

## ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL

**THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2009**  
**7.00 PM**

**Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall**

### AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations**  
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Committee Members:

Councillors: P Kreling (Chairman), D Morley (Vice-Chairman), C Day, R Dobbs, J A Fox, N North and P Thacker

Substitutes: Councillors: C Ash and D Day

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2009 AT THE BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

**Present:** Councillors Kreling, North, Fox (JA), Morley, Thacker, Dobbs and Day (C)

**Also Present:** Councillors Peach and Fitzgerald

**Officers Present:** Paul Phillipson – Executive Director – Operations  
John Harrison – Executive Director – Strategic Resources  
Mike Heath – Commercial Services Director  
Karen Franklin – Head of Business Support – Operations  
Mark Speed - Transport Planning Team Manager  
Michael Stevenson - Project Engineer  
Martin Whelan – Democratic Services  
Amy Brown – Legal  
Paulina Ford – Scrutiny

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Whipping declarations**

There were no whipping declarations.

**4. Minutes from 6 November 2008 Environment Scrutiny Panel**

The minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008, were approved subject to removal of Cllrs Croft, Sandford and Thacker from the apologies.

**5. Budget 2009/10**

The panel received a report from the Executive Director – Strategic Resources on the budgets proposals for 2009/10-2011/12. The report covered;

1. The grant settlement and consequential “claw back”.
2. The pressures on the budget including the credit crunch.
3. Council Tax proposals at 2.5% and the rationale for adjusting the original projection.

The Panel made the following comments on the budget proposals;

1. Clarification was sought on the timing of the proposed reduction in the workforce. The Director confirmed that it was intended that the initial phase would be complete by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.
2. Clarification was sought on the nature of the work undertaken by the Pest Control Service, and the definition of “non statutory” services. The Executive Director – Operations confirmed that the only statutory service related to the management of stray dogs. The financial challenges of providing the service were outlined.

**6. Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works 2009/10**

The Committee received a report from representatives of Transport & Engineering regarding the proposed Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works 2009/10. The report covered the rationale for prioritising and selecting schemes; proposed schemes for 2009/10 and the funding arrangements.

The Panel made the following comments

1. The definition of “haunch” and “slurry seal” was requested. Officers advised that “haunch” related to rebuilding the sides of highways, and “slurry seal” was form of resurfacing.
2. Cllr Fox asked about the process for the construction and sighting for new lamp posts. Mark Speed agreed to provide details in writing.
3. Cllr Thacker sought clarification on the plans for Lincoln Road. Mark Speed agreed to provide details in writing.
4. Cllr Day sought clarification on the process of identifying accident “black spots” and whether there was any mechanism for capturing all accidents not just injuries/fatalities. The Executive Director – Operations confirmed that work was ongoing to provide this data, to allow resources to be deployed in a more effective manner.
5. Cllr Dobbs agreed to send detailed map of an area of concern on Whittlesey Road, Thorney.

## **7. Executive Decisions**

There were no comments raised on he Executive Decisions.

## **8. Forward Plan**

The nature of the Junction 8 signalisation project was confirmed to members in response to a question.

## **9. Feedback and Update Report**

The Panel received the Feedback and Update Report. The Executive Director – Operations provided an additional updated on the parking review

- Concerns of residents and members were raised on a range of issues including cost, access to spaces, commercial/over sized vehicles and availability of permits.
- The process for developing new schemes was outlined, and it was emphasised that they would only be progressed if the residents requested.
- Officers confirmed that not all schemes ran 24/7 and some provided restriction “windows”.

Members were advised that it was hoped to have the review completed and implemented by the end of February. Members also noted that the authority was also undertaking a wider review of enforcement activity.

## **10. Panel Agenda Plan**

The Panel noted the plan.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The Panel noted that the next meeting was on 5 March 2009.

The meeting began at 19.00 and ended at 20.04

CHAIRMAN

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<b>ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2009</b>	<b>Public Report</b>

## **Report of the Commercial Services Director**

**Report Author – David Denson, Head of Operations, City Services**  
**Contact Details - 425309**

### **PROVISION OF FORMAL PLAY AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the play area improvement programme and works completed since the last report on 15 February 2007.

