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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL SUMMONS TO A MEETING

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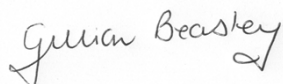
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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR JOHN FOX

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Clark, Coles, Davidson, Dowson, Elsey, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fuller, JR Fox, JA Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, King, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Nadeem, S Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Seaton, Serluca, Simons, Smith, Stoke, Walsh, and Whitby

47. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dowson, Ferris, Shaheed, Fower, Sylvester, Sharp, Mahabadi, and Gul Nawaz.

48. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

49. Honorary Alderman Award

Councillor Hiller addressed the meeting and moved the recommendations contained within the report.

The recommendations were seconded by Councillor Jamil.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Awarded the status of Honorary Alderman to the former Member of Council David Sanders.
2. Awarded badge of office to the former Member awarded the status of Honorary Alderman at a formal ceremony on a date to be agreed.

50. Honorary Freedom of the City

Councillor Hiller addressed the meeting and moved the following motion:

“THAT we, the Members of Peterborough City Council, assembled in accordance with Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 acknowledge the eminent service rendered to the City by **The St John Ambulance**.

The St John Ambulance was formed in 1887, as a voluntary organisation, offering free medical care. Queen Victoria’s Jubilee saw the Brigade in action in public for the first time.

From that time, some 130 years ago, they have become the nation's leading first aid charity, providing first aid in the communities, keeping people safe at events and working alongside the NHS in response to 999 calls. They also provide an invaluable training service, with over 400,000 people each year learning how to save a life through their training programmes.

The first record of St John Ambulance activity in Peterborough is dated October 1904 where they operated from a Wooden Hut based at the Barracks in New England and then moving to their current base in Cowgate in 1969.

They are ever present at myriad national public, and large local events such as the Great Eastern Run, football matches and at the East of England Showground, thereby giving thousands of hours each year to the Peterborough community.

They continually increase their training offering, and in 2016, the Peterborough branch delivered training in a wide range of topics to over 1440 people from industry and the local community.

In recent times, the Peterborough branch have also diversified into the care field, providing services to the homeless at St Theresa's in Peterborough, as well as the homeless hostel in Cambridge.

In recognition of the above, WE DO HEREBY CONFER the honorary freedom of the city upon **St John Ambulance**, of Peterborough."

The motion was seconded by Councillor Jamil.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED**.

The Mayor
6.30pm – 6.37pm

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017
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THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR JOHN FOX

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bisby, Bond, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Clark, Coles, Davidson, Dowson, Ellis, Eley, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Fuller, JR Fox, JA Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, King, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Nadeem, S Nawaz, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Seaton, Serluca, Simons, Smith, Stoke, Walsh, and Whitby

50. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dowson, Ferris, Shaheed, Fower, Sylvester, Sharp, Mahabadi, and Gul Nawaz.

51. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

52. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record, subject to the replacement of “throughout” to “threw out” in Councillor Murphy’s supplementary question to Councillor Hiller.

COMMUNICATIONS

53. Mayor’s Announcements

The Mayor advised that he had agreed to add urgent item of business to the meeting’s agenda, in relation to the appointment of an interim Monitoring Officer, due to the statutory requirement to have someone in post.

The Mayor announced that the staff Christmas mince pie reception was due to take place on Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 10.00am and the Christmas wreath laying would be held on Thursday 21 December 2017 at 9.30am.

54. Leader’s Announcements

The Leader took the opportunity to thank Kim Sawyer, who was acting as Legal Officer for the meeting. Following her recent appointment as Monitoring Officer for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority the Leader thanked Ms Sawyer for her advice and guidance during her role as Director of Governance at Peterborough City Council. The Leader presented Ms Sawyer with a gift in recognition of her work.

The Leader invited Councillor Ayres to speak. Councillors Ayres advised that she had attended the Media Awards for the Peterborough region. The Mayor and Mayoress had been awarded a lifetime achievement, which Councillor Ayres presented along with her congratulations on the well-deserved recognition.

The Leader further congratulated the Council's Media Team, who had won the award for Media Team of the year.

Finally, the Mayor passed on his own thanks to Kim Sawyer and presented her with a gift in appreciation for her work in supporting the Council.

QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

55. Questions with Notice by Members of the Public

Questions from members of the public were raised in respect of the following:

1. Closure of the Public Gallery
2. The Peterborough Local Plan
3. Sheltered Accommodation Parking
4. Divesting of Fossil Fuels

This question and its response are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes.

56. Petitions

(a) Presented by Members of the Public

There were no petitions presented by members of the public.

(b) Presented by Members

There were no petitions presented by Members.

57. Questions on Notice

(a) To the Mayor

(b) To the Leader or member of the Cabinet

(c) To the Chair of any Committee of Sub-Committee

The Legal Officer advised that the order in which questions were asked was determined by ballot.

Questions (b) to the Leader or Member of the Cabinet were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Dropped kerbs at Pennine Way and Cheviot Avenue T-Junction
2. Tourism Focus Group
3. Stand Up for Peterborough and the National Debt Policy
4. Business Rate Retention
5. Gunthorpe Road Traffic Incident
6. Apprenticeships
7. Provisions for 15% Council Tax Increase
8. Temporary Social Housing and Barnet Council

The questions and responses are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes.

(d) To the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Representatives

The Legal Officer advised that the order in which questions were asked was determined by ballot.

Questions (d) to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Representatives were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Business Rate Retention
2. Combined Mayoral Precept 2018/19

The questions and responses are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

58. Executive and Committee Recommendations to Council

(a) Licensing Committee Recommendation – Draft Byelaws for Hackney Carriages

The Licensing Committee, at its meeting of 12 October 2017, received a report that members of the consultation process carried out, requested members to properly consider the responses received and recommended the adoption of the draft byelaws (subject to any amendment) to Council.

Councillor Ayres introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Ayres advised that following the adoption of the Taxi Policy approval had been given to consult on the Byelaws for Hackney Carriages. Subsequently the proposals and consultation responses had been considered by the Licensing Committee, with a unanimous approval to recommend the Byelaws to Council.

Councillor Hiller seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- Concerns were raised that drivers could receive a licence elsewhere while still operating within Peterborough.

Councillor Hiller exercised his right to speak and explained that concerns in relation to inconsistent cross boundary policies were shared. Huntingdonshire District Council had been approached on the matter before and it was time for the subject to be approached again.

Councillor Ayres summed up as mover of the recommendation and in so doing advised that discussions were underway with Huntingdonshire District Council to mirror Peterborough City Council policies. This, however, would take some time.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council adopted the draft hackney carriage byelaws.

(b) Executive Recommendation – Proposed Local Plan Submission

Cabinet, at its meeting of 20 November 2017, received a report that enabled Cabinet to consider and recommend to Council the approval of the Proposed Submission Local Plan for public consultation in January 2018 and then submission to the Secretary of State.

Councillor Hiller introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Hiller advised that the Local Plan was an important document for the Council. The proposals had been discussed at both the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee and the Growth, Environment and Resources Committee. The proposed submission was now put before Full Council for approval for consultation.

Councillor Harper seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- Councillors supported the Local Plan in general, however concern was raised in relation to the level of growth in the area.
- It was suggested that unrestricted growth would negatively impact the city's air quality and residents' health and wellbeing. It was considered that plans needed to be made to stop growing at some point.
- Comment was made in relation to the allocation of land in Eye. It was felt that objections were not unreasonable and that the correct infrastructure must be provided to accompany any major development. This included school places and any necessary bypasses.
- Further concerns were raised around the provision of infrastructure, particularly in light of the Transport Policy, which did not appear to be followed.
- The Transport Policy sought to make foot and cycle travel easier through direct accessible routes, however, it was felt that this had not been done in a number of cases.
- It was noted that some sites lay empty in several wards and questions were raised as to why these were not being built upon.
- It was highlighted that Peterborough's growth was not uncontrolled. The Local Plan was based on forecasts for organic growth, which could not be stopped. If estimates were not put in place, then the area would be short of infrastructure when it was needed.
- Comment was made that revisions could only be made prior to submission. The Local Plan would have to be agreed for submission at some point. The recommendation before Council was to agree the plan for a second round of public consultation, so there was still time to comment on the proposals.
- It was noted that in order to provide substantial infrastructure, a sufficient size of development was required.
- Further comment was made that the Local Plan was a live document that was reviewed on a regular basis to take account of changes in the needs of the area.

Councillor Harper exercised his right to speak and explained that the proposed Plan was of essential to the Council, was of high quality and had been well written.

Councillor Hiller summed up as mover of the recommendation and in so doing confirmed that he was happy to approve the document for consultation. The Council could not stop growth within the city, however, needed to take account of it. The Local Plan was essential to plan the necessary infrastructure for the future of the area. Public transport had been discussed on a number of occasions and would be fed into the Plan when the final document was published.

A vote was taken (42 voted in favour, 5 voted against, 3 abstained from voting) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council adopted the draft hackney carriage byelaws.

1. Approved the Proposed Submission ('Publication Draft') Local Plan as attached at Appendix A, for the purpose of both its final consultation for six weeks (likely during January and February 2018); AND its subsequent submission to the Secretary of

State for the purpose of independent examination.

