

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2010
7.00 PM**

Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall

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Committee Members:

Councillors: M Todd (Chairman), S Day (Vice-Chairman), M Collins, M Fletcher, G Simons, J R Fox and S Goldspink

Substitutes: Councillors: D Over, B Saltmarsh and G Murphy

Co-opted member when Committee Acting as Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee:
Ansar Ali – Police Authority Representative

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE
BOURGES & VIERSEN ROOMS, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

18 MARCH 2010

Present: Councillors Todd (Chairman), Day, Collins, Kreling and JR Fox

Co-Opted Member: Ansar Ali – Cambridgeshire Police Authority

Also present: Councillor Sandford Representing the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group
Councillor Lee Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture
Councillor Goodwin Chair Neighbourhood Councils, South 1 & 2
Councillor Lowndes Chair Neighbourhood Councils Central & East 1 & 2
Chief Inspector Kevin Vanterpool Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Shelagh Smith Chair, Shadow Trust Board
Councillor Benton Cabinet Adviser for Neighbourhoods, Housing & Community Development

Officers in Attendance: Paul Phillipson Executive Director - Operations
Kevin Tighe Head of Cultural Services
Vicky Palazon Financial Services Manager
Adrian Chapman Head of Neighbourhood Services
Christine Graham Safer Peterborough Partnership Manager
Julie Rivett Neighbourhoods and Empowerment Manager
Sean Evans Senior Housing Options Officer
Sarah Hebblethwaite Rough Sleeper Outreach Officer
Helen Edwards Solicitor to the Council
Paulina Ford Performance Scrutiny and Research Officer

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Fletcher and Goldspink.

2. Declarations

Councillor Collins declared a personal interest in item 7 in that he worked for Cambridgeshire Constabulary and was involved in training staff on the Policing Pledge. He advised the Committee that he had consulted with the Solicitor to the Council prior to the meeting and was advised that this would not exclude him from discussion on this agenda item.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2010

The minutes of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 21 January 2010 were approved as an accurate record.

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

There were no requests for Call-in to consider.

5. Cultural and Leisure Trust

The Head of Cultural Services introduced the report and draft business plan which set out why and how a Culture and Leisure Trust would be able to offer better cultural and leisure services to the people of Peterborough. A Shadow Trust Board had been formed which had six members on it. The impact on the pension rights of staff transferring over to the Trust had been looked into and was addressed in the report. The report also included the financial implications of a Trust. The Head of Cultural Services went through the draft business plan highlighting:

- What the vision and strategy for the Peterborough Culture and Leisure Trust would be
- What the Trust would deliver in the first 18 months.
- The values of the trustees, staff and volunteers
- The four main areas of work: Arts, Heritage, Libraries & Archives and Sports
- The strategic governance structure
- The staffing structure – the current staff would move into the Trust under the Transfer of Undertaking Protection of Employment Regulations (TUPE)
- How the Trust would invest their finances
- That indicative funding that would be sought from the Council
- How the Trust would work in partnership with the Council
- How performance would be measured

There were currently over 120 Culture and Leisure trusts in England, of which the most successful had a good partnership relationship with the Local Authority. 40% of Leisure facilities in England were currently delivered by Culture and Leisure Trusts.

The Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Culture addressed the Committee stating that moving to a Trust would make the services offered more agile, more responsive and less bureaucratic. Shelagh Smith, Chair of the Shadow Trust, spoke to the Committee stating that culture was at the heart of any City and the Trust would provide a great opportunity to enhance what was already being provided. The Trust wanted to achieve good quality heritage, culture and sporting events and achieve a bigger offer with more variety and good quality services. The team of people acting as the Trustees combined commercial expertise and acumen which would be much more customer focussed. They were keen to make sure people were welcomed and enjoyed what was on offer. There would be challenging events and experiences in the future.. The Trust would be registered as a charity and would be able to lever funds and resources that the Council could not.

Observations and Questions:

- Members asked if the Trust would be able to work independently without pressure from outside. The Head of Cultural Services explained that it was important that the Trust worked independently but also worked closely in partnership with the Council. There would be financial pressures in the future and that was where the financial acumen of the Trust would be important so that the right decisions were made.
- Members wanted to know how confident the Trust would be at achieving the savings of £200K per year. The Head of Cultural Services advised Members that the efficiencies were about making more money and spending it more wisely. It also showed that investing in the capital programme, which included new gym facilities, would bring in more income by increasing the level of gym memberships. Through this and other efficiencies there was confidence that the savings would be achieved.

- Members asked what the main risks were from the Council's point of view in outsourcing to the Trust. The Head of Cultural Services told Members that the main risk was if the Trust got it wrong but expertise had been drawn from expert advisers and financial advisers to make sure the Trust did not get it wrong. The Council would in effect be transferring some of the risk to the Trust.
- Members asked what would happen if the Trust failed? The Head of Cultural Services responded that the existing staff were very competent and more expertise and financial acumen would be added to make sure it worked.
- Members noted that whilst visits to libraries across the country were generally on the decline the proposed business plans showed that there would be an upward trend in the use of libraries in Peterborough. How did the Trust hope this would be achieved? The Head of Cultural Services said that a new development team had been created to create new opportunities e.g. more story times, book challenges, bringing books to life, micro libraries.
- Members wanted to know if the reason for transferring to a Trust was due to the economic recession and a cost saving exercise. Councillor Lee advised that the administration believed that a Trust was in the best interests of the City. The government had asked for efficiencies to be made and regardless of whether a Trust was formed or not efficiencies would still have to be made. Things needed to be done differently in the City to make it more vibrant.
- Members asked if a consultation exercise had taken place with members of the public. The Head of Cultural Services advised that all of the groups and societies that used the Council's buildings had been written to explaining what the proposals were. They had been invited to contact the Council if they wanted a further presentation on the proposals. Some organisations had made contact and the Head of Cultural Services had visited some groups including Heritage World and the Civic Society.
- Members asked what guarantees were in place that there would be no high increases in charges. Councillor Lee advised that the Council would hold the Trust to account on this. There would be price rises but not enough to price them out of the market.
- Members asked what consultation had taken place with members of the public who used the libraries. Councillor Lee advised that he had spoken to and answered dozens of letters from members of the public. What customers of the library service really cared about was the look and feel of the building, the environment, the staff, the books and titles available and investment in new technologies and these were areas where the Trust would continue to invest
- Members asked how many of the local authorities that had established Trusts had included library services. The Head of Cultural Services did not have the information available but would provide it outside of the meeting.
- Members felt that some of the cultural services could be seen to be exclusive rather than inclusive. There were many communities across the City where take up was very low and would this be addressed under the Trust? The Chair of the Shadow Trust Board advised that the Trust would welcome all sectors of the community to get involved but it was acknowledged that there was a lot of work that needed to be done to listen and talk to these communities. Peterborough had a very rich cultural society and the Trust needed to capture and share this and the culture and arts agenda would be a key way to facilitate this. The business plan stated that it would maximise hard to reach groups and this would be measured through a new management information system.
- Members asked if the Committee would receive regular reports from the Trust especially financial ones. The Head of Cultural Services advised that they would.
- Members asked what mechanisms would be in place to remove people from the Trust if it was felt that they were not acting in the Trust's best interests. The Chair of the Shadow Trust Board advised that to remove a Director it would require a motion supported by 50% of the other members of the Trust. Whilst the Trust would be required to have a level of independence, two representatives from the Council would eventually sit on the Board.