#### **2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

2.1 Children’s play helps make the city a better place in which to learn and work and supports the agenda for learning and ensuring that children are safe. Play areas can create a vibrant local centre which is attractive and is expected to be visited by pedestrians from the local catchment area rather than individuals using private transport. The vision of the cities play strategy produced in March 2007 is

**“The health and well being of Peterborough’s children and young people will be improved by imaginative and dynamic play provision and management of spaces and opportunities for play”.**

2.2 The Peterborough Play Partnership was developed in 2007 to progress the outcomes and actions arising from the play strategy. The Play Partnership has recently aligned with the Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP) who will now chair the partnership.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The last report was completed following the city wide review of children’s play provision in 2003. The review was identified as being necessary for a number of reasons:

- Addressing levels of vandalism
- Introduction of European standards for play areas
- To prioritise where improvements are needed

3.2 In 2003 Peterborough was found to have an oversupply of play facilities in comparison with other similar Authorities. However, at that time, only 5% of play facilities met National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) minimum standards. At that time there were 330 designated play areas within Peterborough. It is fair to say that the arrangements in place at that time supported quantity over quality and many of the “doorstep” play areas were inadequate rather than safe. As a result of this Members agreed that the Council would consolidate its play area provision to create high quality neighbourhood facilities which provide safe but stimulating opportunities for children.

3.3 As of the date of this report Peterborough now has 180 designated play areas of which 70% met the NPFA minimum standard.

3.4 The play area improvement programme was identified as a corporate priority and was registered with the Programme and Project Management Team. Funding for these schemes is provided

through a number of sources; the main funding being from Section 106 developer contributions, Big Lottery Fund, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) Playbuilder initiative and the Council's capital resources.

3.5 In August 2008, the Council received confirmation that it had been awarded £1.1million funding from the DCSF Playbuilder programme. Over a three year period 22 new play areas will be developed, many on the sites of existing play spaces. The funding is to provide innovative and stimulating areas with equipment and landscaping which will deliver physically active play and be attractive to 8 to 13 year olds. Ensuring that the sites are attractive to girls as well as boys, to ethnic minorities and have good disabled access is essential.

3.6 Members have previously accepted the rationale for prioritising improvement works using the following criteria:

- Level and quality of provision in each Ward with NPFA standards
- Level of Risk Assessment for each site
- Play value of areas and comparison with recognised play standards
- Availability of resources

3.7 Improvement works to play areas carried out since January 2007 and those scheduled for completion by year include:

<b>Completed</b>	<b>Scheduled for Completion Before April 2010</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dell - Fletton</li> <li>• Oakdale Avenue - Stanground Central</li> <li>• Werrington Recreation Ground - Werrington South</li> <li>• Hodgson Avenue - Werrington North</li> <li>• Ambleside Gardens - Werrington South</li> <li>• William Law School Dual Use - Werrington North</li> <li>• Maxey Parish Field - Northborough</li> <li>• Northborough Parish Field - Northborough</li> <li>• Beckingham - Orton Longueville</li> <li>• Botolph Green - Orton Longueville</li> <li>• Oakleigh Drive - Orton Longueville</li> <li>• Longthorpe Memorial Hall - West</li> <li>• Watergall- Bretton North</li> <li>• Tirington - Bretton South</li> <li>• Quorn Close - Newborough</li> <li>• Cleve Place -Thorney and Eye</li> <li>• Little Close -Thorney and Eye</li> <li>• Thorney Park - Thorney and Eye</li> <li>• Crabtree - Paston</li> <li>• Morris/Wellington Street - East</li> <li>• Bishops Road - East</li> <li>• Henshaw, Parnwell - East</li> <li>• Saltersgate, Parnwell - East</li> <li>• Heron Park- Parnwell - East</li> <li>• Central Park - Park</li> <li>• Itter Park - Walton</li> <li>• Walton Recreation Ground - Walton</li> <li>• Stanley Recreation ground - Central</li> <li>• Hobsons Field - Central</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodfield Park - Dogsthorpe</li> <li>• Orton Wistow School Dual Use - Orton Waterville</li> <li>• Park Farm - Stanground East</li> <li>• Fletton Avenue Recreation Ground -Fletton</li> <li>• Ailsworth Recreation Ground - Glington and Wittering</li> <li>• Glington Recreation Ground - Glington and Wittering</li> <li>• Wittering Parish Field - Glington and Wittering</li> <li>• Drayton - Bretton North</li> <li>• Gladstone Park - Central</li> <li>• Hampton Court - Ravensthorpe</li> <li>• Cranford Drive - Ravensthorpe</li> <li>• Celta Road Recreation Ground - Fletton</li> <li>• Chapel Street - Stanground Central</li> <li>• Byron Close - Stanground Central</li> <li>• Plough Lane - Newborough</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gunthorpe Recreation Ground - Paston</li> <li>• Cerris Road - Dogsthorpe</li> <li>• Myrtle Avenue - Dogsthorpe</li> <li>• Sycamore Avenue - Dogsthorpe</li> <li>• Fulbridge Road - Dogsthorpe</li> <li>• Saxby Gardens - Dogsthorpe</li> <li>• Welland Road Recreation Ground - North</li> </ul>	
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### Provision for Older Children