2. Approved the Policies Map (including associated inset maps) as set out as part of the agenda papers, for the purpose of consultation alongside the Local Plan consultation AND for subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for consideration alongside the examination of the Local Plan.
3. Delegated to the Head of Sustainable Growth Strategy any presentational improvements or other inconsequential changes (eg correcting typographical errors of factual inaccuracies) to the Publication Draft Plan or Policies Map that (taken together) do not materially affect the policies set out in the Local Plan prior to the consultation commencing.
4. Delegated to the Head of Sustainable Growth Strategy the ability to agree and consult upon a set of proposed modifications during the examination process (most likely at the very end of the examination process), if asked by the Inspector to do so.

(c) Executive Recommendation – Adoption of the Castor Neighbourhood Plan

Cabinet, at its meeting of 20 November 2017, received a report that sought Cabinet approval to recommend that Council adopts the Castor Neighbourhood Plan making it part of the Development Plan for Peterborough.

Councillor Hiller introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Hiller advised that many people had worked hard to draft this Neighbourhood Plan and that it would become part of the Council's planning policy.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Following the successful referendum on 2 November 2017, Castor Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in Appendix A, be 'made' (which means to all intents and purposes 'adopted') and thereby form part of the Development Plan for Peterborough for the purposes of making decisions on relevant planning applications with Castor Parish; *and*
2. Agreed that the decision statement included at Appendix B be published.

(d) Executive Recommendation – Adoption of the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan

Cabinet, at its meeting of 20 November 2017, received a report that sought Cabinet approval to recommend that Council adopts the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan making it part of the Development Plan for Peterborough.

Councillor Hiller introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Hiller advised that, again, a great amount of work had been put into the Neighbourhood Plan. It was further advised that a community did not have to have Parish Council in order to draft a Neighbourhood Plan.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Following the successful referendum on 2 November 2017, Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in Appendix A, be 'made' (which means to all intents and purposes 'adopted') and thereby form part of the Development Plan for Peterborough for the purposes of making decisions on relevant planning applications with Ailsworth Parish; *and*

2. Agreed that the decision statement included at Appendix B be published.

(e) Executive Recommendation – Proposed Changes to the Housing Allocations Policy

Cabinet, at its meeting of 20 November 2017, received a report that sought for Cabinet to consider the proposed changes to the Housing Allocations Policy in order to alleviate pressures to council services caused by higher levels of homelessness in the city.

Councillor Hiller introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Hiller advised that the proposed changes to the Policy were small but important. The increase in homelessness in recent times was a challenge nationwide, with demand increasing in Peterborough for the short term. Proactive solutions were being explored by the Council, including using commercial premises, with a cross party working group developing future strategy.

Ahead of the introduction of legislative changes officers would engage with households much earlier than at current. Changes were proposed in relation to household priority in order to help eliminate the need for bed and breakfast accommodation.

Councillor Walsh seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- Concern was raised about reducing the number of accommodation refusals individuals are allowed to make. It was considered that special dispensation should be given in relation to any family issues arising.
- It was suggested that such a reduction may be the thin end of the wedge and that people should be penalised if refusing accommodation for legitimate reasons.

Councillor Walsh exercised her right to speak and explained that a reduction from three to two was not unreasonable and that the changes were meant to streamline the system, making it easier and quicker to be housed safely.

Councillor Hiller summed up as mover of the recommendation and in so doing confirmed that appropriate safety nets were in place.

A vote was taken (46 voted in favour, 5 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council approved the proposed changes to the Housing Allocations policy as set out in the Cabinet report.

(f) Executive Recommendation – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-19 to 2020-21

Cabinet, at its meeting of 4 December, received a report as part of the council's Budget and Policy Framework, which enabled Cabinet to consider the feedback from the consultation undertaken to date with residents, partner organisations, businesses and other interested parties, to recommend approval of the budget proposals to set a balanced and sustainable budget for the financial years 2018/19 to 2020/21.

Councillor Seaton introduced the report and moved the recommendation. Councillor Seaton thanked all those that had been involved with formulating the first phase of the budget. It was advised that no specific changes had been made to the proposal as a result of the consultation. The Council faced a number of issues, including an increasing population, rising deprivation and low council tax levels. Lobbying was currently underway for the Government to provide fairer funding to Peterborough, and thanks was

extended to Councillors for their cross party support. In order to ensure that front line services were maintained explorations were being made into shared services. Inspiration was taken from Westcomb engineering, owned by the Council, which had succeeded within the Construction and Engineering Parliamentary Review with a focus on delivery.

Councillor Fuller seconded the recommendations and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the recommendations and in summary the points raised included:

- The continued involvement of the cross party working group in formulating the budget was welcomed.
- It was commented that while local authorities had been provided with additional powers, no additional funding had been provided alongside these.
- Suggestion was made that Peterborough should be campaigning for additional funding, not just a fairer distribution.
- It was raised that in the past not all proposed savings had been implemented, and it was hoped that all the savings set out in the current proposals were completed.
- The termination of the Amey contract was discussed and it noted that £500,000 would be used from the Council's reserve funds to procure replacement contracts.
- Concern was raised at the continued trend for shared services, and that this was carried out mainly with Cambridgeshire County Council.
- The desire for Parish Council to take on landscaping management functions was raised and pursuit encouraged.
- Suggestion was made that consideration of the budget be deferred until after the expected announcement on adult social care funding.
- It was queried why money had been spent on borrowing, investment, and replacement contracts when the financial pressure on the Council was so great.
- Concern was expressed that proposals were being considered at the last minute and that mistakes in saving projections were being made.
- Further comment was made that those making decisions had a clear understanding of the Council landscape.
- It was noted that Peterborough was facing issues in relation to homelessness, education and social housing.
- Suggestion was made in relation to grass cutting and whether proposals to use cuttings to generate gas could be explored in greater detail.

Councillor Fuller exercised his right to speak and noted that many of the issues raised during the course of debate were or should have been raised at the cross party working group meetings. Councillor Fuller endorsed the Medium Term Financial Strategy, suggesting that it was an expeditious way to achieve the necessary outcomes.

Councillor Seaton summed up as mover of the recommendation and in so doing clarified that the fairer funding for Peterborough campaign was not requesting additional funding from Government, but a fairer distribution of the funds already provided. Councillor Seaton advised that Cambridgeshire County Council did not have desires to absorb Peterborough City Council. Plans were already being developed in relation to the second phase of the budget.

A recorded vote was taken:

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bisby, Brown, Bull, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Fitzgerald, Fuller, JA Fox, Goodwin, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, King, Lamb, Lane, Nadeem, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Seaton, Serluca, Simons, Smith,

Stokes, Walsh, Whitby

Councillors Against: Nil

Councillors Abstaining: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Bond, Clark, Davidson, Ellis, JR Fox, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Johnson, Khan, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford

A vote was taken (33 voted in favour, 0 voted against, 19 abstained from voting) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council, having had regard to feedback, approve the phase one budget proposals to enable implementation of these budget proposals to commence.

59. Questions on the Executive Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting

Councillor Holdich introduced the report which detailed Executive decisions taken since the last meeting including:

1. Decisions from the Cabinet meeting held on 20 November 2017.
2. Decisions from the Cabinet meeting held on 4 December 2017.
3. Cabinet Member Decision taken during the period 6 October 2017 to 4 December 2017.

Questions were asked about the following:

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018-19 to 2020-21 Consultation

Councillor Davidson asked what assurances could be made that sharing front line services would not place Peterborough in a secondary position.

Councillor Holdich advised that Peterborough had experienced such a situation in the past and did not intend to revisit it.

Junction 18 (Rhubarb Bridge) Cross Party Working Group Proposal

Councillor Sandford asked when the Cross Party Working Group would meet and why the first meeting was so far away.

Councillor Holdich advised that the funding had been set out by the Combined Authority and that more information would be available in the new year.

Councillor Murphy asked how much money was to be made available for the bridge.

Councillor Holdich advised that no definite figures were available, however it was believed that sufficient resources were accessible to repair the bridge for a further five years.

Award of Contract For Remodelling South Side Town Hall - OCT17/CMDN/47

Councillor Sandford asked why the budget for this contract had increased by 100% since March, where he was told the budget was £1,250,000.

Councillor Seaton advised that the additional budget had been utilised to bring the building to a rentable standard and have that part of the building let earlier than expected.

60. Questions on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Representatives Made Since the Last Meeting

The Mayor introduced the report which detailed Combined Authority decisions taken since the last meeting including:

1. Decisions from the Audit and Governance Committee held on 21 September 2017.
2. Decision from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 September 2017.
3. Decisions from the Combined Authority Board held on 27 September 2017.
4. Decision from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 23 October 2017.
5. Decisions from the Combined Authority Board held on 25 October 2017.

Questions were asked about the following:

Amendment to Standing Orders for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Public Question Scheme

Councillor Sandford asked how Peterborough City Council's Combined Authority Representatives on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee voted on this item. If they opposed the amendment, could they clarify why?

Councillor Over advised that he supported the proposed for public questioning at Combined Authority Scrutiny meetings, as long as the questions were provided in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Murphy advised that he had submitted his apologies for that particular meeting.