- Members wanted to know if this Committee could hold the Trust to account if they felt that something was happening which was not right. The Chair of the Shadow Trust Board advised the Committee that they had a contract with the Council and if the Trust did not perform then the contract could be cancelled. This was a way of keeping control and ensuring that the services were delivered to the benefit of the city.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet is advised of the Committee's endorsement for the creation of a Culture and Leisure Trust and that the following comments should be taken into consideration:

- I. That the Trust engages with representatives of all communities across the Authority to ensure that their interests are represented in the delivery of cultural and leisure activities across the City.
- II. That a close working relationship with Peterborough City Council will be maintained.
- III. That the Trust will report back to Scrutiny after a period of nine months from the date of its formation to advise on the progress of the Trust including financial implications.

ACTIONS

The Head of Cultural Services to advise the Committee of how many local authorities that had a Cultural and Leisure Trust had library services included in the Trust.

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6. Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2010-2011

The Safer Peterborough Partnership Manager introduced a report on the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan and explained that it was the statutory responsibility of the Safer Peterborough Partnership to produce a plan on an annual basis. The process that had been taken to arrive at this plan was that a comprehensive strategic assessment had been undertaken which painted a picture of what Peterborough was like. There would be a user friendlier version of the Plan available for the public which would draw out the highlights and priorities for the year.

Observations and Questions:

- Members noted that the performance indicator for Serious Acquisitive Crime was still not near target and wanted to know what action was being taken to improve this. The Officer advised that the performance data would be updated at the end of the financial year and that Serious Acquisitive Crime (NI 16) was currently showing as green. There were still some elements of Serious Acquisitive Crime which were causing some concern such as burglary and robbery, however there had been an improvement and Operation Alert had made a difference. In the last month a new group had been formed called the Safer Peterborough Partnership Tactical Action Group which met on a fortnightly basis. This group brought all of the partners together to look in detail at all of the nominal's and look at how partners could work together in gathering intelligence to bring individuals to justice.
- Members asked what was being done about the high amount of arson cases. The Officer advised that the latest figures had showed a reduction in the number of arson cases. There was an arson investigation unit which looked at new ways of tackling arson and would focus on the people responsible and not just the victim and location. There would be CCTV cameras in fire appliances as it was not unusual for arsonists to stay around the scene of the incidents. Intelligence allowed resources to be put in to the areas where the hot spots were.

- Members asked if extra resources had been put into the most vulnerable neighbourhoods in the city. The Officer responded that resources were targeted at the areas where the need was greatest.
- Members wanted to know what other evidence could be provided to assure them that resources were being used in Central Ward? The Officer advised that Central Ward also covered the City Centre and night time economy. Extra resources were being put into this through initiatives like neighbourhood management.
- Members asked if there was a way of differentiating in public documents that there was a residential and a City Centre area under Central Ward. The Officer suggested that a statement in brackets saying that it includes the City Centre could be put next to Central Ward.

ACTION AGREED:

The Committee:

- (i) Endorsed the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2010-11; and
- (ii) Recommended the approval of the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan to Cabinet.

7. Policing Pledge

Councillor Todd welcomed Chief Inspector Kevin Vanterpool from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary to the meeting. Chief Inspector Vanterpool was the lead officer responsible for the implementation of the Policing Pledge in Cambridgeshire and he advised that the Pledge was now fully implemented and embedded. An HM Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) inspection report last year had rated the Constabulary as fair in implementing the Pledge. There had since been a re-inspection and whilst the overall grading remained the same some areas had now improved to a rating of good. A Pledge Delivery Group had been formed and had developed the Building Confidence Delivery Plan and Pledge Score Card which showed how the Force was doing and where they needed to improve. The Pledge Delivery Group was tackling each of the areas for improvement within the HMIC plan and also focused on the work in progress in identifying 33 deliverables, with responsible leads, across the Constabulary. The Pledge was about a culture and the way of doing business. During training staff had been made to understand what the Pledge meant to them and that it was core to policing. CI Vanterpool said if there was one request that he could make it would be to have greater representation of elected members at neighbourhood panel meetings.

Observations and Questions:

- Councillor Goodwin commented that most problems happened at the weekend in Orton Longueville and whilst there was an excellent response from the police there was an absence of police in the area on Mondays and Tuesdays. CI Vanterpool responded that a survey had recently been completed of when police were most likely to be needed and that there would be a change in shift patterns to address these issues.
- Members felt that most officers seemed to get sent into the City Centre at the weekends. CI Vanterpool responded that the City Centre accounted for 20% of violent crime and was the busiest place at weekends; therefore it meant that staff were deployed there from other areas according to the needs of the City Centre night time economy.
- Members asked if the police visited all victims of burglary. CI Vanterpool advised that every single victim of a house burglary would receive a home visit.
- Members commented that they had concerns that the Government may have given the police service an impossible task to achieve. The police service needed more man power available to achieve the targets of police being out and visible in neighbourhoods. Complaints from residents were that they did not see their local officer. CI Vanterpool responded that it would always be a challenge to meet the targets as Cambridgeshire was significantly under resourced, however he was confident that they were being met

across the board. There were many Police Community Support Officers who supported the local police officers to achieve the visibility in local neighbourhoods. More admin staff was being employed so that the police spent less time having to do the admin tasks and more time in the community.