3.8 Increasing numbers of facilities have been provided for older children; with a significant number of skate parks, wheeled sports areas and Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) developed across the city. The Council now has:

- 8 Skate Parks
- 2 BMX facilities
- 13 MUGAs

and the following table shows the facilities completed since January 2007 and those scheduled for completion by the year end:

Completed	Scheduled for Completion Before April 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulbridge Road Recreation Ground Multi Use Games Area – North</li> <li>• Hobsons Multi Use Games Area – Central</li> <li>• Manton, Multi Use Games Area - South Bretton</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential developments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alma Road multi-use games area - Park Ward</li> </ul>	<p><b>Big Lottery Fund Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New England Recreation Ground - Floodlighting existing multi-use games area- Central Ward</li> <li>• Fletton Recreation Ground - Floodlighting existing multi-use games area - Fletton</li> <li>• Walton Recreation Ground- Floodlit MUGA (Pending Planning approval) - Walton</li> <li>• North Bretton Skate Park- North Bretton</li> </ul> <p><b>Section 106 Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ailsworth Recreation Ground - MUGA and shelter (Pending Planning approval)</li> </ul>

3.9 Facilities for older children are particularly important as many young people feel that there are insufficient opportunities for them and do not necessarily like structured meeting arrangements such as youth clubs or formal organisations. As a result they tend to cluster in areas which have an attraction to them and this may involve shopping areas or other facilities. This grouping does create concerns particularly for elderly residents who may live in the area as a result of noise or perceptions of threat. By providing the MUGAs linked to youth shelters which are covered facilities that allow young people to congregate in inclement weather then some elements of the perception of nuisance are reduced.

3.10 In recent years increasing work has taken place to ensure that residential facilities that meet the Councils' specification are provided through new residential developments. Officers provide guidance to planning officers and/or developers to ensure that facilities are developed to meet the council's requirements and also to encourage council adoption of play areas. Officers have worked to enable the early adoption of play areas, at the point of practical completion, to ensure that situations where new play facilities are kept closed of by developers do not continue. In

2008 new play facilities have been adopted at Alma Road (Park), Cane Avenue (Fletton), Plough Lane (Newborough), Temples Court and Helpston (Barnack)

#### **4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The key issue for Members to consider is the on-going programme of improvements to existing play areas to ensure that all will reach the required Peterborough Play Strategy minimum standards in due course.
- 4.2 That subject to continued support from the Councils' capital programme, Big Lottery Fund, Section 106 funding and DCSF Playbuilder expand the number of facilities; play areas and wheeled sports facilities and MUGAs. Locations to be decided as indicated in Section 3 above and the Open Spaces Strategy as previously accepted by this Panel.
- 4.3 Inspection and maintenance of existing play areas will continue in accordance with the existing schedule of maintenance which has been set according to use and budget together with guidance from the Council's Insurance Section. The recent introduction of BS EN 14974 Facilities for users of roller sports equipment has required the authority to inspect all wheeled sports facilities on a daily basis, increasing budgetary pressures.
- 4.4 As stated above the Council has no skate parks. However, it should be noted that the facilities at Cleve Place, Eye, Werrington Sports Centre and the Horseshoe land (Orton Longueville) are all in need of major refurbishment. Officers are currently working with the local community, at Werrington, so as to encourage the grant application to be made. If successful we will replicate the approach at the other locations.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report does not have any specific financial or legal implications in respect of existing facilities as they are maintained within defined budget and inspection and maintenance is carried out by or under the supervision of employees qualified in this area.
- 5.2 New play areas and new MUGAs are funded from the sources as set out in paragraph 3.4 above.