COUNCIL BUSINESS TIME

61. Motions on Notice

(1) Motion from Councillor Martin

In moving his motion Councillor Martin advised that Unison had been campaigning to lift the 1% cap on public sector pay. Other public bodies had agreed to sign up to the campaign, and local authorities were now being called upon. Employees of the Council had been subject to a pay restriction for a long time. It was noted that most of these employees were also Peterborough Council Tax payers, which had risen at a higher rate than their pay. In real terms wages for public sector employees had fallen by 20% since 2010. Some employees relied on benefits or food banks. Councillor Martin urged the Council to call upon the Local Government Association to make a representation to the Government.

Councillor Ali seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the motion and in summary the points raised included:

- It was acknowledged that recent years had been difficult for staff in terms of workload and pay.
- It was suggested that the motion was out of line with recent events. In December the Local Government Association (LGA) had made a new offer to the Trade Unions in relation to the remodelling of the pay spine. The Trade Unions will be considering this offer.
- It was suggested that to interfere at this stage would be seen to be supporting

the unions against the LGA.

- Comment was made that the Council paid living wage plus 10% and that the matter should have been raised that the cross party budget working group.
- Sympathy was expressed for the pressure on council worker, however, it was felt that not enough information had been provided to support the motion.

Councillor Ali exercised his right to speak and thanked Members for the acknowledgment of the pressure on staff. He urged Members to show that they valued the staff that made a difference in communities.

Councillor Martin summed up as mover of the motion and in so doing suggested that there had been no real opposition to the motion raise. The Trade Unions would consider the offer of the LGA, but this would still be less than inflation and had not yet been agreed. Funding was required from the Government, just as it was for NHS workers.

A vote was taken (12 voted in favour, 29 voted against, 10 abstained from voting) and the motion was **DEFEATED**.

(2) Motion from Councillor Hussain

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS**:

Peterborough City Council notes that Queensgate have recently removed some of the benches that were popular with Peterborough's elderly population and introduced new modern seating, which many feel that they cannot use.

The council believes that it would be better for Queensgate to retain some seating that is more suitable for older people and those with mobility issues or disabilities.

The council understands that Queensgate management has listened to resident and has arranged for more appropriate seating to be installed and passes on its thanks for this.

(3) Motion from Councillor Khan

On behalf of Councillor Khan, Councillor Ali sought approval from the Council to move an altered motion.

A vote was taken (19 voted in favour, 31 voted against, 1 abstained from voting) and the alteration was **DEFEATED**.

The motion was subsequently withdrawn.

(4) Motion from Councillor Ali

In moving the motion on behalf of Councillor Ali, Councillor Shaz Nawaz advised that many residents did not feel comfortable reporting crime, and felt that nobody was listening when they did. It was acknowledged that the police provided the services they could while faced with resource cuts. It was believed that hate crime was an increasingly prevalent issue for the area. Crime had increase by around 20%, without a comparable increase in resource. Councillor Ali was happy to see an increase in in officer numbers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, but did not consider this to be sufficient to tackle to the issues being faced by residents.

Councillor Murphy seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak.

Councillor Walsh moved an amendment to the motion and advised that she did not

disagree with Councillor Nawaz, but did not think he went far enough. It was suggested that work was already underway in Peterborough with the Prevention and Enforcement Service, and the Safer Peterborough Partnership. It was felt that fairer funding was needed and that a strategy to cover the various levels of crime was needed to work with local officers.

Councillor Coles seconded the amendment and reserved his right to speak.

Members debated the amendment and in summary the points raised included:

- Concern was raised around knife culture.
- It was raised that the police being under resourced was an important issue. Problems such as drugs, theft and breaching traffic regulations were not being dealt with properly.
- It was commented that the Safer Peterborough Partnership did not meet in public and as such their work was not widely known.
- Discussion was had in relation to requests to alter the amendment to make it more agreeable to the original mover of the motion, which had not been successful.
- It was felt by some Councillors that the promotion of the Prevention and Enforcement Service (PES) within the amendment did not add to the motion and was unnecessary.
- Concern was expressed at the focus of the PES on the city centre.
- It was further noted that some confusion lay in the distinction between PES and Kingdom.
- It was advised that the manner in which crime figures were recorded had recently been changed. For example, if several people were involved in an assault on an individual, where previously this would have been recorded as one crime, it would now be recorded as several.
- It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner had made a request for fair funding for Cambridgeshire police, who were one of the lowest funding constabularies in the country.

Councillor Coles exercised his right to speak and explained that a number of police activities had been transferred to the PES, so to not include the PES in the motion would be factually incorrect.

Councillor Shaz Nawaz summed up as mover of the original motion and in so doing explained that his motion had requested adequate resources for the police. It was not clear how the amended motion went any further than this. It was the role of the Police and Crime and Commissioner to hold the police to account and set strategic direction, which was the intention of the motion. Councillor Shaz Nawaz stated that he would like to work with Councillor Walsh to pursue this issue.

A vote was taken (31 voted in favour, 17 voted against, 3 abstained from voting) and the amendment was **CARRIED**.

Councillor Murphy exercised his right to speak and explained that the it was felt the Police and Crime Commissioner was not currently aligning with Peterborough City Council's priorities. Crime was a serious matter in Peterborough and Councillors were encouraged to support the motion.

Councillor Shaz Nawaz summed up as mover of the motion and in so doing expressed his welcoming of the comments in support for additional resources for the police.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion as amended was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS**:

The Council notes with concern that some types of crime, particularly victim-based crime, in our city is rising. there appears to be no answer to the rising crime figures in our city. This is making many communities in parts of our city feel unsafe and does not bode well for the city.

Many residents complain of open drug dealing on our streets, with the perpetrators having no fear of getting caught.

Recent figures show sharp rise in violent crime and domestic abuse.

Council notes that in recent months the Prevention and Enforcement Service – a collaboration between the council, police and fire service – has made significant progress in tackling low harm crime, and that we are working closely with the police to support their redesign of policing in Peterborough to better meet demand.

Council also notes the statements already made by the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner that resources are not at the level required to meet demand for services, and that the council has itself started its Stand Up for Peterborough campaign for fairer funding.

The Council resolves to ask the Police and Crime Commissioner to provide a clear plan that demonstrates how adequate resources to stem this rise in crime will be stemmed and bring the perpetrators to justice.

(5) Motion from Councillor Sandford

A vote was taken (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:**

Council notes the increasing evidence that diesel engines are a source of particulates and other noxious substances that can cause significant damage to human health.

Council recognises that Stagecoach have a policy of progressively modernising their fleet of buses in Peterborough but in other parts of the country there has been much more progress on introducing electric, hybrid and other ultra-low emission buses. For example, at 30 June 2017, Transport for London was running 2,729 hybrid buses and 71 fully electric ones, out of a total bus fleet of 9,590.

Council therefore asks the Cabinet and our officers to work with Stagecoach and with the Cambs/Peterborough Mayor and the Combined Authority to investigate the feasibility of introducing more hybrid, electric and other ultra-low emission buses in Peterborough.

62. URGENT REPORT: Appointment of the Interim Monitoring Officer

In response to a question raised, Councillor Holdich advised that Fiona McMillan had been loaned to the Council from the Local Government Shared Services at a rate of £8,750 a month. This was half the cost of hiring a consultant.

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council appointed Ms Fiona McMillan Interim Monitoring Officer for Peterborough City Council.

FULL COUNCIL 13 DECEMBER 2017

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
6.	<u>Questions from members of the public</u>
1.	<p>Question from Hazel Perry</p> <p>To Councillor Holdich, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Combined Authority</p> <p>Could you please explain why the public gallery has been closed for the last two council meetings? Why did you feel the need to stop the people of Peterborough holding their democratically elected Council to account for two, now three meetings in a row and how much is it costing to police these closure?</p> <p>Councillor Holdich responded:</p> <p>First and foremost, Council meetings are meetings that are held in public; they are not public meetings. The public gallery is for the public to observe the meeting. Members of the public can get involved through the submission of petitions or by asking questions to Cabinet Members and Chairmen.</p> <p>The public gallery was closed for the Council meetings on 26 July and 11 October 2017, and is again closed this evening because of concerns about the safety of the public, councillors, and officers should it be open. We have been advised by the police that if the public gallery were open and a disruption take place, it would be immensely difficult to clear the gallery and resume the meeting.</p> <p>As such, the gallery is closed until we feel that no disruption which would impede the democratic process of Council.</p> <p>The provision for security at the past two Council meetings has cost, in total, £3,000. Tonight we are using our own staff and it won't costs anywhere near that amount. If we started a meeting, which was disrupted and required reconvening, a reconvened meeting would cost in excess of £1,000.</p> <p>We have, however, put in place arrangements to ensure that the rights of the public are not significantly impacted. The meeting is still available to view live online and is streamed to another room in the Town Hall, which the public can access. I would therefore suggest that this is, in fact, an improvement for public access, as the meetings have now received thousands of views online.</p> <p>Should the public wish to submit a petition or ask a question, as you will have experienced asking your question this evening, they are permitted into the Council Chamber to do so.</p> <p>Of course my fellow Councillors and I would like to have the public gallery open as</p>

