stakeholders as appropriate.	Stuart Mounfield Senior Engineer Tel: 01733 453598 stuart.mounfield@peterborou gh.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made
<p><b>Extension to Hampton Hargate School</b> Authority to award contract for the construction of an extension to Hampton Hargate Primary School</p>	January 2010	<b>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</b>	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and ward councillors as appropriate.	Isabel Clark Planning & Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.go v.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made
<p><b>Children's Services Learning Platform</b> Authority to take up a one year extension on the contract awarded to RM Education PLC in July 2007 for the supply of a Children's Services Learning Platform</p>	January 2010	<b>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</b>	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Consultation will be undertaken with head teachers, Building Schools for the Future project team, DLT, Schools IT Working Group	Elaine Alexander Business Transformation Consultant Tel: 01733 317984 elaine.alexander@peterborou gh.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p><b>Land Transactions to Enable Expansion and Relocation of Primary School</b> To agree in principle the exchange of land to facilitate the expansion and relocation of a primary school. To authorise the Head of Strategic Property to negotiate detailed terms for the transaction.</p>	January 2010	<b>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</b>	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Consultation will be undertaken with the school	Alison Chambers Asset Development Officer Tel: 01733 863975 alison.chambers@peterborou gh.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p><b>Contract for the Supply of Library Stock</b> Authority to award the library book stock contract</p>	January 2010	<b>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture</b>	Strong & Supportive Communities	Internal stakeholders as appropriate	Helen Sherley Service Development Manager Tel: 01733 864273 helen.sherly@peterborough.g ov.uk	Public report will be available from the Senior Governance Officer one week before the decision is made

<p><b>Joint Service Centre at Hampton</b> 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>January 2010</p>	<p><b>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture</b></p>	<p>Strong &amp; Supportive Communities</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member of Community Services, ward councillors, affected divisions within PCC and potential user groups in Hampton.</p>	<p>Fiona O'Mahony Hampton Joint Service Centre Project Director 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>
<p><b>Compost Contract Extension</b> To extend the current compost contract by 2 years</p>	<p>January 2010</p>	<p><b>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture</b></p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Internal departments as appropriate</p>	<p>Amy Nebel Recycling Contracts Officer Tel: 01733 864727 amy.nebel@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>

<p><b>Section 75 Pooled funding arrangements for substance misuse services</b> 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>	January 2010	<b>Cabinet Member for Resources</b>	Commission for Health Issues	Internal stakeholders as appropriate	Paul Phillipson Executive Director - Operations Tel: 01733 453455 paul.phillipson@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
<p><b>Arthur Mellows Village College Gym and Innovation Centre</b> Authority to award the contract for the construction of the gym and innovation centre at Arthur Mellows Village College</p>	January 2010	<b>Cabinet Member for Resources</b>	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Ward councillors and relevant stakeholders.	Isabel Clark Planning & 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

<p><b>Sale of Land at Dickens Street Car Park</b> To authorise the Cabinet Member and the Chief Executive to negotiate and conclude the sale of the surplus land</p>	<p>January 2010</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Resources</b></p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Consultations will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders and ward councillors</p>	<p>Andrew Edwards Head of Strategic Property Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@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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## FEBRUARY

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p><b>Older People's Accommodation Strategy</b> To agree next phase of implementation of the Older People's Accommodation Strategy</p>	February 2010	<b>Cabinet</b>	Commission for Health Issues	Consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders as appropriate.	Denise Radley Director of Adult Social Services & 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.
<p><b>Partnership Agreement between the City Council and the Primary Care Trust for the Provision of Adult Social Care</b> To approve the new partnership agreement between the city council and the primary care trust</p>	February 2010	<b>Cabinet</b>	Commission for Health Issues	All relevant stakeholders as appropriate	Denise Radley Director of Adult Social Services & 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
<p><b>Culture Trust</b> To agree whether to proceed with the Trust as set out in the Cabinet decision of 12 October 2009</p>	February 2010	<b>Cabinet</b>	Strong & Supportive Communities	All relevant stakeholders as appropriate	Kevin Tighe Head of Cultural Services Tel: 01733 863784 kevin.tighe@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p><b>Refreshed Local Area Agreement (LAA)</b> To sign off the refreshed LAA prior to its submission to the Government Office</p>	<p>February 2010</p>	<p><b>Leader of the Council</b></p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Relevant stakeholders and for a including Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Christina Wells Head of Strategic Improvement &amp; Partnerships Tel: 01733 863604 christina.wells@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>
<p><b>Award of Contract - Nene Valley Primary School</b> To award the contract for an extension to the school</p>	<p>February 2010</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</b></p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Internal departments as appropriate</p>	<p>Alison Chambers Asset Development Officer Tel: 01733 863975 alison.chambers@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>



## MARCH

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p><b>Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works 2010/11</b> To approve the proposed programme of works for 2010/11</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development</b></p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with the relevant internal stakeholders and with the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Sally Savage Senior Project Support Worker Tel: 01733 452655 sally.savage@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>
<p><b>Award of Contract - Heltwate School</b> To award the contract for refurbishment of the school</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</b></p>	<p>Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities</p>	<p>Internal departments as appropriate</p>	<p>Alison Chambers Asset Development Officer Tel: 01733 863975 alison.chambers@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>