#### **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Consultation with community groups, Parish Councils, Ward Members and other Departments is an important aspect of the improvement programme, ensuring that all interested parties are kept apprised of progress. Each new play area will be developed with community consultation, including involvement of young people as appropriate.

#### **7. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 7.1 The Scrutiny Panel will have evidence of significant improvements to the provision of children's play facilities, and services will continue to improve for the benefit of our residents and customers.

#### **8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1 Officers will continue with the programme of inspections, maintenance and installation of new facilities in accordance with the established principles. The next report will be produced in early 2011 unless a request is made to produce an update earlier.

#### **9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

Report to Community Well Being Policy Overview Committee dated 15 February 2007.

#### **10. APPENDICES**

<b>ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>5 MARCH 2009</b>	<b>Public Report</b>

## Report of the Director of Strategic Resources

Report Author – Paulina Ford, Performance Scrutiny and Research Officer  
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### EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify the Panel of the Executive Decisions which have been taken and which relate to the Panel's remit.

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

- 2.1 Links to the Corporate Plan, Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement are contained within the individual decisions notices.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

##### 3.1 Proposed Energy Park, Land off Storey's Bar Road, Peterborough

###### Decision

#### **CONSULTATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY ON AN APPLICATION UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989, PROPOSED ENERGY PARK, LAND OFF STOREYS BAR ROAD, PETERBOROUGH**

Peterborough City Council has been consulted by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), in relation to an application by Peterborough Renewable Energy Limited (PREL) concerning a proposed Energy Park on land at Storeys Bar Road, Peterborough.

The Council is not the determining authority for this application, but is a consultee. An application such as this under the Electricity Act 1989 is an executive function.

The report was submitted to Cabinet for decision following formal consultation on the proposal with councillors, the applicant and members of the public at an extraordinary meeting of the Council on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

#### **CABINET RESOLVED TO:**

Inform the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change that the City Council does not object to the application made by PREL for an Energy park at Storey's Bar Road subject to:

1. the matters set out in Appendix D (annex 1) to the report being satisfactorily resolved;
2. the conditions in Appendix E to the report being attached to any permissions granted
3. a Section 106 obligation being agreed as part of any permission granted;
4. an independent review being commissioned of the applicant's traffic study and proposed traffic mitigation measures in the light of the significant concerns expressed during consultation;
5. the Secretary of State be advised that the highway contribution sought by the city council as part of the S106 obligation as contained in Appendix F to the report is £2000 per vehicle trip proposed, irrespective of the type of vehicle; and

6. given the significant concerns expressed, that the council's Planning, Transport and Legal officers clarify and resolve any ambiguities in the language used in the conditions set out in Appendix E to the report before the council's view is submitted to the Secretary of State.

Peterborough City Council will work expeditiously with the applicant to resolve the issues at Appendix D, but requires the assurance of conditions being applied to any permission in order to be able to protect local residents' amenity and interests and to align with the city's proposed Environmental Capital status.

### **Reasons**

As Local Planning Authority, the recommendations are made in line with national, emerging regional, and adopted local planning policy. They also take into account the views expressed by the public at Council on 13 January 2009.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any specific implications are contained within the individual decision notices.

## **5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 5.1 The Panel is asked to consider the Executive Decisions which are relevant to the remit of the Panel and which have been made since the last meeting and if felt appropriate, to identify any decisions they may wish to examine in more detail.

## **6 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

Executive Decision notices from 17 December 2008.