	<p>usual. As such, in order to get the gallery arrangements back to normal as soon as possible, our officers will be undertaking a review of the safety arrangements around the gallery. If there is something that we can do to make the gallery safer, then this will be explored.</p> <p>Supplementary question asked:</p> <p>Do you have any idea when we will have access to the public gallery again please? And I have been told that the video link in the other part of the Town Hall is not very good for watching this on.</p> <p>Cllr Holdich responded:</p> <p>There are so many thousands of people keep watching us. No, I don't know when it will be available. Officers are investigating that; whether we decide to put up glass panels, it will be in the new year sometime.</p>
2.	<p>Question from Paul Apthorpe</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing, and Economic Development</p> <p>464 Eye residents objected to any more growth for the village of Eye during the last Local Plan public consultation in February 2017. Over the last 9 years a significant number of Eye residents, the Parish Council and Ward Councillors have consistently objected to Members and Council Officers for no more growth in Eye.</p> <p>Castor also objected in February 2017 and that growth has been removed from the plan, yet the plan for Eye has stayed the same.</p> <p>Can you please tell the residents of Eye why they have not been listened to once again and the growth for Eye has not been removed from the new local plan?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>The overall growth strategy is to continue to focus the majority of growth in our city in the urban area, and urban extensions. The 'rural' area, including all villages, is expected to accommodate approximately 5% of all planned growth. That rural growth is focused on large villages and to a lesser extent on medium and small villages.</p> <p>Eye is classified as a large village and is at the top of the Settlement Hierarchy. This is because the village has a relatively wide range of services and facilities including shops, a doctor's surgery and a dentist. It has a regular bus service to Peterborough and also within close proximity to the city. It has historically been seen as a sustainable location for growth and is still seen as a suitable location for growth in the emerging new Local Plan.</p> <p>The council is aware of the issues raised by Eye residents, similar issues to what you raised this evening. The Local Plan includes a specific policy relating to the proposed site (LP40) which sets out a number of key principles that must be demonstrated through a site wide master plan. The council must be satisfied that the policy requirements can be addressed. If not, any planning application could quite legitimately be refused.</p>

	<p>If the Proposed Submission Local Plan is not approved by Full Council, then the council will be in a position going forward where it will be at significant risk of not being able to robustly defend its supply of housing sites, and would likely be subject to speculative applications (especially in and around villages such as Eye) and likely successful challenges at appeal.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Question from Kenneth Baker</p> <p>To Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>Why can I not park in my sheltered accommodation (Bifield, Orton Goldhay)? Is it because other people are parking there from elsewhere? If I go at the weekend I cannot park there.</p> <p>Councillor Walsh responded:</p> <p>I would like to thank Mr Baker for his question, and for his explanatory letter which I have also received.</p> <p>My response to him is as follows:</p> <p>Yesterday I visited the site, supported by PES officers, they are Prevention and Enforcement Officers who would be in a position to know what sort of enforcement action could be taken against anyone who was wrongly parked. However, they do have a wide range of skills as well. We spoke to a number of your neighbours, took photos and took sufficient time to understand the concerns that were raised, particularly with respect to lack of parking spaces but there were other concerns as well which we have noted. I do completely sympathise with residents, particularly those in the sheltered housing accommodation.</p> <p>This was the first step of a complete review and fresh look at the situation. I will be doing further work with officers in an effort to resolve the matter and will be in touch with Mr Baker in the near future.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Question from Danette O'Hara</p> <p>To Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Given the city's Environment Capital aspirations and the dangers of fossil fuel investments becoming stranded assets, as highlighted by the likes of Mark Carney and others, will the council join Cambridge City Council, and a growing number of local authorities across the country, in calling on their pension fund committee to seriously consider divesting from fossil fuels?</p> <p>Councillor Seaton responded:</p> <p>Did we meet a while back about this? I do owe you an apology about this because we exchanged a couple of emails and I have been a bit remiss in updating you on what's going on.</p> <p>Just so Members are aware Cambridge city actually passed a motion in 2015 which talked about divesting themselves of any direct investment in fossil fuels; it wasn't related to the pension fund and Peterborough City Council, as you can imagine, has ethical policies and doesn't hold any direct investments in fossil fuel producers.</p>

Rather than focus on the general points about global warming / climate change which I've got a lot of sympathy with, I will respond specifically with regards to the Pension Fund.

To set the scene, the pension assets of past and present employees are held as part of the wider Cambridgeshire County Council Pension Fund. This covers not just the County, Cambridge and Peterborough but also numerous other small employers. It is a "pool" rather than separate entities and is run with a cross-party, cross-council board including union representatives.

For some time I have been engaged with members and officers who run the fund day to day on the environmental, social governance, ESG issue. I can give you the assurance that fossil fuels are a very small part of the pension fund portfolio. The current position, and this is, I quote from the fund, is;

"The Fund recognises that effective management of ESG issues can enhance long-term financial performance of investments, and therefore ESG factors should be a feature of investment analysis and management. This aligns with the best interests of the Fund's beneficiaries and is consistent with fiduciary duty. The Pension Fund Committee believes that engagement is key in relation to strong corporate governance, which in turn will enhance returns."

The Fund has a specific ESG policy. ESG factors are an integrated part of the decision-making process that each investment manager will go through when picking a stock. The Fund does not have a policy on divestment but rather prefer to "engage with companies through regulated investment managers" to deliver change.

There was actually a very interesting case just yesterday. The Church of England has a large holding in Exxon, an American company and there have been a lot of calls over the years for the Church of England to get rid of that investment. But they preferred engagement and were central yesterday in getting Exxon to improve the disclosure of the impact they have on climate change.

The Fund regularly review their responsible investment policy and will shortly be considering it again. As a Board Member I can give you my assurance I will again be raising the issue of fossil fuels for discussion.

Supplementary question asked:

So even the most progressive companies are only committing to reducing their emissions by a small proportion within substantial timeframes showing clearly they have no plans to change their core business process from drilling for oil and gas. Therefore, if the Pension Fund Committee truly believe in engagement to be the way forward will you not call upon them to set targets for their engagement process with divestment as the outcome should the targets not be met and also, if you do have a follow up can you send it to me quite promptly.

Councillor Seaton responded:

I am very happy to raise that particular point.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

8. Questions on notice to:

- a) The Mayor
- b) To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet
- c) To the Chair of any Committee or Sub-committee

1. **Question from Councillor Fower**

To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing, and Economic Development

Could the Cabinet Member please let me know when residents living in and around Chiltern Rise, in Gunthorpe, can look forward to the introduction of dropped kerbs at the T-Junctions with both, Pennine Way and Cheviot Avenue?

Councillor Hiller responded:

You can actually do this sort of thing yourselves. Our Highway Services has a schedule of works which details improvements across the city, as they are happening, when they are happening and what is scheduled in. If anyone wants to know what is going on in their ward or need highways work doing in their ward have a look at the schedule of works. If it is not on the schedule of works then talk to the Highways and they can look at the feasibility and see if it can be included in the schedule of works and then you can tell your ward residents all about it.

2. **Question from Councillor Bull**

To Councillor Allen, Cabinet Advisor to the Leader

Since the formation of the Peterborough Tourism Focus Group - do we know if the overall tourism figures have increased and if so by how much, and how does Peterborough compare with data collected by Visit England?

Councillor Allen responded:

Since the creation the Tourism Forum Group we have no up to date figures from Visit Britain. However, as a general trend the total number of visitors has remained reasonably consistent over the last ten years, although the number of overnight stays has increased from 78 thousand during 2011-13 to 110 thousand 2014-16.

3. **Question from Councillor Rush**

To Councillor Holdich, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Combined Authority

As a Council we have set up a cross-party campaign to "Stand Up For Peterborough". Could the Leader confirm that the campaign is not an attack on Government policy to address the national debt caused by a profligate previous Labour government, but a request for the current funding to be applied more fairly to areas such as Peterborough with particular demands on statutory services?

Councillor Holdich responded:

Fairness is at the heart of the "Stand Up for Peterborough" campaign, which will lobby government to look again at the formulae it uses for calculating how Revenue Support Grants are awarded. The campaign isn't looking for the Government to increase the total pot of funds, merely distribute it more fairly.

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) is responsible for deciding who gets what, but much of the data it uses to calculate the levels of Revenue Support Grant is out-dated. They are still working on figures from 2010 but in that time we have had a significant population increase, so the figures don't really reflect the city as it is today.

It would be handy for me to say to Members your grant figures will be out next Tuesday. You won't see any difference from those what we expect, only a few minor differences, We then have a few weeks to put our case, and I don't expect in this year that will have much of an effect. There are a lot of councils that are doing this fairness campaign, not just Conservative Peterborough, but others across the country. What will happen then as I see this as a three-year project as this is a three-year budget problem we have. Therefore I don't think you will see any improvement, I don't expect any improvement until next years financial settlement and then I would hope we will see some reflection of our campaign.

Supplementary question asked.

Could the Leader say if the Secretary of State has responded to this council's request for a review of the funding formulae so that the current budget is allocated fairly?

Councillor Holdich responded:

All we have had in response is a letter saying our spending power is more than it was last year. But that doesn't reflect the needs of this city. So the response is irrelevant and quite ingenuous in my opinion.

4. Question from Councillor Murphy

To Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources

How much business rate retention would come to Peterborough Council if we got to keep it all and how much are we likely to get under the current proposal of the Combined Authority.

Councillor Seaton responded:

The first point to make is that we have applied, through the Combined Authority, to be a National Non-Domestic Rating Pooling Pilot. We will hear if we are successful shortly.

Councillor Murphy's question asks how much if we got to keep it all.

That option was not available, as the maximum level was 75% direct to the Council and 25% to the Combined Authority.

