

SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2010
7.00 PM

Forli Room - Town Hall

AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declaration of Interest**

At this point Members must declare whether they have an interest, whether personal or prejudicial, in any of the items on the agenda. Members must also declare if they are subject to their party group whip in relation to any items under consideration.
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Committee Members:

Councillors: D Over (Chairman), G Nawaz (Vice-Chairman), R Dobbs, D Sanders, D Harrington and A Shaheed

Substitutes: Councillors: J Stokes, J A Fox and D Fower

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL
COMMUNITIES HELD AT THE BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM - TOWN HALL
ON 13 JULY 2010**

Present: Councillors D Over (Chairman), G Nawaz (Vice-Chairman), R Dobbs and D Harrington

Officers Present: Mike Heath, Commercial Services Director
Anne Senior, Economic Participation Programme Manager
Maxine Grimes, Partnership Officer
Jenny Harris, Lawyer
Louise Tyers, Scrutiny Manager

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sanders and Shaheed.

2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 June 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2010 were approved as a correct record.

20mph Speed Limits outside Schools

The Scrutiny Manager advised that officers had now concluded the informal consultation with schools and had received favourable support for the proposals alongside some requests for slight modifications. The formal statutory consultation would now be issued with a view to implementing the measures later this year.

Affordable Housing

The Legal Officer advised that following the previous meeting an advice note on the development and allocation of affordable housing in the rural areas had been developed and had been placed in front of members tonight. The Chairman advised that the advice note had raised a number of issues and requested that an item on affordable housing be brought to a future meeting.

4. Peterborough Women's Enterprise Centre

The report provided a background to the establishment of the Women's Enterprise Centre (WEC) and the aims and objectives of the WEC on work undertaken or was planned to be undertaken to engage with women in rural areas.

The Council was working together with the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) to enable people to achieve their potential in work or self employment as outlined in the Investing in Communities (iC) Business Plan 2007-11. The aim of the programme was to ensure that the most deprived communities could achieve their full potential and therefore contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable economic growth in the Peterborough Area.

The objectives for the project were:

- To create a centre of excellence for the support and development of women starting and running their own business
- To provide economic opportunity for women in order to enhance their contribution to the regional economy
- To improve opportunity, social inclusion and wealth for women
- To raised awareness of and increased access to support

The expected outcomes from the project would be:

- a centre and outreach provision were services were accessible to women from all sectors of society regardless of any special requirements or ethnic background.
- high quality services to facilitate opportunities for women to succeed in their chosen field.
- women who want to start or grow a business, or progress within their chosen career are given the support and encouragement they need to succeed.

Research had shown that the most deprived areas as evidenced by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation were:

- Dogsthorpe
- East
- Paston
- Central
- Ravensthorpe

The project recognised that there were issues of deprivation in rural areas that had not been identified by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, and whilst the funding did not target specifically women in rural communities, the centre accommodated every woman who walked into the centre, irrespective of where they lived in Peterborough. The project staff were happy to work with the Scrutiny Commission to develop a programme of activities that would actively support enterprise for women in rural areas.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- Deprivation was multi-faceted and did not just cover economic circumstances; it also covered isolation and poor transport access. In rural communities large numbers of people were only paid the minimum wage, lived in social housing and had limited employment opportunities.
- Was there anything dynamic that the WEC could do in the rural communities to support and encourage women, particularly stay at home mums? *The Centre would be able to deliver local one-to-one support but we would need to understand what the demand and expectations would be. There was website based support available called Enterprising Women.*
- It was important to ask the communities what they wanted. Could the Centre canvass the rural areas to see what support was needed, including leaving leaflets in shops and community facilities? *Your Peterborough often had articles about support and there was a walk-in at the Centre available.*
- The women in rural communities should not be denied access to support just because of where they lived. *Officers were happy to put an engagement strategy together and bring it back to a future meeting.*
- It was suggested that the Centre may want to try a number of engagement methods, possibly including talking to a parish council, leaving leaflets and posters at a village shop or post office, using the mobile library or speaking to a Women's Institute.

- What would happen to the programme when EEDA ended? *Funding was available until March 2011 and work was ongoing to develop bids to access other funding. The Council was committed to continuing to fund the project.*

ACTION AGREED

To receive a further report on the engagement with women in rural communities at the meeting of the Commission in November 2010.