# **PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN**

**1 MARCH 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2009**

**APPENDIX A**

## FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS – 1 MARCH 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2009

During the period from 1 March 2009 to 30 June 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, Governance Support 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:

- Older People's Accommodation Strategy
- Lady Lodge Arts Centre

## MARCH - KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p><b>Section 4/4 Input to Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) Review</b> To give advice to East of England Regional Assembly on proposed review of the Regional Spatial Strategy to 2031</p>	March 2009	Cabinet	External and key stakeholders including neighbouring local authorities, land agents and chamber of commerce	<p>Peter Heath-Brown Planning Policy Manager Tel: 01733 863796 <a href="mailto:peter.heath-brown@peterborough.gov.uk">peter.heath-brown@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made
<p><b>Older People's Accommodation Strategy</b> To agree the next phase of implementation of the Older People's Accommodation Strategy</p>	March 2009	Cabinet	Consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders as appropriate	<p>Denise Radley Director of Adult Social Services and Performance Tel: 01733 758444 <a href="mailto:denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk">denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made
<p><b>Food Waste Treatment</b> To consider and agree the preferred method of tendering for the treatment of food waste</p>	March 2009	Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Fitzgerald	Consultation will take place with the relevant stakeholders	<p>Jenny Line Project Manager – Waste Management Tel: 01733 453570 <a href="mailto:jenny.line@peterborough.gov.uk">jenny.line@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made
<p><b>Approval of the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2009/10</b> To approve the Capital Programme for 2009/10</p>	March 2009	Cabinet Member for the Environment, Councillor Fitzgerald	Consultation will be undertaken with the relevant internal stakeholders and the Environment Scrutiny Panel	<p>Michael Stevenson Project Engineer Tel: 01733 317473 <a href="mailto:michael.stevenson@peterborough.gov.uk">michael.stevenson@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made

<p><b>Peterborough Substance Misuse Treatment Plans</b>  Formal sign-off of both the Safer Peterborough Partnership Team Adult Treatment Plan and Children's Services Young People Treatment Plan which set out the strategic direction and commissioning intentions for local substance misuse services for the financial year 2009/2010.</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, Councillor Goldspink; Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, Councillor Lamb and Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Regeneration, Councillor Murphy</b></p>	<p>Consultation will take place with PCC Finance; Legal; Business Transformation; the relevant joint commissioning groups and the Peterborough Primary Care Trust</p>	<p>Nick Blake  Substance Misuse Service Delivery Lead  Tel: 01733 863880  <a href="mailto:nick.blake@peterborough.gov.uk">nick.blake@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made</p>
<p><b>Integrated Development Programme</b>  To set out priorities for infrastructure provision to facilitate growth and regeneration of the city.</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and Economic Development, Councillor Murphy</b></p>	<p>Relevant stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Shahin Ismail  Head of Delivery  Tel: 01733 2484  <a href="mailto:shahin.ismail@peterborough.gov.uk">shahin.ismail@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made</p>
<p><b>Refreshed Local Area Agreement (LAA)</b>  To sign off the refreshed LAA prior to its submission to the Government Office</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p><b>Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Human Resources, Councillor Peach</b></p>	<p>Relevant stakeholders and fora including Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Richard Astle  Director, Greater Peterborough Partnership  Tel: 01733 865042  <a href="mailto:richard@gpp-peterborough.org.uk">richard@gpp-peterborough.org.uk</a></p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made</p>
<p><b>Shared Services</b>  Memorandum of Agreement to deliver revenues and benefits with Luton Borough Council</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement, Councillor Scott</b></p>	<p>Internal stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>John Harrison  Executive Director – Strategic Resources  Tel: 01733 452398  <a href="mailto:john.harrison@peterborough.gov.uk">john.harrison@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made</p>



<p><b>Sale of Surplus Former Allotment Land at Westwood Grange (South of Atherstone Avenue and Portman Close, West of Grange Road and North of Mayors Walk, Peterborough)</b> To authorise the Chief Executive, Executive Director of Resources and Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement to negotiate and conclude the sale of this surplus Council asset based on best consideration principles.</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement, Councillor Scott</b></p>	<p>Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders including ward councillors</p>	<p>Andrew Edwards Head of Strategic Property Tel: 01733 384530 <a href="mailto:andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk">andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made</p>
<p><b>Transfer of Land for Construction of A1073 (Spalding to Eye link) road</b> The approval for the transfer of 18 hectares (44.4 acres) of agricultural land from the Peterborough Farms Estate (Strategic Property) to Peterborough Transportation for the construction of the A1073 (Spalding to Eye link) road. This transfer is expected without claim by the Farms Estate for compensation for the value of the land to be acquired by Highways or for diminution of value of the retained agricultural estate.</p>	<p>March 2009</p>	<p><b>Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement, Councillor Scott</b></p>	<p>Consultation has been undertaken with PCC Farm Estates, PCC Transportation and Lincolnshire County Council</p>	<p>David Farquhar Head of Environment, Transport and Engineering Tel: 01733 453500 <a href="mailto:david.farquhar@peterborough.gov.uk">david.farquhar@peterborough.gov.uk</a></p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made</p>