- Members wanted to know how the police were proposing to tackle low level anti social behaviour. CI Vanterpool advised Members that the priority would always be the most vulnerable victims of anti social behaviour. Resources had been allocated to co-ordinate police activity with the anti social behaviour team and this had already increased the number of anti social behaviour contracts. All officers were fully trained and equipped to deal with anti social behaviour.
- Members commented that the rate of attendance of police at councillors' surgeries was about 25% and they would like to see higher attendance. CI Vanterpool said that he would endeavour to make sure that if invited the police would attend surgeries unless they were called away on police business.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that the Cabinet continue to lobby Government for additional resources for the Police Authority on a national basis.

8. Portfolio Progress Report

The Head of Neighbourhood Services gave apologies on behalf of the portfolio holders for Environment Capital and Culture; Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development; and Regional and Business Engagement and presented the report on their behalf. He reminded the Committee of the focus of each portfolio holder and referred to the report update.

Observations and Questions:

- Members expressed their disappointment that there were still significantly large retail premises lying empty in the City Centre. The Officer would take this comment back to the relevant portfolio holder and provide an update on the situation to the Committee outside of the meeting.
- Councillor Sandford expressed his disappointment at the non attendance of the three portfolio holder Cabinet Members.
- Councillor Sandford advised that he had heard rumours that some of the trees in Bridge Street were to be removed and wanted confirmation if this was true. The Officer advised that the plan for Cathedral Square was to plant new trees onto one side of the Square but he did not know about the removal of any trees in Bridge Street. He would find out the position and report back to the Committee.
- Members wanted clarification that the new seats in Cathedral Square were made of timber from certified sustainable sources. The Officer would seek clarification and report back to the Committee.
- Members wanted to see more diverse representation at Neighbourhood Council meetings and wanted to know what was being done to try and achieve this. Councillor Benton, Cabinet Adviser for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development advised that there was a lot of work being done via New Link and the Cohesion Board to encourage people to attend the Neighbourhood Councils. Members wanted to see some kind of performance measure in place to measure this.
- Members wanted to know how the performance of the Destination Centre was being measured. The Officer advised that income and foot fall was being measured and this had shown to be increasing and he would provide the relevant statistics to the Committee.

ACTIONS AGREED

1. The Head of Neighbourhood Services to provide the Committee with a briefing note to update them on the following information:
 - I. What action is being taken to find new tenants for the vacant retail premises within the City Centre?
 - II. Details of whether any trees are to be removed from Bridge Street and the reason why.
 - III. Statistics showing footfall and income for the Destination Centre since its opening in November 2009.
2. The Head of Neighbourhood Services to look at pro active ways of encouraging a more diverse attendance at Neighbourhood Council meetings and how this could be measured.

9. Neighbourhood Councils Progress Report

The Head of Neighbourhood Services introduced the report, along with the Neighbourhoods and Empowerment Manager; Councillor Goodwin, Chair of Neighbourhood Councils, South 1 & 2 and Councillor Lowndes, Chair of Neighbourhood Councils Central and East 1 & 2.

The Neighbourhoods and Empowerment Manager advised the Committee that two full rounds of meetings had now been completed and that a third round was in progress. The Neighbourhood Council meetings had been well received but there was ongoing consultation as to how they could be improved. Suggestions that had been made included:

- Neighbourhood Council meetings needed to be more dynamic, informative, interactive and relevant
- Agendas should focus on feedback from previous meetings and open debate sessions and discussion
- There should be visually impactful content using mapping and photographs
- There should be time before the meeting set aside to display items of public interest
- There should be some targeted marketing work to boost public attendance, including highlighting the differences between the roles and responsibilities of Neighbourhood Councils, Neighbourhood Panels and Parish Councils
- Agendas, Minutes and associated paperwork should have less jargon and be more accessible
- The Neighbourhood Council meetings should be less officer and more Member led

Observations and Questions:

- Members asked if there was a possibility of running the Neighbourhood Council and Neighbourhood Panel meetings together or back to back as there were often similar issues discussed at both. The Neighbourhoods and Empowerment Manager advised that the Council and Panels were designed to run six weeks apart to work in partnership with each other and that the current length of the meetings would make back to back meetings lengthy and difficult to manage.
- Members congratulated the Neighbourhood Management Team on the success of the Neighbourhood Council meetings so far and the numbers attending them. A £25K budget had been allocated to each of the Neighbourhood Councils but Members noted that this funding would not be unlocked until the Community Action Plans were in place. When was this going to happen? The Neighbourhoods and Empowerment Manager advised that no decisions had yet been made and noted their concerns.
- Members advised that the Successful Community Planning meeting had been held during the day and therefore no Councillors were able to attend. The Neighbourhoods and

Empowerment Manager advised that the meeting was only the start of process and Councillors and other people would be involved throughout the process.

- Members commented that in some areas there was confusion as to the role of the Neighbourhood Council, Neighbourhood Panel and Parish Council.
- Councillor Goodwin advised that in the short time the Neighbourhood Councils had been running she felt that they had gone exceptionally well and people were much more positive.

ACTIONS AGREED

The Neighbourhoods and Empowerment Manager to note the comments made by the Committee and to feed them into the process for the ongoing development of the Neighbourhood Councils.

10. Homelessness Prevention Action Plan 2008-2011

The Senior Housing Options Officer and the Rough Sleeper Outreach Officer introduced the report highlighting the key issues around the following areas:

- Repossessions
- Private rented sector
- Rough sleeping
- Choice based lettings

The credit crunch was having far reaching implications, some of which had not yet been fully realised. Housing Options had seen a 72% increase in people seeking advice regarding mortgage arrears and a 59% increase in relationship breakdowns resulting in the threat of homelessness. The mortgage rescue scheme had been introduced in January 2009 in response to rising mortgage repossessions and the associated increased risk of homelessness. The scheme was a specific targeted homelessness prevention tool for vulnerable households. There had been high numbers of A8/A2 Nationals rough sleeping in the city. The A8 countries included Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland and Slovenia; and the A2 countries included Romania and Bulgaria. Peterborough was considered to be a hot spot for rough sleepers.