5. Passenger Transport Framework Tender

The report gave details of the proposed decision in relation to the Passenger Transport Framework Contract.

School transport was provided in line with the Council's Children's Services Transport Policy and provided free or subsidised transport for a number of schools as per the requirements of the Education Act 1996 and Education and Inspections Act 2006. Transport was required for children in mainstream education and those with special educational and social care needs. Contracts were tendered on a rolling procurement programme to ensure best value.

The contract did not have any specific implications for the rural communities.

Observations and questions were raised around the following areas:

- Safety at picking up and dropping off points was an issue, especially due to increased traffic and speeds. It should be included within the contract that pick up and dropping off points should be in a safe position. For example, in Ashton pick ups took place on a corner and in Bainton the bus stop was used by other drivers to overtake when turning right.
- On Crowland Road in Newborough even though there was solid yellow lines people still parked on the road and the bus layby was not big enough. Children had to actually walk onto Crowland Road to get on the bus. On Werrington Bridge Road children were picked up on the roadside.
- In America on school buses a sign automatically came out to stop traffic and to let the children cross the road.
- It was important to make sure that vehicles which were used as school buses were clearly marked, including having a large sign in the back window.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University that as a requirement of the Passenger Transport Framework Contract:

- (i) all picking up and dropping off points must be located in safe locations to ensure the safety of the children;
- (ii) all buses which are being used as school buses must be clearly marked, at the cost of the contractor, with at least a large magnetic sign in the rear window which clearly identifies the vehicle as a school bus and that children are crossing.

6. Floating Support Contract: Cross Keys Homes Extension of Contract

The report gave details of a proposed decision in relation to the Floating Support Contract for Cross Keys Homes.

The Floating Support service offered a free and flexible housing-related advice and support service. The service aimed to help people across all tenures and across all areas of the City,

to live independently and maintain their tenancies through the use of a support plan tailored to their individual needs. It provided support for all ages from 16 years plus.

The contract did not have any specific implications for the rural communities.

ACTION AGREED

To note the proposed decision relating to the Floating Support Contract.

7. Forward Plan

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

A decision on the future of Peterborough Community Services was scheduled to be taken by the Cabinet in September. It would be important to scrutinise that decision to examine the impact of adult social care on the rural communities.

ACTION AGREED

- (i) To note the latest version of the Forward Plan.
- (ii) To scrutinise the decision in relation to the Future of Peterborough Community Services.

8. Work Programme

We considered our work programme.

It was agreed to look at the following items at our next meeting:

- Rural Economic Development – invite a representative of Business Link or Chamber of Commerce
- Growth of Villages – how the character of villages can be kept during growth, what are the implications for planning

The Chairman advised that he had spoken to Graeme Law who informed him that three rural planning policies would be coming through in the near future and we would need to consider the impact of them on the rural communities as there were often very few comments submitted from rural areas during consultations. These would be programmed into our work programme when available so we could put forward what was needed in the villages.

An Intern would also be working on a thesis on what the villages would look like in 10 years time and this could also be added to our work programme when available.

ACTION AGREED

To confirm our work programme.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 7 September 2010 at 7pm.

CHAIRMAN
7.00 - 7.40 pm

SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES	Agenda Item No. 4
7 SEPTEMBER 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSION

1. PURPOSE

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

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 During the Commission's meeting on 13 July 2010, recommendations were made following consideration of a report regarding the Passenger Transport Framework Contract.
- 3.2 The recommendations were subsequently submitted to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, and the team Manager for Passenger Transport Contracts and Planning for response.
- 3.3 A copy of the recommendations made and the responses are attached at Appendix 1.

4. KEY ISSUES

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

5. IMPLICATIONS

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

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 6.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities held on 13 July 2010.

7. APPENDICES

- 7.1 1. Recommendations List.