## APRIL - KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<b>ICT MANAGED SERVICE</b> To select a partner to deliver ICT services to the Council	April 2009	<b>Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement, Councillor Scott</b>	Internal stakeholders as appropriate: ICT staff; HR; Finance; Legal Services; Departmental Representatives	Elaine Alexander Programme Manager – Business Transformation Tel: 01733 317984 <a href="mailto:elaine.alexander@peterborough.gov.uk">elaine.alexander@peterborough.gov.uk</a>	Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made
<b>Midland Highway Alliance - Junction 8 Parkway Signalisation Project</b> To appoint a contractor for the project	April 2009	<b>Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement, Councillor Scott</b>	Internal stakeholders as appropriate	Chris Berry Business Transformation team Tel. 07976 619906 <a href="mailto:christopher.berry@peterborough.gov.uk">christopher.berry@peterborough.gov.uk</a>	Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made

## MAY - KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
Lady Lodge Arts Centre Options for the future use of the Lady Lodge Arts Centre site	May 2009	Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Business Improvement, Councillor Scott	Consultation will be carried out with relevant ward councillors	Andrew Edwards Head of Strategic Property Tel: 01733 384530 <a href="mailto:andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk">andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</a>	Public report will be available from the Governance Support Officer one week before the decision is made

## JUNE - KEY DECISIONS

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
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There are currently no key decisions scheduled for June.

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## **Report of the Director of Strategic Resources**

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### **FORWARD PLAN – 1 MARCH 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2009**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

For the Panel to note the latest version of the Forward Plan; agree any areas for inclusion within the Panel's work programme and submit any observations concerning the Plan to the Executive.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

This is a regular report to the Environment Scrutiny Panel, outlining the content of the Council's Forward Plan.

#### **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 The latest version of the Forward Plan is attached at Appendix A. 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 Panel may wish to include some of the items highlighted on the Plan onto their future work programme or to request additional information from the Executive before a decision is made. Any comments about the format of the Plan would also be welcomed.
- 3.3 In accordance with the Council's Executive procedure rules, the Cabinet or Cabinet Member will not make any key decision until at least five clear days after the receipt of the report relating to that decision. The Group representatives of the Scrutiny Committee are sent a copy of these reports at the same time as the Cabinet Member and any comments can be passed onto the Member before a decision is made.

#### **4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- 4.1 That the Panel notes the latest version of the Forward Plan; agrees any areas for inclusion within the Panel's work programme and submits any observations concerning the Plan to the Executive.

#### **5. NEXT STEPS**

- 5.1 Areas agreed by the Panel to be included in the work programme and observations submitted to the Executive.

#### **6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

Peterborough City Council's Forward Plan for 1 March 2009 to 30 June 2009

#### **7. APPENDICES**

Appendix A Forward Plan 1 March 2009 to 30 June 2009

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<p><b>5 March 2009</b> Draft reports due 17 February Final reports due 24 February</p>	<p><b>Play Area Improvement Programme</b> Panel to consider and make recommendations on the programme for the coming year. <b>Contact Officer: David Denson</b></p> <p><b>Waste 2020 Programme</b> To consider proposals for the development and consultation of the waste 2020 programme. <b>Contact Officer: Mike Brown / Paul Pace</b></p>	<p>Director of City Services</p> <p>Officer</p>	<p>General Scrutiny Issue</p> <p>Policy Development</p>	<p>To monitor progress on the Council's priority of plan and deliver a safe, attractive and environmentally friendly city</p> <p>To initiate, develop and review relevant policies</p>	<p>Recommendations from the Panel to be considered and fed into the Programme.</p> <p>Comments to Officers</p>
<p><b>16 April 2009</b> Draft reports due 27 March Final reports due 3 April</p>	<p><b>Customer Satisfaction – Street Cleansing</b> To consider the results of the Customer Satisfaction Survey on Street Cleansing <b>Contact Officer: David Denson</b></p> <p><b>Long Term Transport Strategy</b> To consider and comment on the future infrastructure of the Long Term Transport Strategy. <b>Contact Officer: David Farquhar</b></p>	<p>Officer</p> <p>Officer</p>	<p>Performance Management</p> <p>Policy Development</p>	<p>To monitor progress on the Council's priority of plan and deliver a safe, attractive and environmentally friendly city.</p> <p>To initiate, develop and review relevant policies and advise the Executive about the proposed Policy Framework</p>	<p>Comments to Officers</p> <p>Recommendations to the Executive</p>