Observations and Questions:

- Members advised that 15 individuals had been seen living in the Potters Way flood plains and wanted to know what was being done to stop this. The Officer advised that they were aware of this and that assertive outreach continued. They were also working with the Department of Communities and Local Government and the UK Border Agency on a National Relocation Pilot (NRP) project to try and resolve that type of issue. The NRP offered the client group (A8/A2 Nationals) reconnection to their country of origin, or assistance with obtaining identification documents to enable them to seek employment. The project had carried out 56 assessments, of which 23 wished to be reconnected with their country of origin. 18 had been successfully reconnected and 24 had been issued with documents to enable them to seek employment.
- The Executive Director of Operations advised that he had visited all of the homeless sites and there were many people making lifestyle choices who did not want to work or were drinking and taking drugs. The Rough Sleeper Outreach Officer was working hard to get the homeless on the workers registration scheme and agencies had been providing replacement clothes to people who did not take care of their own possessions. If people had been in the country for more than three months and had not worked they would be sent back to their home country. A robust stance was being taken with people who did not want to help themselves.

- A Member asked what help was being given to people with mental health problems. The Officer advised that she was working with a doctor who conducted mental health assessments.

ACTIONS AGREED

The Committee noted the report and the excellent work being done throughout the City by the Housing Options Team.

10. Local Area Agreement Performance Report 2009/10 – Quarter 3

The Head of Neighbourhood Services presented the Quarter 3 progress report on the Local Area Agreement priority Creating Strong and Supportive Communities. The priority had four outcomes:

- Making Peterborough Safer
- Building Community Cohesion
- Empowering Local Communities
- Building Pride in Peterborough

Overall performance of the priority had remained similar to that of Quarter 2 performance and was showing a rating of amber.

ACTIONS AGREED

The Head of Neighbourhood Services to bring to the next meeting the end of year performance data for the Creating Strong and Supportive Communities priority.

12. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Committee received the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan, containing key decisions that the Leader of the Council anticipated the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during the course of the following four months. Members were invited to comment on the Plan and, where appropriate, identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's work programme.

ACTION AGREED

The Committee noted the Forward Plan and agreed that there were no items to bring to the Committee.

The meeting began at 7.00 and ended at 9.45pm

CHAIRMAN

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT THE BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM - TOWN HALL
ON 6 APRIL 2010**

Present: Councillors M Todd (Chairman), S Day (Vice-Chairman), M Collins,
M Fletcher, JR Fox, S Goldspink and P Kreling

Officers Present: Helen Edwards, Solicitor to the Council
Louise Tyers, Scrutiny Manager

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Samantha Dalton.

2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations

Councillor JR Fox declared a personal interest as his name had originally been put forward as a nomination to the vacancy on the Nene Park Trust.

3. Request for Call In of an Executive Decision: Nene Park Trust - Appointment of Council Representative

On 19 March 2010, the Leader made and published an executive decision relating to the Nene Park Trust – Appointment of Council Representative. On 24 March 2010, Councillors Goldspink and Sandford submitted a request to call-in this decision on the following grounds:

- (i) The decision did not follow the principles of good decision making as set out in Article 12 of the Council's Constitution, specifically that the decision maker did not:
 - (a) Realistically consider all alternatives and, where reasonably possible, consider the views of the public; and
 - (b) Follow procedures correctly and be fair.

In support of the request Councillor Goldspink made the following points:

- The procedures had not been followed correctly.
- Alternative options had not been considered.
- The Leader had proposed Councillor S Dalton and then approved her appointment.
- The request for call-in was not about the suitability of Councillor Dalton.
- The procedure used in this appointment was a violation of the Constitution and against the principles of English law.
- The Leader did not speak to Councillor Murphy about what he could bring to the position.
- The Nene Park Trust wanted the appointment of someone who was interested in the work of the Trust.
- There was already a Conservative appointment on the Trust.
- Since 2002, the two appointments had always been one Conservative and one from an opposition group. What message did it send to the public to now appoint two Conservatives?

In response to the request, the Solicitor to the Council made the following comments:

- A different process was used to make appointments outside of the annual review, where the views of the group secretaries may be sought. This did not stop the group leaders making nominations.
- Views on the vacancy were sought and other nominations had been received and considered.
- In a political environment the principle of not judging your own case does not quite work as the Leader was delegated to make the decision.

The following comments and observations were made:

- The appointment if made now would only last about a month before it could all change during the annual review of appointments.
- There was a third place on the Trust to which an officer had been appointed. *Councillor Goldspink advised that it was through custom and practice that that post was allocated to an officer however it had not been confirmed through the annual process.*
- Had the Nene Park Trust given any guidance on the appointment, for example, someone independent from the Administration? *There was no requirement for independence.*
- As the annual review process would happen in around six weeks, a way forward could be to leave the appointment vacant at this time and deal with it as part of the annual review.

It was proposed by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor JR Fox that the decision was called in and referred back to the Leader with a recommendation that the position was kept vacant and dealt with as part of the annual review of appointments to outside bodies in May 2010.

On being put to the vote there were 7 votes for and 0 against.

RESOLVED to call in the decision and refer it back to the Leader with the recommendation that the position is kept vacant and dealt with as part of the annual review of appointments to outside bodies.

CHAIRMAN
6.30 - 6.55 pm

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 5
16 JUNE 2010	Public Report

Report of the Executive Director of Operations

Contact Officer(s) – Katy Softley
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DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES ORDER (DPPO)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 A member of public has requested that we consider a Designated Public Places Order (DPPO) to tackle anti social drinking in the Fletton Ward, specifically the area around the Recreation Ground in Woodston, as shown on the attached map and listed streets. The DPPO would mean that to consume alcohol in public when asked to stop by a police officer would become an offence.
- 1.2 The process requires authorisation from Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning to instigate full consultation prior to reports to Scrutiny Committee and then Full Council for decision. This report is presented here as part of this process.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Scrutiny recommends to Full Council that the DPPO is adopted.

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

- 3.1 Anti social behaviour is a priority in the Safer Peterborough Partnership plan. The report helps to achieve NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour which is an LAA priority. It also helps to achieve the following National Indicators: NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and the police, NI 27 Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police and NI 41 Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 There have been issues with anti social behaviour which are occurring at the Recreation Ground and the surrounding streets which is affecting the quality of life of residents living in the area, particularly, but not exclusively, in the summer months. Complaints centre on groups of rowdy people, swearing, urinating, fighting and littering. The DPPO will assist in tackling this anti social behaviour however it is recognised that this needs to be used alongside other measures to resolve the issues as effectively as possible.

5. THE EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM

- 5.1 Following Cabinet Member approval to instigate the process, we have collected statistical information from the Police about anti social behaviour and alcohol related incidents.

Between 1st March 2008 – 28th February 2010:

There were an average of 13 incidents per month occurring in the area of the Recreation Ground, with complaints peaking in July and August, demonstrating some seasonality in incident levels.