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Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities
13 July 2010

Recommendation to and responses from the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills & University and the Team Manager for Passenger Transport Contracts and Planning

Item	Recommendations	Response
<p>Passenger Transport Framework Contract</p>	<p>It is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University that as a requirement of the Passenger Transport Framework Contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all picking up and dropping off points must be located in safe locations to ensure the safety of the children; (ii) all buses which are being used as school buses must be clearly marked, at the cost of the contractor, with at least a large magnetic sign in the rear window which clearly identifies the vehicle as a school bus and that children are crossing. 	<p>(i) Pick up and drop off points are dependent upon the needs of the child or children concerned and can include home pick ups where needs dictate. However, in order to provide efficient vehicle use, children are encouraged to use the nearest marked bus stop where possible. Full risk assessments are already undertaken as necessary, encompassing the whole journey, including walking to and from the transport pick up point.</p> <p>(ii) The Road Vehicle Lighting Regulations 1989, as amended, already requires buses carrying children to and from school to show a prescribed retro-reflective 'children' pictogram sign to front and rear. Minimum dimensions of the signs are prescribed by the regulations.</p> <p>In addition, the council's conditions of contract state any vehicle designed to carry more than 8 passengers, used in the performance of a school transport contract, must display a school bus sign both front and rear.</p>

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES	Agenda Item No. 5
7 SEPTEMBER 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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SAFE AND VIBRANT RURAL CENTRES AND COMMUNITIES

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Commission that PC Simon Page of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary will attend the meeting to discuss policing and promoting safe and vibrant rural centres and communities.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission considers the issues raised during discussion and to make recommendations as necessary.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Promoting safe and vibrant rural centres and communities was identified by the Commission as part of its work programme for the 2010-2011 year.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to consider the issues raised during discussion and to make recommendations where necessary.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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- 4.1 None.

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES	Agenda Item No. 6
7 SEPTEMBER 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Commission that Mr Edwin Jones, Partnership Director - Regional Rural Affairs for the East of England IDB Ltd (EEIDB) will attend the meeting to discuss economic development in rural areas.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission considers the issues raised during discussion and to make recommendations as necessary.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities at its meeting on 13 July requested that an invitation be extended to Business Link to attend a future meeting to discuss economic development in rural areas, including the challenges faced by businesses and what work was being done to support and promote business and industry.
- 3.2 Mr Edwin Jones will attend the meeting to discuss the issues facing businesses in rural areas, from small farm shops and niche farm diversifications, to large agro-industrial enterprises, and where help is available.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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- 4.1 None.

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES	Agenda Item No. 7
7 SEPTEMBER 2010	Public Report

Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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FORWARD PLAN – SEPTEMBER 2010 TO DECEMBER 2010

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This is a regular report to the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities outlining the content of the Council's Forward Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Commission identifies any relevant items for further investigation and inclusion within its work programme.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The latest version of the Forward Plan is attached at appendix 1 to this report. 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

- 5.1 None.

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 September 2010 to 31 December 2010

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**PETERBOROUGH CITY
COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN
1 SEPTEMBER 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2010**

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS - 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2010

During the period from 1 September 2010 To 31 December 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:

- Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the sale of surplus Allotment land off Fletton High Street/Monarch Avenue
- Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of land adjacent to PRU (former Honeyhill School) Paston Ridings
- Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of Coneygree Lodge, Coneygree Road
- Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of Land and Buildings - Vawser Lodge Thorpe Road
- Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the sale of Land at Dickens Street Car Park
- Museum Capital Project
- Novation of Contract: Materials Recycling Facility
- Ormiston Bushfield Academy - Development Agreement
- Peterborough Local Investment Plan
- Review of Charges for Allotments
- Scheme of works at the Triangle, New England - Award of Contract
- Stanground South Primary School – stage 5