The final proposal submitted was 50% Council's, 25% Growth Fund and 25% Public

	<p>Sector Reform Fund. Both the 75% and 50% proposals were debated. It is impossible to say how much we will receive under this proposal and it depends on our bidding for Growth and Public-Sector Reform funding.</p> <p>The final figure may therefore be just as much or indeed more than under the 75% scenario.</p> <p>Supplementary question asked:</p> <p>Could you please agree with me that 50% is less than 75% and the 25% we won't be getting is over a £1million in most probability?</p> <p>Councillor Seaton responded:</p> <p>As I explained in my answer it is impossible to speculate on that, because there is 25% in the Growth Fund, there is 25% in a Public-Sector Reform Fund. If we received fully those monies and we got 50% you'd actually have more than the 75% scenario. So, we are speculating on that. If we got absolutely none of the Growth Fund and absolutely none of the Public-Sector Reform Fund and I think we are very well placed on both, we only got 50% which is very clearly less than 75%. I have already explained it.</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Davidson</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing, and Economic Development</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether or not the recent and sad incident that resulted in a fatality of a motor cyclist along the Gunthorpe Road was a result of speeding?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>For clarity, the question asked relates to the causes of this particular accident which we are not able to say anything about at this juncture because the inquest has not been held yet.</p> <p>Supplementary question asked:</p> <p>I would be interested to know the outcome of that report in due course.</p> <p>Can you confirm if the local authority's record how road users lose their lives and what amount of injuries, deaths will produce road safety measures to address the concerns and prevent further loss of lives along busy roads and in this instance along Gunthorpe Road?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>All road traffic accidents that are reported are recorded and the severity of those accidents are recorded too. I did answer a similar question regarding speed mitigation In that particular area. The perception that we have is that speed is an issue in that particular road but the average speed is something like 19 miles an hour recorded on that particular road.</p>

6.	<p>Question from Councillor Bull</p> <p>To Councillor Ayres, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills, and University</p> <p>Apprenticeships are vitally important for this city in order that we offer the right skills sets to existing and new employers. Apprenticeships play a crucial part in upskilling our workforce – how are we ensuring that local businesses don't lose out on any talent that cannot or does not want to go to university; as well as broadening the diversity of our workforce?</p> <p>Councillor Ayres responded:</p> <p>Secondary schools are working with the Careers and Enterprise Company to strategically plan apprenticeships as a credible route into work with training with educational senior leaders. Local businesses have been recruited as apprenticeship ambassadors to visit schools to offer inspiration to students and support the credible apprenticeship pathway.</p> <p>The regional training providers strategically plan provision to meet skills and employment gaps with employers and the local enterprise partnership to encourage full employer participation.</p> <p>The first statistical release data published by the Education Skills Funding Agency in November 2017 tells us that c.1500 apprentices are employed by Peterborough companies.</p> <p>Providers of Apprenticeships in Peterborough run marketing campaigns, speak at business to business events, hold roadshows and breakfast events to educate employers of the benefits of taking on an apprentice or using the apprenticeship training as a vehicle to upskill their existing workforce.</p> <p>City College Peterborough has a dedicated section on their website to inform employers of the features and benefits of taking on an apprentice and have created an "everything you need to know about apprenticeships" employer guide in co-production with the employers they work with.</p>
7.	<p>Question from Councillor Peach</p> <p>To Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>The Labour leader recently suggested a 15% increase in council tax. How much extra income would this provide? Over how many years would this be needed to close the budget gap in 2020/21?</p> <p>Councillor Seaton responded:</p> <p>A 1% increase in council tax provides an additional £714k of funding. As such, a 15% increase in council tax as a basic figure would result in an additional £10.7m.</p> <p>If the Labour Leader's advice was taken, we would need to increase council tax by 15% in each of the next three years to get anywhere near the £35m budget gap in 2020/21.</p> <p>It should be noted that our present plans assume that council tax will rise by 1.99% each year and that in 2018/19 there will be an additional 3% levied for Adult Social Care. The 15% increase would be in addition to these figures.</p>

	<p>An increase of 15% would require a referendum costing upwards of £0.25m with the outcome debatable.</p> <p>Such an increase would have a significant impact on those on low incomes when we have always sought to keep council tax as low as possible. I know that, after the proposal from Councillor Murphy that there be 15% annual increases, Cllr Ferris tweeted that perhaps Councillor Murphy believes that people in Ravensthorpe can afford that but others can't.</p> <p>Supplementary question asked in summary:</p> <p>Was this option considered within budget proposals?</p> <p>Councillor Seaton responded:</p> <p>People in Peterborough often work very hard, very long hours, and most are not on huge salaries, and many people could not afford the 15% rise even if Councillor Murphy could.</p> <p>Yes, Councillor Peach we considered it, it was a very short discussion.</p>
8.	<p>Question from Councillor Fower</p> <p>To Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing, and Economic Development</p> <p>In September this year, we discovered, not from the Council, but care of the Peterborough Telegraph, that Barnet Council had bought a number of homes in Peterborough to let and manage as temporary social housing for their homeless families.</p> <p>At the time Cllr John Holdich stated in his weekly article, that he would be "contacting Barnet Council about its intentions", the "additional pressure on our services" and "asking our MPs to raise the matter in Parliament."</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member please let me and the chamber know whether a) Have you contacted Barnet Council and discovered why they failed to forewarn us, b) What additional pressures have we seen on our services and c) Have you got a date for when the matter will be raised by our MPs in Parliament, and does this administration have further concerns that another local London Authority might undertake a similar manoeuvre?</p> <p>Councillor Hiller responded:</p> <p>We were contact by Barnet Homes latterly who purchased the properties on behalf of Barnet Council. They were apologetic as it was their intention to notify us, as was stated in their council's business case, but they accepted that they had failed to do so. That said, there is no requirement for any council to notify us they had intended to purchase property in the city however they do have a duty to notify us of any households they move to our city accommodation and the discharge of their homelessness duties.</p> <p>Barnet Homes confirmed that to date they have not placed any households into the accommodation they now own but have assured us that they will notify us when they do. As a result, we have not seen any additional pressure on services as yet, but we</p>

maintain the view that this is bound to be one of the consequences.

Reassuringly Barnet Homes did confirm that they do not intend to purchase any further property in Peterborough but we are all concerned that other council's may seek to purchase property in our city as I'm sure all councils within an hour or so of the capital are, but there is nothing that we can do to stop it. We continue to lobby via the LGA in the hope that this practice can be better controlled despite the financial indications of the Communications Workers Union the city's new Labour MP is rapidly gaining a reputation for being somewhat tardy in her communications. I've heard nothing from the MP on this matter or whether it might be raised in the Commons in the near future.

8. Questions on notice to:

d) The Combined Authority Representatives

1. Question from Councillor Murphy

To Councillor Seaton, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee Representative

How much business rate retention will come to Peterborough Council if we got to keep it all and how much are we likely to get under the current proposal of the Combined Authority. At the meeting was a case put for more than 50% of the business rates retention coming to Peterborough Unitary Authority and how did you vote on this matter?

Councillor Seaton responded:

I would refer Councillor Murphy to the answer I gave to a question I answered previously.

Councillor Holdich also responded:

In answer to the question on which way I voted, I voted in the best interests of Peterborough and while I have the microphone I hear a lot of people say Peterborough is not getting it's fair share. I can assure you that it is. And up to now it has had an investment bid of up to £6.5m, £2.8m funding for improvements to the junction of A605 & 1095, £3.85m improvements to junction 18, £4.9m for A47 junction 18, £3.6m for the A605 Whittlesey Access Phase 2, £0.72m for Oundle Road widening, £6.3m Nene Park junction 15, £8.55m for Eastern Industry Access Phase 1 off Parnwell Way, £4.05m for the A1260 Nene Park, £9.7m for the A16 Norwood duelling. We have also had £6.5m for Eastern Industries Access Phase 2 and £0.25m for detailed assessment costs for that famous bridge at junction 18.

Economic development has had £1m commitment. There is priority transport schemes and a list of Future Improve Peterborough and £2.65m funding for Skills Opportunity Peterborough, £6.53m to support the project for the new university, it has had £1.85m which has produced 95 new rented affordable homes.

Supplementary question asked:

You said you had voted on this in the best interests for Peterborough. Yet earlier today I clarified with Kim Sawyer who is the officer responsible for the Combined Authority decision making, no vote has been taken. So where on earth was it you voted on the Business Rate Retention for Peterborough?

My understanding is there have been private discussions within the Conservatives of the Combined Authority whereby Peterborough will lose up to £1m plus.

Councillor Holdich responded:

The Mayor voted with me for the benefit of Peterborough.