The streets which directly overlook the Recreation Ground are Grove Street, Grove Court and Symmington Close. Much of Queens Walk is protected from the Recreation Ground by a band of trees. In this particular part of the proposed area, there were 23 incidents of alcohol related anti social behaviour reported to the police in the designated time frame.

6. DESIGNATION ORDERS

- 6.1 Sections 12-16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 provide local authorities with an adoptive power to restrict anti social public drinking in designated public places and provide the police with powers to enforce the restriction. These powers replaced the Alcohol Ban Byelaws.
- 6.2 The Order is not intended to lead to a comprehensive ban on drinking in the open air and should only be used where authorities are satisfied that the nuisance and disorder have been associated with drinking in a public place. The Local Authority must be satisfied that the order is not being used disproportionately or in an arbitrary fashion.
- 6.3 Local authorities must consider the extent of the problem and the likelihood of the anti social behaviour continuing if an order is not made.
- 6.4 The designation order will mean that if a person continues to drink in public when asked not to do so by a police officer they may be arrested and fined £500 if convicted. The police can also arrest someone failing to surrender alcohol in the area when asked to do so.
- 6.5 The designation order will not cover beer gardens and private dwellings.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Displacement

The Designation Order alone will not provide a complete solution to the problem being experienced. There are many complex reasons why these people abuse alcohol and why they choose to do this in public places. The Designation Order will not tackle the root causes of the problem and it is possible that they will move to an area not covered by the Designation Order.

7.2 Effectiveness

The Designation Order only makes it an offence to continue to drink alcohol when asked to stop by a police officer or Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).

7.3 Financial Implications

The cost incurred in making the order is minimal – only the cost of further public notices and signs for the relevant areas.

Any further support to partnership work to address the root causes of street drinking would have financial implications which have not been addressed within this report.

7.4 Legal Implications

This Designation Order is being made in line with the guidance provided by the Home Office and the powers given to local authorities under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

8. CONSULTATION

Consultation has been undertaken in line with the requirements of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

8.1 Public

A public notice was placed in the Evening Telegraph, informing the public that a map of the proposed area and a list of streets can be viewed at: Central Library, Bayard Place and the Town Hall. It also invited the public to respond with their views.

One member of the public has responded in support of the proposed DPPO and no negative feedback has been received.

8.2 Parish Councils

There are no Parish Councils affected in this area.

8.3 Police

We have received written support from the police for the proposed DPPO.

8.4 Licensed premises

All premises in the proposed area holding licenses to sell alcohol have been written to advising them of the proposal and seeking their views. None of the licensees have made contact to express a view on the subject.

8.5 Ward Councillors

All ward councillors have been contacted and we have received written support for the DPPO from one elected member.

8.6 Residents' Groups

All of the Residents' Groups in the area have been consulted. We have not received any response.

9. NEXT STEPS

9.1 That Scrutiny supports the recommendations made within this report and recommends to Full Council that the DPPO is adopted.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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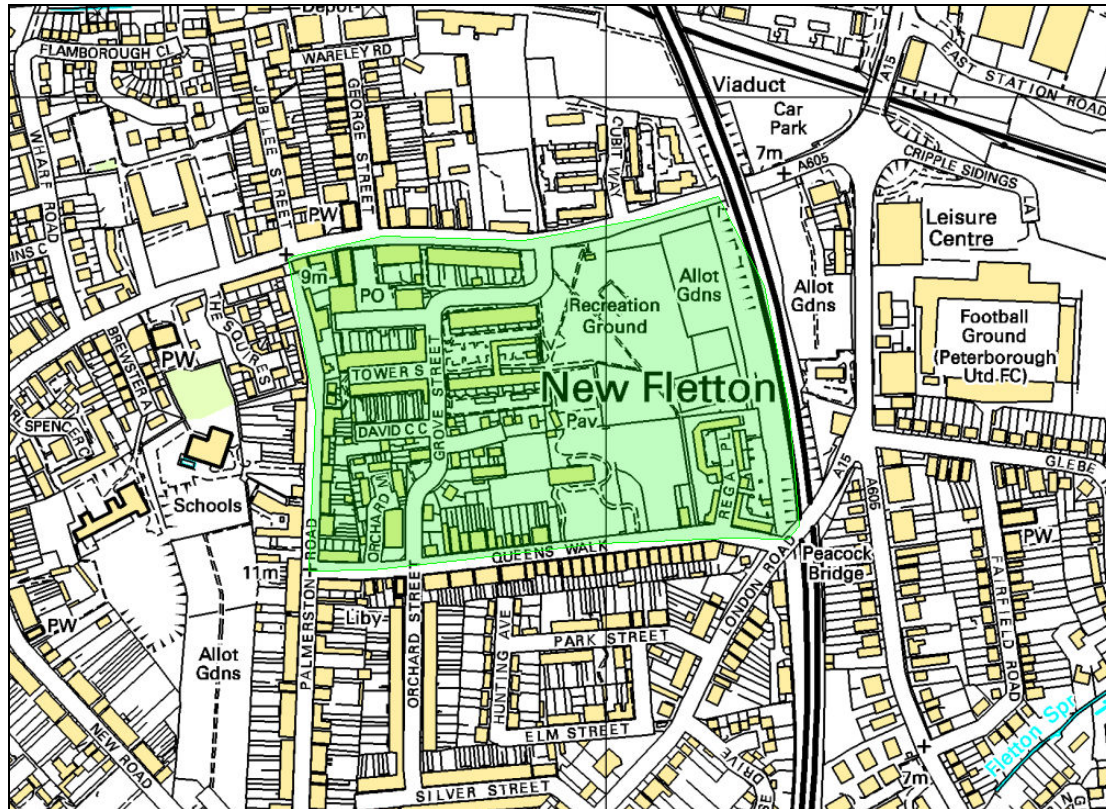
10.1 Section 12-16 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001
Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) Regulations 2001

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – map showing proposed area.

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Map showing proposed area to be designated



STREETS TO BE COVERED BY PROPOSED AREA

- Palmerston Road (from Queens Walk to Oundle Road)
- Grove Street
- Queens Walk (from Palmerston Road to London Road)
- Tower Street
- David Chalmers Close

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STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 6
16 JUNE 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

Contact Officer – Paulina Ford, Performance Scrutiny and Research Officer
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REVIEW OF 2009/2010 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010/11

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2009/10 and to develop a work programme for 2010/11.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2009/2010 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and develops a work programme for the forthcoming year.