SEPTEMBER

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>The Future of Peterborough Community Services (the provider arm of the Primary Care Trust) For Cabinet to approve proposals from the Primary Care Trust regarding the future of Peterborough Community Services, including adult social care.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet	Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues	Internal Departments and Relevant Stakeholders as appropriate.	Denise Radley Executive Director of Adult Social Services & Performance Tel: 01733 758444 denise.radley@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Award of Contract - Heltwate School To award the contract for refurbishment of the school</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal departments as appropriate	Alison Chambers Asset Development Officer alison.chambers@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Legal Services for the Medium Term Financial Strategy To appoint a legal services partner for the provision of legal advice in relation to the MTFS who have experience of implementing joint ventures, designing financial models for major construction and development projects and providing legal agreements and design work.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Strong and Supportive Communities	Internal Departments and Relevant Stakeholders as appropriate.	Andrew Cox Senior Category Manager andy.cox@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>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning	Strong and Supportive Communities	Internal Departments and Relevant Stakeholders as appropriate.	Belinda Child Housing Strategic Manager belinda.child@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Grant Support to Anglia Ruskin University The approval of a capital grant to support Anglia Ruskin University's purchase and refurbishment of the Guild House.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University, Cabinet Member for Resources	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal Departments and Relevant Stakeholders as appropriate.	Howard Bright Growth Delivery Manager Tel: 452619 howard.bright@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Stanground South Primary School - stage five A decision is required to determine the 'School Competition' for South Stanground being run in accordance with the legislation relating to the commissioning of a new school for this development. Bids were invited (through the competition process) and one bid was received. The Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University will decide whether to accept or reject the bid received.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal Departments and Relevant Stakeholders as appropriate.	Alison Chambers Asset Development Officer alison.chambers@peterborou gh.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken.
<p>Passenger Transport Framework Tender Requirements for special educational needs and mainstream school contract.</p>	September 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@peterboroug h.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Ormiston Bushfield Academy - Development Agreement To enter into a Development Agreement with Ormiston Academies Trust for the development of the Ormiston Bushfield Academy.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal and external stakeholders as appropriate.	Brian Howard PFI Project Manager Tel: 01733 863976 brian.howard@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken.
<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>	September 2010	Chief Executive	Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	Internal Departments and Relevant Stakeholders as appropriate.	Brian Howard PFI Project Manager Tel: 01733 863976 brian.howard@peterborough.gov.uk	None.
<p>Extension of the Banking Services Contract with Barclays Bank Peterborough City Council's contract with Barclays Bank who provide our banking services is due to expire on the 30th September 2010 and the contract needs to be extended for a further 2 years.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth	Internal Departments and Relevant Stakeholders as appropriate.	Sian Warren Capital Accounting Manager Tel: 863924 sian.warren@peterborough.gov.uk	Public Report will be available from the governance Team one week before the decision is taken

<p>Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the sale of surplus Allotment land off Fletton High Street/Monarch Avenue To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director - Strategic Resources, the Corporate Property Officer and the Cabinet Member Resources, to negotiate and conclude the sale of surplus land at Fletton High Street/Monarch Avenue.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee	Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member, Ward councillors, relevant internal departments and external stakeholders as appropriate.	Executive Director - Strategic Resources John.harrison@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.
<p>Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of land adjacent to PRU (former Honeyhill School) Paston Ridings To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director – Strategic Resources, the Corporate Property Officer and the Cabinet Member Resources, to negotiate and conclude the sale of land adjacent to the former Honeyhill School.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee	Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member, Ward councillors, relevant internal departments & external stakeholders as appropriate.	Executive Director - Strategic Resources John.harrison@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.

<p>Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of Coneygree Lodge, Coneygree Road To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director – Strategic Resources, the Corporate Property Officer and the Cabinet Member Resources, to negotiate and conclude the sale of Coneygree Lodge at Coneygree Road.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee	Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member, Ward councillors, relevant internal departments & external stakeholders as appropriate	Executive Director - Strategic Resources John.harrison@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
<p>Review of Charges for Allotments To agree the charges for the use of Allotments for the forthcoming year.</p>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee	Relevant ward members, internal Departments and external stakeholders as appropriate.	Commercial Services Director Mike.heath@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>	September 2010	Cabinet Member for Resources	Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues	Internal stakeholders as appropriate	Karen Kibblewhite Community Safety And Substance Misuse Manager Tel: 01733 864122 karen.kibblewhite@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the Governance team one week before the decision is made
<p>Novation of Contract: Materials Recycling Facility Decision to allow a transfer of the existing contract for the materials recycling facility from Viridor Resource Peterborough Limited to Viridor Waste Management Limited.</p>	September 2010	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning	Environment Capital	Internal and External Stakeholders as appropriate	Margaret Welton Principal Lawyer - Waste 2020 Tel: 01733 452226 margaret.welton@peterborough.gov.uk	Public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken.