We did make a formal vote on the submission to go to Government. What hasn't come back yet because it hasn't been approved by Government is

	whether that is accepted in the way it has gone in.
2.	<p>Question from Councillor Bull</p> <p>To Councillor Holdich, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board Representative</p> <p>Will Mayor James Palmer be taking the new alternative notional amount for the combined authority i.e. the new Mayoral Precept in 2018/19?</p> <p>Councillor Holdich responded:</p> <p>I am not aware of any plans to do so at this point time.</p>

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7(c)
24 JANUARY 2018	PUBLIC REPORT

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PETITION FOR DEBATE ‘20MPH DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT ON THE GREEN, CHURCH STREET, AMBERLEY SLOPE, TWELVETREE AVENUE AND PARTS OF LINCOLN ROAD WERRINGTON WARD’

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N
FROM : Interim Director of Law and Governance
<p>It is recommended the Council either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note and take no action for the reasons put forward in the debate; 2. take the action, or part of the action, requested by the petition; or 3. refer the petition to either Cabinet, a Cabinet Member, or the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration having regard to the comments made in the course of debate.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 A petition has been received by the Council with contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city. As such, the right to a debate of the petition by a meeting of the full Council has been triggered, according to the Petitions Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 As set out in the Council’s Petitions Scheme, if a petition contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city, it may trigger the right to be debated by a meeting of the full Council.

2.2 On 13 October 2017 a petition was received with the Council from Mr Proudfoot, which included over 500 signatures. Following the undertaking of a verification process, the petition was confirmed to include 590 eligible signatures.

2.3 Officers provided a response to Mr Proudfoot’s petition on 24 November 2017, attached at **Appendix 1**. Subsequently Mr Proudfoot requested that the petition was debated by a meeting of the Full Council, as per the Petitions Scheme.

2.4 The petition is titled ‘20mph Default Speed Limit on The Green, Church Street, Amberley Slope, Twelvetree Avenue and Parts of Lincoln Road Werrington Ward’. The petitions calls upon the Council to:

“... Introduce a default 20 mph speed limit on The Green, Church Street, Amberley Slope, Twelvetree Avenue and parts of Lincoln Road and Fulbridge Road approaching the Lincoln Road / Church Street and Fulbridge Road / The Green junctions.”

2.5 A copy of the petition is available to Members to view upon request.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Finance Implications – There are no financial, legal, or equalities implications arising from this report.

3.2 Governance Implications – This report will be debated following the presentation of the petition. The Leader Petitioner has five minutes to present this petition. Members will then be invited to debate the request contain therein. The usual rules of procedure will apply to this debate. Each Member may speak once for no longer than 3 minutes. A Member may not speak again, except on a point of order, by way of a personal explanation, or by way of a statement of accuracy. The Mayor will invite a vote on the recommendations at the close of the debate.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

4.1 Peterborough City Council Petitions Scheme.

5. APPENDICES

5.1 Appendix 1 – Response to Lead Petitioner from Service Area

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24th November 2017

Dear Mr Proudfoot

Petition: 20mph speed limits various street Werrington.

Thank you for your recent petition requesting 20mph speed limits on The Green, Church Street, Amberley Slope, Twelvetree Avenue and various parts of Lincoln Road in the Werrington Ward.

A councillor-led cross party task and finish group investigated 20mph signed only limits and reported its findings to cabinet in July 2014. Cabinet made 3 recommendations which are progressing, primarily aimed at gaining more evidence at both a national and local level before committing to a citywide roll out.

Since the task and finish group presented their findings a number of authorities have committed to implementing or have already implemented signed only limits. However there is still limited conclusive evidence of the impact in terms of mode of travel, reduction in speed and casualties and overall costs involved. Peterborough City Council are also waiting for the outcomes of a review which has been commissioned by the Department for Transport into 20mph signed only limits. Therefore at the current time there are no plans to make these roads 20mph.

Further to your e-mail from 17th November a date will be arranged to meet you on site with Highways Services and if there are issues with speed and/or accidents the council will investigate to see what other measures could be implemented.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss in more detail please contact myself on the above details.

Yours sincerely



Clair George
Prevention and Enforcement Service Manager



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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
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RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. EXTRAORDINARY CABINET MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2017

i. Proposal For The Termination Of The Contract With Enterprise Managed Services Limited And The Future Provision Of Services

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Authorise the entering into a Deed of Termination relating to the Council's contract for services with Enterprise Managed Services Limited;
2. Agree for the Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene to approve the award of replacement contracts or arrangement of alternative provisions for all services currently provided under the Enterprise Managed Services contract (such steps to include matters relating to contracts, leases and other relevant legal documentation and pensions arrangements) including:
 - Refuse, street cleansing vehicle workshop
 - Parks and open spaces
 - Property maintenance and property cleaning
 - Community link and home to school transport
 - Grounds and trees maintenance
 - Catering

2. CABINET MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2018

i. Acquisition of Accommodation to Reduce Homelessness

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve in principle the funding mechanisms and processes discussed in this report for managing the investment of previously agreed funding into Medesham Homes LLP for the purposes of increasing the supply of housing, helping address the demand for accommodation created as a result of the increase in homelessness;
2. In respect of the specific proposal in relation to Midland Road properties Cabinet delegated to the Corporate Director for Growth and Regeneration and the Service Director for Communities and Safety (in consultation with the Corporate Director of Resources and the Leader of the Council) the authority to approve funding of up to £4m to Medesham Homes LLP subject to the submission of an acceptable business case by Medesham Homes LLP through the process defined in this report;
3. In respect of the specific proposal in relation to providing funding for Midland Road, Cabinet delegated to the Director of Law and Governance the authority to finalise and put in place any agreements and legal documentation necessary to give effect to these proposals, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Growth and Regeneration and the Corporate Director, Resources.

ii. Council Taxbase, Business Rates, and Collection Fund Declaration 2018-19

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Propose the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 set at a level of 56,259.29 Band D equivalent properties based on the existing council tax support scheme of 30%;
2. Note the estimated position on the Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax as at 31 March 2018 being:

£1.431m surplus
3. Note the estimated position on the Collection Fund in respect of Business Rates as at 31 March 2018 being:

£0.194m deficit
4. Delegate to the Interim Corporate Director Resources authority for approving the final estimated position on the collection fund balance and for returning the final NNDR1 return to the Secretary of State by 31 January 2018 to include any further revision to the business rates position 2017/18 and Business Rate income 2018/19.

iii. November 2017 Budget Control Report

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to note the Budget Control Position for 2017/18 set out in the report.

iv. Tree and Woodland Strategy

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the Tree and Woodland Strategy for public consultation.

v. Draft Peterborough City Council Biodiversity Strategy for Consultation

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the draft Biodiversity Strategy for public consultation.

vi. Peterborough Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the draft Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation.

vii. Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document Update

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approve the Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation.

viii. Peterborough Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document Update

Cabinet considered the report and **RESOLVED** to approved the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document for the purpose of public consultation, subject to the amended map appropriately referencing urban areas.

3. CALL-IN BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the publication of the previous report to Council the call-in mechanism has not been invoked.

4. SPECIAL URGENCY AND WAIVER OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS

Since the publication of the previous report to Council the urgency and special urgency and provisions have been invoked once:

- The decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Resources on 13 December 2017 relating to the 'Purchase of the Freehold Interest in Peterborough Registry Office'. The decision was urgent because the Council had entered into an agreement with the vendor to complete the transaction within a strict timetable giving its exclusivity to acquire the property "off market" with completion being on or before the date rent next becomes due which was 25 December 2017.

The waiver of call-in provision has been invoked twice:

- The decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Resources on 13 December 2017 relating to the 'Purchase of the Freehold Interest in Peterborough Registry Office'. The waiver of the call-in period was agreed because the Council had entered into an agreement with the vendor to complete the transaction within a strict timetable giving its exclusivity to acquire the property "off market" with completion being on or before the date rent next becomes due which was 25 December 2017.
- The decision taken by Cabinet on 18 December 2017 relating to 'Proposal For The Termination Of The Contract With Enterprise Managed Services Limited And The Future Provision Of Services'. The waiver of the call-in period was agreed because Amey's year end is December this allows for their budget year forward planning. A delay in the implementation would mean that the December deadlines for Amey to meet their year-end was not achievable.

5. CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

CABINET MEMBER AND DATE OF DECISION	REFERENCE	DECISION TAKEN
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald 7 December 2017	DEC17/CMDN/69	<p>Direct Payment Support Service</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the award of contract to deliver Direct Payment Support service to Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services (PCVS) from 01 March, 2018 for a period of three years with the option to extend up to two further one year extensions (Total Value £ 624,772.72). 2. Authorised the Executive Director for People and Communities, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils to extend the contract for a further two 12 month periods at a cost agreed at the tender stage plus any variations during the initial term of the contract should the Council exercise the option to extend.
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult	DEC17/CMDN/70	<p>Extension to the Homecare Framework Agreements</p> <p>The Cabinet Member approved expenditure for the continued engagement of providers presently engaged</p>