3. REVIEW OF 2009/10

- 3.1 The Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Performance of the Local Area Agreement
- Cultural and Leisure Trust
- Portfolio Progress from Cabinet Members relevant to the Committee
- Sustainable Communities Act and Neighbourhood Management
- Neighbourhood Councils
- Homelessness Prevention Action Plan
- How has the economic downturn had an effect on the amount and type of crime in Peterborough?

As the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee the Committee considered the following issues:

- Crime and Disorder Committee – Protocol and Working Arrangements
- Serious Acquisitive Crime
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence
- Safer Peterborough Partnership – Young Offenders Initiatives
- Restorative Justice Approach to Youth Crime
- Section 75 Pooled funding arrangements for substance misuse services
- Road Safety
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan
- Policing Pledge

- 3.2 For the information of the Committee, copies of the recommendations made during the year are attached at Appendix 1.

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

4.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for setting its own programme in line with the Council's key priorities and the Committee's remit.

4.2 The Committee's remit is:

To review and scrutinise the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of creating strong and supportive communities. This will include reviewing and scrutinising the performance of other public bodies in their activities and performance in the delivery of Local Area Agreement targets.

Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:

- by exercising the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or key decisions which have been delegated to an officer.
- by scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan
- by scrutinising Executive decisions after they have been implemented, as part of a wider policy review.

To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:

- Cohesion
- Cultural Services
- Neighbourhood Services
- City Centre

To assist and advise the Council and the Executive in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues in relation to the terms of reference of the committee.

Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.

Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on behalf of the Committee on a time-limited basis.

To undertake all of the Council's statutory functions in accordance with Sections 19 & 20 and associated regulations of the Police and Justice Act 2006, relating to scrutiny of crime and disorder matters, including acting as the Council's crime and disorder committee.

4.3 A draft work programme which shows the items which are currently scheduled along with items carried over from last year is attached at Appendix 2.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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5.1 Minutes of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 23 July, 10 September, 25 November 2009 and 21 January, 16 February, and 18 March 2010.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2009/2010
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2010/11

**STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS**

APPENDIX 1

23 July 2009

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
Serious Acquisitive Crime	<p>That in six months time Police Officers report back to the committee with an update on Operation Alert to assess its effectiveness. The report should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on the objectives of Operation Alert, targets and performance. • Examples of success and if any improvements can be made. 	Paul Phillipson	This has been agreed and tasked to Chief Inspector, Steve Welby to deliver at the appropriate time
	<p>That in 12 months time Police Officers report back to the committee with an update on the Integrated Offender Management Programme to assess its effectiveness. The report should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on the objectives of the Integrated Offender Management Programme, targets and performance. • Examples of success and if any improvements can be made. 	Paul Phillipson	This has been agreed and tasked to Chief Inspector, Steve Welby to deliver at the appropriate time
	<p>That a detailed report be presented to the committee at its meeting in September on the initiatives that are being taken across the Safer Peterborough Partnership to prevent young people who are at risk of becoming young offenders.</p>	Paul Phillipson	This report was delivered at the September meeting by Bob Footer.

10 September 2009

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
<p>Progress Report on Delivery of LAA Priority - All NI's within this priority</p>	<p>That the Community Cohesion Manager works closely with neighbourhood services to ensure the Migration Impact Funding is being distributed effectively to the right areas.</p>	<p>Cllr S Scott / Paul Phillipson</p>	<p>Response from P Phillipson. With regards the Migrant impact fund. I chair a multi agency group co coordinating its spend, allocation and progress. This includes Adrian Chapman for the Neighbourhood element and I chair and manage the cohesion board and Manager.</p>
<p>Youth Crime Prevention In Peterborough. (NI 111) – First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17</p>	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services fully supports the Restorative Justice Approach to reduce youth crime in Peterborough</p>	<p>Cllr Scott / Paul Phillipson</p>	<p>Response from Councillor Scott.</p> <p>I write to confirm that I do believe in the Restorative Justice Approach to reduce youth crime in Peterborough.</p> <p>I see Restorative Justice as an important part of the work we undertake alongside other initiatives.</p> <p>I also support the use of Restorative Justice outside the Criminal Justice System, for example, in schools.</p> <p>I am committed to doing all that I can to achieve successful outcomes for youth offenders and to undertake whatever approaches possible to prevent re offending.</p>

25 November 2009

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
Restorative Practices in Peterborough	<p>It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Executive Directors for Children's Services and Operations support the development of restorative justice practices in Peterborough.</p> <p>This to be done by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. identifying resources and funding in the amount of £60,000 to secure a full time Restorative Justice Development Officer;2. identifying a training budget to enable officers to be trained to deliver restorative justice practices across Peterborough. These officers will then train other officers in restorative justice practices;3. working with the Restorative Justice Steering Group and Team to support the ongoing development of restorative justice practices which will ensure that Peterborough becomes a restorative justice authority; and4. ensuring that the awareness and profile of restorative justice practices are embedded across the authority	Cllr Scott / Paul Phillipson	The approach is supported but at the present time there is no resource to take this forward on a formal basis.

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21 January 2010

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
Road Safety (NI 47)	<p>That the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development and the Executive Director of Operations introduce an educational awareness programme for road safety in all schools to influence the behaviour of young people when they become drivers.</p>	Cllr Holdich / Cllr Hiller / P Phillipson	<p>Councillor Holdich will urge Schools to take part in any road safety campaign.</p> <p>P Hiller/P Phillipson response: - The city council has written to all secondary schools in Peterborough to promote and offer a Young Driver Education Day free of charge to all Post 16 and Year 11</p>

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
			<p>pupils we are asking schools to book for the next Academic Year. The day is delivered in partnership with various agencies including Fire, Police and Driving Standards Agency and covers various messages relevant to new/pre-drivers. Schools have been made aware that the programme is flexible and can be adapted and delivered in various formats to accommodate schools timetable.</p> <p>As well as the young driver education day various other initiatives are being developed and delivered through the Safer Peterborough Partnership Road Safety Action Plan for young drivers including looking at ways to work with hard to reach groups such as youth offending</p>
	<p>It is recommended that the Executive Director of Operations undertakes a feasibility study of a 20MPH speed limit outside all schools and reports back to the Committee with the findings at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Paul Phillipson</p>	<p>The initial findings from investigations into the proposed limits for rural schools are that average vehicle speeds are already compliant with a 20mph speed limit at school times for the majority of schools. This reflects driver awareness and the localised congestion at such times making travelling at higher speeds virtually</p>