<p>Peterborough Local Investment Plan Document for submission to the Homes and Communities Agency, drawn largely from the Integrated Development Programme (Adopted December 2009). The LIP is the first stage towards applying for funding from the HCA for primarily housing-related project aspirations in the City.</p>	September 2010	Leader of the Council	Sustainable Growth	Internal and External stakeholders as appropriate.	Andrew Edwards Head of Peterborough Delivery Partnership Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk	A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken.
<p>Museum Capital Project To allocate funding to the Museum Redevelopment project to provide match funding for a Heritage Lottery Funding bid.</p>	September 2010	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning	Strong and Supportive Communities	Consultation will take place with relevant internal stakeholders as appropriate	Steven Pilsworth Head of Strategic Finance Tel: 01733 384564 Steven.Pilsworth@peterborough.gov.uk	A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken.

OCTOBER

KEY DECISION REQUIRED	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	RELEVANT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	CONSULTATION	CONTACT DETAILS / REPORT AUTHORS	REPORTS
<p>Scheme of works at the Triangle, New England - Award of Contract Award of contract to construct Triangle Safety Scheme through Midlands Highways Alliance (MHA) – Medium Schemes Framework 1 (MSF) contract.</p>	<p>October 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning</p>	<p>Environment Capital</p>	<p>Internal and external stakeholders as appropriate.</p>	<p>Stuart Mounfield Senior Engineer Tel: 01733 453598 stuart.mounfield@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public Report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken.</p>
<p>Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of Dickens Street Car Park To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director – Strategic Resources, the Corporate Property Officer and the Cabinet Member Resources, to negotiate and conclude the sale of Dickens Street Car Park.</p>	<p>October 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member, Ward councillors, relevant internal departments & external stakeholders as appropriate.</p>	<p>Andrew Edwards Head of Peterborough Delivery Partnership Tel: 01733 384530 andrew.edwards@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>Public report will be available from the Governance Team one week before the decision is made.</p>

<p>Delivery of the Council's Capital Receipt Programme through the Sale of Land and Buildings - Vawser Lodge Thorpe Road</p> <p>To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, Executive Director – Strategic Resources, the Corporate Property Officer and the Cabinet Member Resources, to negotiate and conclude the sale of Vawser Lodge</p>	<p>October 2010</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p>	<p>Sustainable Growth</p>	<p>Consultation will take place with the Cabinet Member, Ward councillors, relevant internal departments & external stakeholders as appropriate</p>	<p>Richard Hodgson Head of Strategic Projects Tel: 01733 384535 richard.hodgson@peterborough.gov.uk</p>	<p>A public report will be available from the governance team one week before the decision is taken</p>
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NOVEMBER

There are currently no Key Decisions scheduled for November.

DECEMBER

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

Communications
Strategic Growth and Development Services
Legal and Democratic Services
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

Finance
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)

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S CABINET MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Leader of Peterborough City Council is offering everyone a chance to comment, or raise queries on the decisions highlighted on the Council's Forward Plan.

Your comments and queries can be submitted to the Council's Governance Team using the form overleaf, or alternatively by telephone or email. The Governance team will then liaise with the appropriate Cabinet Member and ensure that you receive a response. Members of the Cabinet, together with their areas of responsibility, are listed below:

Councillor Cereste	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth, Strategic Planning and Economic Development
Councillor Lee	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning
Councillor S Dalton	Cabinet Member for Environment Capital
Councillor Elsey	Cabinet Member for Business Engagement
Councillor Hiller	Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning
Councillor Holdich	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University
Councillor Lamb	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Councillor Scott	Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Councillor Seaton	Cabinet Member for Resources
Councillor Walsh	Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion, Safety and Women's Enterprise

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Your comment or query:

How can we contact you with a response?
(please include a telephone number, postal and/or e-mail address)

Name

Address

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Tel:

Email:

Who would you like to respond? (if left blank your comments will be referred to the relevant Cabinet Member)

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES
PRIORITIES & WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11**

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
13 July 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 5 July)	Peterborough Women's Enterprise Centre	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	Passenger Transport Framework Tender	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	Floating Support Contract: Cross Keys Homes Extension of Contract	Listed on Agenda for 13 July 2010
	Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013	Moved to 7 September 2010
7 September 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 27 August)	Safe and Vibrant Rural Centres and Communities To receive a presentation from the Rural Neighbourhood Police on the challenges faced in creating safe and vibrant rural centres and communities, and policing in rural areas.	In progress
	Rural Economic Development To receive a presentation on economic development activity in the Peterborough rural areas.	In progress
2 November 2010 (Papers to be despatched on 25 October)	Planning Policy & Strategy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supplementary Planning Document – Preparation 2. Rural Housing Delivery Partnership 3. The use of the Community Land Trust 4. Site Allocations Document 5. Emerging national initiatives, such as Local Housing Trusts 	In progress.