<p>Social Care and Health</p> <p>Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald</p> <p>7 December 2017</p>		<p>under the terms of a Personal Care Framework Agreement which expires on 18 January 2018. The current and proposed providers until 19 July 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Affinity Trust; b) Atlas Care Services Ltd; c) Augusta Care Ltd; d) Cross Keys Homes Limited; e) FPS (Peterborough) Limited; f) Hales Group Limited; g) CareWatch Care Services Limited; h) Cozy Care Limited; i) Lifeways Community Care Limited; j) Mears Care Limited; k) Nestor Primecare Services Limited (trading as Allied Healthcare); l) Prestige Nursing Limited; m) Royal Mencap Society; n) Sage Care Limited; o) Social Care Solutions Limited; p) Springfield Care Limited; q) Voyage 1 Limited; r) Axiom Housing Association
<p>Leader of the Council and Member and Deputy Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority</p> <p>Councillor John Holdich</p> <p>7 December 2017</p>	<p>DEC17/CMDN/71</p>	<p>Additional Outside Organisation - Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sustainability and Transformation Partnership Board</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sustainability and Transformation Partnership Board as an additional outside organisation to which an appointment opportunity has arisen; 2. Approved the formal appointment of Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Sustainability and Transformation Partnership Board; 3. Approved the categorisation of the appointment referred to in recommendations 1 and 2 as Strategic and Executive.
<p>Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development</p> <p>Councillor Peter Hiller</p> <p>11 December 2017</p>	<p>DEC17/CMDN/72</p>	<p>Continuation of the 'Peterborough DNA' Programme Up To March 2019</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved continuation of the 'Peterborough DNA' programme up to March 2019; and 2. Authorised the award of a grant to Opportunity Peterborough Limited to the value of £240,848 for accumulated and prospective projects under the Peterborough DNA programme.
<p>Cabinet Member for Education,</p>	<p>DEC17/CMDN/73</p>	<p>Pupil Referral Service Status</p>

<p>Skills and University</p> <p>Councillor Lynne Ayres</p> <p>12 December 2017</p>		<p>The Cabinet Member to agreed to strengthen the autonomy of the Peterborough Pupil Referral Service through agreeing the governing body arrangements and financial delegations set out in the appendices.</p>
<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care and Health</p> <p>Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald</p> <p>13 December 2017</p>	<p>DEC17/CMDN/74</p>	<p>Section 256 with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>The Cabinet Member authorised the Council to enter into a Section 256 Agreement with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group for receipt of funding relating to health support to children and young people and their families from 2017 to 2020.</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Councillor David Seaton</p> <p>13 December 2017</p>	<p>DEC17/CMDN/75</p>	<p>Purchase of the freehold interest in Peterborough Registry Office</p> <p>The Cabinet Member:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the purchase of the freehold interest in the property as set out in the exempt annexe. 2. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and Regeneration to approve the terms of the purchase and proceed to contract in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources.
<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University</p> <p>Councillor Lynne Ayres</p> <p>22 December 2017</p>	<p>DEC17/CMDN/77</p>	<p>Expansion of Lime Academy Parnwell</p> <p>The Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorised the construction of new school buildings to accommodate the expansion of Lime Trust Academy Parnwell up to the value of the budget sum of £3m, subject to the Council obtaining consent pursuant to section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1988. This sum shall include the anticipated design and build contract costs of and funding for Information and Communications Technology (ICT), all site surveys and project management and technical advisers fees. 2. Authorised the Corporate Director, People and Communities in consultation with the Interim Corporate Director: Resources and legal services to award the contract for the construction works to the successful contractor from Lot 3 of the Peterborough City Council Construction

		<p>Framework following the mini-competition process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Authorised the Director of Governance or delegated officers to enter into any other legal documentation on behalf of the Council in relation to this matter.4. Authorised expansion of Lime Academy Parnwell subject to planning consent being obtained followed by approval at the Delegated Members Approval meeting.
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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
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RECORD OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY DECISIONS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES

Meeting	Dates of Meeting	Representative
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	27 November 2017 18 December 2017	Councillor David Over Councillor Ed Murphy
Combined Authority Board	29 November 2017 20 December 2017	Councillor John Holdich
Audit and Governance Committee	18 December 2017	Councillor David Seaton

1.1 The above meetings have taken place in November and December.

2. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 27 NOVEMBER 2017

2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 27 November 2017 and the decision summary is attached at **Appendix 1**.

4. BOARD MEETING – 29 NOVEMBER 2017

4.1 The Board met on 29 November 2017 and the decision summary is attached at **Appendix 2**.

3. AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 18 DECEMBER 2017

3.1 The Audit and Governance Committee met on 18 December 2017 and the decision summary is attached at **Appendix 3**.

5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18 DECEMBER 2017

5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 18 December 2017 and the decision summary is attached at **Appendix 4**.

6. BOARD MEETING – 20 DECEMBER 2017

6.1 The Board met on 20 December 2017 and the decision summary is attached at **Appendix 5**.

7. THE AGENDAS AND MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS ARE ON THE COMBINED AUTHORITY WEBSITE

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/overview-and-scrutiny-committee-27-november-2017/>

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/combined-authority-board-29-november-2017/>

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<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/combined-authority-board-20-december-2017/?date=2017-12-20>



Overview and Scrutiny Committee_ Decision Summary

Meeting: 27th November 2017

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/overview-and-scrutiny-committee-27-november-2017/?date=2017-11-27>

Chair: Cllr John Batchelor

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Apologies	Apologies received from Cllr Carter, substituted by Cllr Bucknell.
2.	Declaration of Interests	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the 23rd October 2017	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23 rd October were agreed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:- That the names of the Portfolio Holders should be included in the minutes. At point 4.2 a more precise description on what imbalance meant should be included as follows.

		<p>The committee wished it to be recorded that their interpretation of the word “imbalance” used by the Portfolio Holder meant “That within the combined authority area there was a financial imbalance between different parts of the combined authority area and some areas were more disadvantaged than others .</p> <p>Under item 5 the committee asked for it to be recorded that the Portfolio Holder for Skills had advised that there would be no ‘mickey mouse’ degrees available at Peterborough University.</p> <p>At point 6.2 Cllr Hayward asked for it to be recorded that he did not say that level crossings were on the A1 and that he had requested that his point should be raised at the October Board meeting.</p> <p>The Committee requested that when presentation slides were sent out to members that they be presented one slide per page.</p> <p>In relation to matters arising, Cllr Murphy advised that at the last meeting that the S151 officer had agreed to provide information on the £3.8m available for transport in relation to the Rhubarb Bridge crossing. Cllr Murphy was still awaiting this information.</p>
4.	<p>Interview – Portfolio Holder for Fiscal Planning</p>	<p>The Committee invited the Portfolio Holder for Fiscal Planning (Cllr Steve Count) to the meeting to give a presentation and answer questions from the committee on his portfolio.</p> <p>Below is a summary of some of the points raised during the discussion:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The £600m would not deliver all the schemes within the Combined Authority’s remit but the funding could be used to unlock further funding streams. ● The LEP and Combined Authority are separate legal entities so there was no financial impact on the combined authority unless it chose to. The Combined Authority had chosen to fund some LEP schemes previously under the LEP’s portfolio under approval of the CEO and later ratified by the Board. There were no plans for the Combined Authority to bail out any other organisations ● The Portfolio Holder confirmed that Combined Authority is the guarantor for its own lending; not constituent councils and going forward it would be up to the lender to

guarantee any loans. This may change in the future.

- The Treasury Management paper will outline any borrowing requirements and if there are any borrowing caps imposed this would be set out in the finance strategy.
- Project borrowing would most likely be project specific but the Portfolio holder could not rule out other funding streams being used.
- Land Value Capture was being looked into as a funding solution but discussions were ongoing with central government. It was important to get the infrastructure needed to build the communities.
- The lack of VAT registration for the Combined Authority was not an immediate concern as government was aware of the necessity and legislation to implement this was being sped up. All back monies would be recoverable.
- The transport funding that was given to the Combined Authority was handed down to Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council in its entirety but ultimately the Combined Authority was the transport authority for the area so it required the facility to levy in future.
- The £2m funding promised in the budget last week would be paid over two years and would fund the staffing for the Combined Authority.
- There would be no impact on constituent councils for funding and no constituent council had been asked for funding from the Combined Authority at this point.
- The £20m per year for the next 30 years promised by government for the Combined Authority would be devalued over the years due to rising inflation and this was one of the reasons it was important to be looking at possible borrowing avenues now.
- A further £76 m was provided to Combined Authority in last week's budget and as central government gained further trust in the Combined Authority further funding would be granted.

- Rather than funding agreements being labeled 'Devolution Deals' more money would come from a continuous series of successful bids and grants.
- Options were being developed to allocate the £100m funding for housing development. The options would be based on assessed need using a robust criteria and business case. Consultants would be selected using similar criteria used by the County Council and an assurance framework.
- The assurance framework stated that the £70m for housing development in Cambridge must be spent within the framework and it must be evidenced, however, Cambridge City Council would have direct control over the allocation.
- £100m to deliver affordable housing can be used on viable sites across the combined authority area including stalled sites which could help with the housing shortage. Funding would be subject to viable individual business cases. It is written in to the assurance framework that should the Board feel that there was a need for them to intervene in an individual business case then they could. Procurements rules must be followed.
- Project appraisal would be done using the budget method with each project being evaluated individually by the Combined Authority. The appraisal on priorities for the area covered by the Combined Authority would be done by the Economic Commission that had been set up. Some items would need independent guidance.
- There were two mechanisms by which the Combined Authority could levy money; the first was through the Mayor's precept which could be used solely to fund the Mayor's own office. Secondly the Combined Authority could have a levy on business rates.
- There was no Mayoral precept predicted for the 2018/19 budget.
- To date there had been no extra cost to the tax payer from the Combined Authority.