**APRIL**

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO DECISIONS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG**

Communications  
Strategic Growth and Development Services  
Legal and Democratic Services  
Policy and Research  
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  
Performance and Programme Management  
Strategic Property  
Human Resources  
Customer Services

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

Families and Communities  
Commissioning and Performance  
Learning

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT Bridge House, Town Bridge, PE1 1HB**

Planning Services

Building Control Services

Cultural Services

Transport and Engineering Services

EMERGENCY PLANNING

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

CITY CENTRE SERVICES

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

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

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
<b>17 September 2009</b> (Papers to be despatched on 9 Sept)	<b>Review of Council Subsidised Bus Services</b> To scrutinise the proposed decision in relation to the review of Council subsidised bus services. <b>Contact Officer: Teresa Wood</b>	Recommendations made to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing & Community Development and Executive Director of Operations – response report to November meeting.
	<b>Review of the Biodiversity Strategy</b> To scrutinise and make recommendations on the revised Biodiversity Strategy. <b>Contact Officer: Brian Armstrong</b>	Recommendations made to the Cabinet and Executive Director of Operations – response report to November meeting.  To be considered again in February 2010.
	<b>Progress on Delivery of the LAA Priority and Work Programme</b> To scrutinise the progress of the delivery of the priority of creating the UK's environment capital. <b>Contact Officer: Trevor Gibson</b>	Further report in March 2010.
<b>12 November 2009</b> (Papers to be despatched on 4 Nov)	<b>Progress on the Environment Capital Portfolio (Councillor Matthew Lee)</b> To scrutinise the progress of the Environment Capital Portfolio. <b>Contact Officer: Louise Tyers</b>	Further report in March 2010.
	<b>Medium Term Financial Plan 2010/11 to 2014/15</b> To scrutinise the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2010/11 to 2014/15. <b>Contact Officer: John Harrison/Steven Pilsworth</b>	Further report in January 2010.
	<b>Progress on Delivery of the LAA Priority 2009/10</b> To scrutinise the progress of the delivery of the priority of creating the UK's environment capital. <b>Contact Officer: Trevor Gibson</b>	Further report in March 2010.

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
<b>6 January 2010</b>  (Papers to be despatched on 24 Dec)	<b>Scrutiny of the Budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan</b>  To scrutinise the Executive's proposals for the Budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan.  <b>Contact Officer: John Harrison/Steven Pilsworth</b>	
<b>14 January 2010</b>  (Papers to be despatched on 6 Jan)	<b>Scrutiny of the Budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan</b>  To scrutinise the Executive's proposals for the Budget 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Plan.  <b>Contact Officer: John Harrison/Steven Pilsworth</b>	
	<b>Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2010/11</b>  To scrutinise the proposed capital programme for the Local Transport Plan.  <b>Contact Officer: Michael Stevenson</b>	
<b>2 February 2010</b>  (Papers to be despatched on 25 Jan)	<b>The Big Debate – The Effects of the Economic Downturn</b>  To address the question 'How should Peterborough counter the effects of the economic downturn to ensure delivery of the sustainable transport elements of the Local Transport Plan?'  <b>Contact Officer: Louise Tyers</b>	
<b>15 February 2010</b>  (Papers to be despatched on 5 Feb)	<b>Christmas Park and Ride</b>  To scrutinise the provision of the Christmas Park and Ride for 2009.  <b>Contact Officer: Teresa Wood</b>	

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
	<p><b>Carbon Management Action Plan</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the Carbon Management Plan.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Teresa Wood</b></p>	
	<p><b>Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Phil Harker</b></p>	
	<p><b>Refresh of the Local Area Agreement</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the refreshed Local Area Agreement prior to its consideration by the Leader of the Council.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Jo Russell</b></p>	
	<p><b>Revised Biodiversity Strategy</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the revised Biodiversity Policy following comments made by the Cabinet in December 2009.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Brian Armstrong</b></p>	
<p><b>11 March 2010</b></p> <p>(Papers to be despatched on 3 March)</p>	<p><b>Progress on the Environment Capital Portfolio (Councillor Matthew Lee)</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the progress of the Environment Capital Portfolio.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Louise Tyers</b></p>	
	<p><b>Progress on Delivery of the LAA Priority 2009/10</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the progress of the delivery of the priority of creating the UK's environment capital.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Trevor Gibson</b></p>	



Meeting Date	Item	Progress
	<p><b>Cross City Bus Network and Other Travel Modes</b></p> <p>To consider the options for a cross city bus network following a Motion from Council in December 2009.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Teresa Wood</b></p>	
	<p><b>Preparations for the Floods and Water Management Bill</b></p> <p>To scrutinise 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><b>Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson</b></p>	

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**TO BE SCHEDULED**

- Integrated Ticketing on Bus Services
- The Balance Between Environmental Education and Enforcement (Follow up report from July 2009)

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