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	<p>6. Rural Exception Sites</p> <p>7. Rural Housing Strategy 2010-2013 – 6 month progress report (To scrutinise the progress of the Rural Housing Strategy six months after its adoption, prior to the report being submitted to Cabinet for its consideration)</p> <p>Contact Officer: Richard Kay, Planning Policy and Strategy Manager</p>	
	<p>Women’s Enterprise Centre – Engagement with Women in Rural Communities</p> <p>Contact Officer: Anne Senior/Maxine Grimes, Economic Participation Programme</p> <p>To consider the outcomes of the engagement with women in rural communities.</p>	In progress.
	<p>Speed Limits in Rural Areas</p> <p>Contact Officer: Peter Tebb, Peter Tebb, Team Manager – Network, Environment, Transport & Engineering Services</p> <p>To receive a report on the Government’s current position in relation to lowering the speed limit on rural roads to 50 mph and work Council has undertaken in relation to this matter, and a full update on the implementation of 20 mph speed limits around rural schools.</p>	In progress. Report to come to the Commission following the formal consultation process.
	<p>Leisure and Tourism in Rural Areas</p> <p>Contact Officer(s): Annette Joyce, City Operations Manager (Tourism) Kevin Tighe, Chief Executive, Vivacity (Leisure)</p> <p>To scrutinise work being done to the enhancement and promotion of the rural environment for leisure and tourism activities.</p>	In Progress
	<p>Local Transport Plan (LTP)</p> <p>Contact Officer: Mark Speed</p>	In progress

Meeting Date	Item	Progress
	To scrutinise the Local Transport Plan and to make any necessary recommendations prior to its adoption in April 2011.	
11 January 2011 (Papers to be despatched on 31 December 2010)	Local Economic Assessment (LEA) Neil Darwin, Director of Economic Development, Opportunity Peterborough To scrutinise the draft Local Area Assessment during its consultation phase.	
	Public Open Space Strategy Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations	
	Tree and Woodland Strategy Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations	
	Play Strategy Contact Officer: David Denson, Head of Operations	
8 March 2011 (Papers to be despatched on 28 February)		

Priorities for 2010-2011 as determined at the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities meeting held on 8 June 2010

PRIORITY	ACTION	SUCCESS CRITERIA
Creating Strong and Supportive Communities	<i>Making villages safe</i>	To continue to reduce car speeds down to 50 mph along rural roads To develop cycleways and quiet roads To monitor the implementation of the 20 mph speed limits for rural schools
	<i>Empowering local communities</i>	To continue to support the work of the Neighbourhood Councils
	<i>Building pride in Peterborough</i>	A visible presence in the rural areas
Substantial and Truly Sustainable Growth	<i>Increasing economic prosperity</i>	To plan for rural economic development, eg. farmers' markets, leisure events such as the Bainton Literary Festival which kickstart other development
	<i>Creating better places to live</i>	To encourage 'affordable' housing to meet the needs of villagers End to speculative tacked-on estates
	<i>Infrastructure of the future</i>	An imaginative vision of what the villages could be like in ten years time
	<i>Safe and vibrant city and other centres</i>	To work closely with the Cambridgeshire Constabulary to encourage patrolling and a visible police presence in rural areas
Creating the UK's Environment Capital	<i>Conserving natural resources</i>	To encourage the enhancing of the rural environment and opening it up for leisure and tourism
	<i>Increasing the use of sustainable transport</i>	To encourage cycling or use of busses, call connect and other sustainable transport provision
	<i>Growing the Environmental Business Sector</i>	To encourage rural business To support the 'Women's Business Centre' to work in rural areas
Creating Opportunities and Tackling Inequalities	<i>Regenerating neighbourhoods</i>	Investment in rural infrastructure
	<i>Improved health</i>	To recognise what health provision there is in the rural areas
	<i>Improving education and skills</i>	To review education and training for rural business