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	<p><b>Climate Change Strategy</b></p> <p>To consider and comment on the Climate Change Strategy</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Charlotte Palmer</b></p>	Officer	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies	Comments to Officers
	<p><b>Concessionary Bus Fares</b></p> <p>To consider and comment on a report on the concessionary fare scheme and to receive information when available on the possibility of offering reduced fares for concessionary scheme passengers between 9.00am and 9.30</p> <p><b>Contact Officer: Teresa Wood</b></p>	Panel	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies	Comments to Officers



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**STILL TO BE SCHEDULED INTO THE WORK PROGRAMME**

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<b>Environment Items (P Phillipson)</b>					
<b>Response to adverse weather conditions</b>  To consider and comment on the Councils response to the adverse weather conditions this winter  <b>Contact officer: Paul Phillipson / Mike Heath</b>	July	Cllr Sandford	General Scrutiny Issue	To review any issue that the Panel considers appropriate	Comments to Officers
<b>Review of Car Parking Services (to include feasibility report on 'pay on foot' and Special events parking Policy but not fees and charges)</b>  <b>Contact officer: Paul Phillipson</b>	T.B.A.	Officer	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies	Comments to Officers
<b>Food Law Enforcement Service Plan</b>  <b>Contact officer: Peter Gell</b>	April 2009 T.B.C.	Officer	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies and advise the Executive about the proposed Policy Framework.	Recommendations to the Executive
<b>Health and Safety Law Enforcement Plan</b>  <b>Contact officer: Peter Gell</b>	April 2009 T.B.C.	Officer	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies and advise the Executive about the proposed Policy Framework.	Recommendations to the Executive
<b>Highway Asset Management Plan</b>	June 2009	Officer	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies	Comments to Officers

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<b>Contact Officer: Andy Tatt</b> <b>Bio-Diversity Strategy</b>		Officer	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies and advise the Executive about the proposed Policy Framework.	Recommendations to the Executive
<b>Contact Officer: Brian Armstrong</b> <b>Supplementary Planning Policies</b>	T.B.A.	Officer	Policy Development	To initiate, develop and review relevant policies	Comments to Officers
<b>Contact Officer: Barry Fagg</b> <b>City Services Items (Mike Heath)</b>					
<b>Customer Satisfaction – Waste and Recycling Collection</b> <b>Contact Officer: David Denson</b>	June 2009	Mike Heath	General Scrutiny Issue	To review any issue that the Panel considers appropriate	

**Type of Scrutiny Activity Categories:**

- Holding to Account
- Performance Management
- Policy Development
- Scrutiny of External Organisations
- Scrutiny Review
- General Scrutiny Issue
- Member Training

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### RELEVANT ITEMS FROM MAJOR POLICY FRAMEWORK

#### Plans included under statutory guidance

- (a) Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy (includes community safety strategies and programmes including CCTV and emergency planning, in line with Home Office/other Government guidelines)
- (b) Local Transport Plan
- (c) Food Law Enforcement Service Plan
- (d) Plans and strategies which together comprise the Development Plan (including the waste Local Plan, Peterborough Development Plan and Structure Plan)

#### Plans included by local choice

- (a) Environmental Strategy
- (b) Corporate Environmental Policy Statement
- (c) Energy Policy
- (d) Trees and Woodlands Strategy
- (e) Waste Management Strategy
- (f) Health & Safety Law Enforcement Plan
- (g) Strategic land use and transport planning issues
- (h)** Environmental Policy

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