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
			<p>impossible. In such circumstances the introduction of a 20mph speed limit is unlikely to make a material difference to the actual speed of vehicles, when this is already physically constrained. Thus until the results from the rural schools are known I can not justify further resources being directed towards the investigation. The generally accepted view is that signing alone achieves only a minimal reduction especially when speeds are slow at the start.</p> <p><u>Interim Evaluation of the Implementation of 20 mph Speed Limits in Portsmouth by Atkins (2009)</u></p> <p><i>The average speed after the 20 mph speed limits were imposed was 0.9 miles per hour lower than the average speed before the speed limits were imposed.</i></p> <p>At sites where the average “Before” speed was greater than 24 mph the average speed reduced by 7 mph.</p> <p><i>Note – the majority of residential roads in</i></p>

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
			<p><i>Portsmouth are covered by 20mph limits – and hence may achieve greater compliance than what would happen if such measures were introduced only in isolated locations outside schools in Peterborough.</i></p> <p><u>DfT - Traffic Advisory Leaflet 9/99 (1999)</u></p> <p>TRL have also carried out a review of low speed-limit zones in this country and abroad, where physical measures have not been used extensively to influence speed, and reliance is placed primarily on signing. The results of this review are reported in TRL Report 363 - "Urban Speed Management Methods". <i>The review has indicated that using 20 mph speed limit signs alone, without supporting traffic calming features, led to reductions in 'before' speeds, on average, of 1 mph.</i></p>

18 March 2010

Item	Recommendations	Referred to	Response
Cultural and Leisure Trust	<p>That the Cabinet is advised of the Committee's endorsement for the creation of a Culture and Leisure Trust and that the following comments should be taken into consideration:</p> <p>I. That the Trust engages with representatives of all communities across the Authority to ensure that their interests are represented in the delivery of cultural and leisure activities across the City.</p> <p>II. That a close working relationship with Peterborough City Council will be maintained.</p> <p>III. That the Trust will report back to Scrutiny after a period of nine months from the date of its formation to advise on the progress of the Trust including financial implications.</p>	Cabinet	At its meeting on 22 March 2010 CABINET RESOLVED TO: Note and support the comments made by the Strong and Supportive Communities Committee
Policing Pledge	The Committee recommends that the Cabinet continue to lobby Government for additional resources for the Police Authority on a national basis.	Cabinet	Councillor Cereste noted the Committees recommendation and agrees to this.

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**STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11**

APPENDIX 2

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
16 June 2010 <i>Draft Report 31 May</i> <i>Final Report 7 June</i>	CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) To scrutinise the proposed Designated Public Place Order Contact Officers: Katy Softley, Christine Graham	
	Cessation of the Comprehensive Area Assessment To receive a report from the Executive Director of Strategic Resources regarding the coalition Governments plans to abolish the Comprehensive Area Assessment. Contact Officer: Executive Director of Strategic Resources	
	Review of 2009/10 and Future Work Programme To review the work undertaken during 2009/10 and to consider the future work programme of the Committee Contact Officer: Paulina Ford	
21 July 2010 <i>Draft Report 5 July</i> <i>Final Report 12 July</i>	CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	Operation Alert Progress Report To Scrutinise the effectiveness of Operation Alert. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information on the objectives of Operation Alert, targets and performance. ➤ Examples of success and if any improvements can be made. Contact Officer: DCI G Goose	

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
	<p>Progress report on the Integrated Offender Management Programme to assess its effectiveness. The report should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information on the objectives of the Integrated Offender Management Programme, targets and performance. ➤ Examples of success and if any improvements can be made. <p>Contact Officer: DCI G Goose</p>	
	<p>LAA Performance Report 2009/10 – Quarter 4</p> <p>To consider and comment on the performance report for Quarter 4 and make any necessary recommendation.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson</p>	
	<p>The Big Debate – Issues Report</p> <p>To consider the issues which were identified at the Big Debate meeting held in February 2010.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paulina Ford</p>	
<p>15 September 2010</p> <p><i>Draft Report 30 August</i> <i>Final Report 6 Sept</i></p>	<p>Consultation on New Executive Arrangements & Possible Changes To Electoral Cycles Under The Local Government & Public Involvement In Health Act 2007</p> <p>To be consulted on the proposed New Executive Arrangements and possible changes to Electoral Cycles</p> <p>Contact Officer: Helen Edwards, Solicitor to the Council</p>	
<p>10 November 2010</p> <p><i>Draft Report 25 Oct</i> <i>Final Report 1 Nov</i></p>	<p>Progress Report on Delivery of Local Area Agreement Priority</p> <p>To scrutinise and comment on the performance report for Quarter 2 and make any necessary recommendation.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson</p>	

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
19 January 2011 <i>Draft Report 3 Jan</i> <i>Final Report 10 Jan</i>		
9 March 2011 <i>Draft Report 21 Feb</i> <i>Final Report 29 Feb</i>	Progress Report on Delivery of Local Area Agreement Priority To scrutinise and comment on the performance report for Quarter 3 and make any necessary recommendation. Contact Officer: Paul Phillipson	
	Peterborough Housing Strategy 2010 – 2013 Contact Officer: Matthew Hogan	
	CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
	Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan To scrutinise and comment on the Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2010/2011 prior to its consideration by the Executive. Contact Officer: Christine Graham	

Items for consideration on the work programme:

1. Proposals for Peterborough to submit proposals under the Sustainable Communities Act (SCA) process prior to presenting to Government.
2. Progress of Neighbourhood Councils
3. Management of anti social behaviour
4. Restorative Justice
5. Portfolio Progress Report from Cabinet Members relevant to the Committee
 - a. Cllr Walsh – Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion, Safety and Women’s Enterprise] September meeting
 - b. Cllr Hiller – Cabinet member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning]
 - c. Cllr Lee – Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning] November meeting
 - d. Cllr Elsey – Cabinet member for business Engagement]
6. Adult Drug Treatment Plan - to scrutinise it’s success

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STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
16 JUNE 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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FORWARD PLAN – 1 JUNE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This is a regular report to the Strong and Supportive Communities 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 JUNE 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS - 1 JUNE 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

During the period from 1 June 2010 To 30 September 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 Alex Daynes, 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 alexander.daynes@peterborough.gov.uk or by telephone on 01733 452447.

The Council invites members of the public to attend any of the meetings at which these decisions will be discussed and the papers listed on the Plan can be viewed free of charge although there will be a postage and photocopying charge for any copies made. All decisions will be posted on the Council's website: www.peterborough.gov.uk. If you wish to make comments or representations regarding the 'key decisions' outlined in this Plan, please submit them to the 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:

Transport and Engineering Professional Services Contract
Ormiston Bushfield Academy
Rural Housing Strategy

JUNE

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Supporting People Programme: Independent Living Support Service To approve a contract between Peterborough City Council and NHS Peterborough to jointly commission existing housing related support services where social care is also provided or the services meet local or national priorities and strategy through the NHS Peterborough commissioned Independent Living Support Service, for an initial term of 3 years from 1 April 2010 with the discretion to extend this on an annual basis to a maximum of 5 years.</p>	<p>June 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care</p>	<p>Strong and Supportive Communities and Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues</p>		<p>Belinda Child Housing Strategic Manager belinda.child@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>

<p>Hampton Children's Centre The development of a children's centre facility in the grounds of Hampton Hargate Primary School. The facility will comprise rooms for a larger pre-school as well as multi function rooms to develop a range of services predominantly for children under 5 and their families</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Children's Services	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	A range of people and organisations have been consulted through the process. Ongoing consultation will take place in working with parents to ensure the service delivered from the facility meet local needs	Pam Setterfield Assistant Head of Children & Families Services (0-13) Tel: 01733 863897 pam.setterfield@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Highway Maintenance Term Contract - Extension of Contract Extension of Contract to 31 July 2012 (extendable further to 31 July 2015)</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning	Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee	Internal departments and relevant stakeholders as appropriate	Andy Tatt Asset Management Group Manager Tel: 01733 453469 andy.tatt@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Section 75 Pooled funding arrangements for substance misuse services Variation to the existing partnership agreement under the National Health Act 2006 to pool funding from NHS Peterborough and PCC to commission drugs services. The variation takes into account the slight changes to governance and structure of the former Drug and Alcohol Action Team, now part of the Safer Peterborough Partnership, and additional funding made available to NHS Peterborough for integrated drug treatment within HMP Peterborough.</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Scrutiny 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>Sale of Land at Dickens Street Car Park To authorise the Cabinet Member and the Chief Executive to negotiate and conclude the sale of the surplus land</p>	June 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth	Consultations will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders and ward councillors	Andrew Edwards Head of Peterborough Delivery Partnership Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Real Time Passenger Information - Award of Purchasing and Maintenance Contract To award the contract in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council, Bedford Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, and Luton Borough Council.</p>	June 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	Environment Capital	Relevant stakeholders as appropriate.	<p>Amy Wardell Team Manager - Passenger Transport Projects Tel: 01733 317481 amy.wardell@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Peterborough Bridges Refurbishment Programme 2010/11 Nomination of contractor through the HA Midlands Works Framework Contract 4</p>	June 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	Environment Capital	Relevant stakeholders and ward councillors as appropriate.	<p>Richard Cranwell Bridges and Drainage Team Manager richard.cranwell@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Extension to Hampton Hargate School Authority to award a contract for the construction of an extension to Hampton Hargate Primary School</p>	June 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p>	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders, internal departments and ward councillors as appropriate.	<p>Isabel Clark Planning & Development Manager Tel: 01733 863914 isabel.clark@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made

<p>Peterborough Local Development Framework - Peterborough District Hospital Site Supplementary Planning Document</p>	June 2010	Cabinet	Sustainable Growth	Cabinet, 4 week public consultation	<p>Richard Kay Strategic Planning Manager</p> <p>richard.kay@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013 City-wide strategy that sets out plans to explore new ways of delivering affordable housing in rural areas.</p>	June 2010	Cabinet	Sustainable Growth, Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities	Scrutiny for Rural Communities, Parish Council Liaison, Rural Working Group	<p>Simon Machen Head of Planning Services Tel: 01733 453475 simon.machen@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Ormiston Bushfield Academy To award a contract to design & build the new Ormiston Bushfield Academy school buildings from the Partnerships for Schools National Framework of Contractors.</p>	June 2010	Chief Executive	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal and external Stakeholders	<p>Brian Howard PFI Project Manager Tel: 01733 863976 brian.howard@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Transport and Engineering Professional Services Contract As a result of negotiations with the current supplier to deliver further savings for the Council over the remainder of the current contract there is a need to put in a place a contract variation that requires a Cabinet Member decision.</p>	<p>June 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Relevant internal stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Matthew Barber Sustainable Travel Officer Tel: 01733 317485 matthew.barber@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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JULY

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Joint Service Centre at Hampton To commence the procurement process for a design and build contract for the provision of new leisure and library facilities at Hampton as part of the joint service centre in partnership with NHS Peterborough</p>	July 2010	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning	Strong and Supportive Communities	Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member of Community Services, ward councillors, affected divisions within PCC and potential user groups in Hampton.	Fiona O'Mahony Hampton Joint Service Centre Project Director Tel: 01733 863856 fiona.o'mahony@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made
<p>Passenger Transport Framework Tender Requirements for special educational needs and mainstream school contract.</p>	July 2010	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal stakeholders.	Cathy Summers Team Manager - Passenger Transport Contracts and Planning cathy.summers@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Floating Support Contract: Cross Keys Homes Extension of Contract Extension of contract to provide a generic floating support service for clients with housing support needs.</p>	July 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	Strong and Supportive Communities		<p>Belinda Child Housing Strategic Manager belinda.child@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
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AUGUST

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Award of Contract - Heltwate School To award the contract for refurbishment of the school</p>	August 2010	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p>	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal departments as appropriate	<p>Alison Chambers Asset Development Officer alison.chambers@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

SEPTEMBER

There are currently no key decisions scheduled for September.

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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
HR Business Relations, Training & Development, Occupational Health & Reward & Policy

COMMERCIAL 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

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Internal Audit
Information Communications Technology (ICT)
Business Transformation
Performance and Programme Management
Strategic Property
Human Resources (HR Support)
Customer Services

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

Families and Communities
Commissioning and Performance
Learning

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT Bridge House, Town Bridge, PE1 1HB

Planning Services (Planning Delivery, Building Control)

Environment Transport and Engineering Services (Infrastructure Planning & Delivery, Network Management, Transport & Sustainable Environment)

City Operations (Resilience, CCTV, Car Parking, Markets, Health & Safety)

Neighbourhood Services (Community Engagement, Community Safety, Business Regulation, Housing)

Operations Business Support (Finance, Economic Participation, Business Support)