A full summary of the interview is in the minutes: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/overview-and-scrutiny-committee-27-november-2017/?date=2017-11->

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5.	Interview – Portfolio Holder for Tourism & Leisure	<p>The Committee invited the Portfolio Holder for Tourism and Leisure (Cllr John Holdich) to the meeting to give a presentation and answer questions from the committee on his portfolio.</p> <p>Below is a summary of some of the points raised during the discussion:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authority to undertake a Bus Review was going to the Board on 29 November. The review would consider areas such as service on demand, transport to smaller towns and isolation in rural areas especially as it could feed into other schemes. With transportation being seen as a solution to isolation. • The Bus Review would look at areas beyond the borders of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. • The Combined Authority could encourage better management of the Public Rights of Way and this would be an area for the portfolio to look at.
6.	Review of Combined Authority Agenda	<p>The Committee reviewed the upcoming agenda for the Combined Authority Board, the responses below were provided to the committees questions:-</p> <p>In response to a question about the St Neots item coming to the Board the CEO advised that St Neots was an underperforming area that had great potential and although different in many ways to other market towns in the area there would definitely be some similarities that could be transferred across areas.</p> <p>In response to a question about recruitment at the Combined Authority the CEO responded that the Combined Authority would be confirming the appointment of the Legal and Monitoring Officer on 29 November and would be starting recruitment for the Chief Finance Officer. Currently all posts at the Combined Authority were occupied in some capacity. The CEO planned to wait for a resolution with the LEP before making further permanent appointments.</p>

		<p>The CEO provided the Committee with a general update on the situation with the LEP, the following points were made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The first priority for the CEO was to gauge the financial position of the LEP; with agreement from the LEP Board there were some actions that could be taken which would help to relieve some of the financial pressures. ● The CEO had commissioned an independent financial review to be done by Grant Thornton and through the Chair of the LEP an independent review of how the LEP Board operates by Pinsent Masons. ● The CEO stated that he felt that although the Combined Authority and the LEP were two separate entities, his role as CEO was one role - to achieve growth in the local economy and he was clear on what he was doing in each role. ● Officer structures within each organisation needed to be joined up. ● There was an opportunity for the LEP to become stronger and take on a more strategic role for the area; currently it was felt that the LEP was isolated, for example there were work projects being done by the LEP on skills that were also being looked at by other organisations. There was an opportunity to remove duplication. ● The geographical areas covered by the LEP and the Combined Authority were different and this was a matter for the Board to consider, options would be brought back to Board. ● The National Audit Office had completed a review into the LEP which would be published soon. This piece of work examined the governance of the LEP and was different to the two pieces of work that had been commissioned to be carried out by Grant Thornton and Pinsent Mason.
7.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	The Committee noted the forward plan of the Combined Authority Board.

		The current forward plan is at http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/Forward-Plan-updated-20th-November-2017.pdf
8.	Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme	The Committee agreed to discuss the work programme in more detail at their training session.
9.	Date & Location of Next Meeting	The next meeting would be held at Fenland District Council at 2pm on the 18 th December 2017.

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Decision Summary

Meeting: 29th November 2017

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/combined-authority-board-29-november-2017/>

Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies received from Councillor Holdich, substituted by Councillor Fitzgerald, and Councillor Topping, substituted by Councillor Nick Wright.
Item	Topic	Decision
1.2	Minutes – 25th October 2017	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 25th October 2017 as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.
1.4	Public Questions	None received.

1.5	Forward Plan	It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated 20 November 2017.
1.6	Membership of the Combined Authority – Amendments	<p>It was resolved to note the following appointments made by Huntingdonshire District Council for the remainder of the municipal year 2017/2018:</p> <p>(a) Councillor Graham Bull to replace Councillor Robin Howe as its Member to the Combined Authority;</p> <p>(b) Councillor Ryan Fuller as Councillor Graham Bull's substitute to the Combined Authority.</p> <p>The Board also noted that the Mayor had appointed Councillor Charles Roberts as his statutory Deputy Mayor.</p>
Part 2 – Key Decisions		
2.1	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Bus Review	<p>The purpose of this report was to ask the Board to agree to a strategic review of bus services within the Combined Authority area.</p> <p>Buses have the potential to provide economic and social benefits by connecting people with jobs, shops and facilities; they can minimise social isolation; and can reduce congestion on some of our busiest roads. Many bus services are run successfully on a commercial basis but there are also a significant minority of services, particularly in rural areas and those provided for people with disabilities, which are only viable currently through public subsidy.</p> <p>Considerable work has already been undertaken to improve the operational efficiency of the existing bus service. However, significant further operational improvements are unlikely to be achieved using existing delivery models without considerable public sector subsidy. Such investment is likely to offer a diminishing return and is unlikely to deal with the underlying issues.</p> <p>This paper proposed that a strategic study is undertaken. It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the existing network and service – including its strengths and weaknesses; Develop strategic options for bus services of the future – taking account of other strategic transport initiatives, so that any proposals can be seen as part of a whole transport

solution. New technology and innovative solutions from across the UK and the world will also be considered;

Assess franchising and other operational models – and their relevance and value to this area'

Consider transition arrangements for new, future operational models

An important feature of the review will be engagement with all stakeholder groups across the area including bus providers and Local Authorities.

For the purpose of this report buses are defined as services that provide on road passenger transport provision either via a traditional bus or a smaller tailored accessible vehicle

It was resolved to:

- a) Agree to undertake a Bus Review within the scope and terms of reference set out in this report.
- b) Agree a total budget allocation of £150,000 to undertake the Bus Review.
- c) Note the intention to use this Bus Review to inform a future Combined Authority Bus Strategy which would be developed as part of the future Local Transport Plan.
- d) Note that the Bus Review would seek to recognise the issues faced in certain areas of Cambridgeshire following the recent withdrawal of some commercial services.

	Part 3 – Other Decisions	
3.1	Transport Update	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 conferred the local transport planning powers on the Combined Authority creating the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as the local transport authority.</p> <p>This report set out how transport functions are currently delivered; considered future delivery models; and requested the approval of a statutory instrument which enabled the Combined Authority to levy the upper tier authorities for the cost of delivering the transport functions. It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, as the local transport planning authority, delegated its transport powers and transport funding to Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council for 2017/18; b) Agree to report back to the Board in December on the implications of the Combined Authority assuming the decision making powers for strategic transport planning matters and the impact of that for the upper-tier authorities and other bodies c) Approve the draft Statutory Instrument (Appendix 1) enabling the Combined Authority to levy the upper tier authorities for delivery of the transport functions
3.2	Adult Education Budget Devolution: Transitional Arrangements and Resourcing	<p>The devolution of the Adult Education Budget (AEB) represented a central component of the skills agenda for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA). The AEB brings together what were previously three separate funding streams into a single budget, comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the non-apprenticeship part of the Adult Skills Budget community learning discretionary learner support <p>It has been suggested that successful localisation of this budget could allow the CPCA greater flexibility and responsiveness in addressing the region's skills needs.</p> <p>Although full devolution was originally scheduled for the 2018/19 academic year, it had become apparent that this was no longer feasible without substantial risks to learners and providers. Consequently, the Department for Education (DfE) had proposed two transitional options for the 2018/19 academic year before full devolution in 2019/20. The DfE has subsequently written to all Mayoral Combined Authorities requesting formal</p>

		<p>confirmation of their chosen transitional option. This paper detailed and contextualised the options available and recommended the basis for how CPCA work with the DfE during the 2018/19 academic year.</p> <p>To ensure that the CPCA was prepared for full devolution in 2019/20, a significant amount of preparatory work was required to satisfy the DfE's 'readiness criteria' for the transfer of AEB powers.</p> <p>The report also outlined the level of additional resource required to ensure that CPCA has the specialist knowledge and capacity to prepare for AEB devolution.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the steps taken to prepare the Combined Authority for full devolution of the Adult Education Budget in time for the 2019/20 academic year; (b) Agree the Combined Authority's approach to working with the Department for Education during the proposed 'transitional' 2018/19 academic year; and (c) Agree £40,000 of extra resource to ensure that the Combined Authority was equipped to prepare for AEB devolution.
3.3	Appointment of Legal Counsel & Monitoring Officer, and Loan of Chief Executive	<p>The purpose of this report was to ask the Board to appoint Kim Sawyer as Legal Counsel and Monitoring Officer following the recommendation of the Employment Committee.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) appoint Kim Sawyer as Legal Counsel and Monitoring Officer, (b) note that the Mayor had exercised his general power of competence on behalf of the Combined Authority to agree to loan the Chief Executive to the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership on a part time and interim basis.
3.4	Budget Update Report – 2017-18	<p>Constituent members when agreeing to the establishment of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) considered the resource allocations from central government and the initial expenditure plans which have since been further</p>

		<p>developed. This report provides an update of the 2017/18 budget.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the budget updates as requested for approval in other Board reports on this meeting's agenda. 2. Note the budget update made under delegated authority as set out in paragraph 3.5. 3. Note the updated budget and indicative resources for 2017/18 and 2018/19 to 2020/21 as set out in Appendices A and B
Part 4 – Date of Next Meeting		
4.1	Date of Next Meeting	<p>It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 10.30 am in Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Cambridge City Council, Guildhall, Cambridge</p>



Overview and Scrutiny Committee_ Decision Summary

Meeting: 18th December

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/overview-and-scrutiny-committee-18-december-2017/?date=2017-12-18>

Chair: Cllr John Batchelor

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Apologies	Apologies received from Cllr Hayward and Cllr Riley. Apologies received from Cllr Baigent, substituted by Cllr Sargeant.
2.	Declaration of Interests	There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the 27th November 2017	The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 th November 2017 were agreed as a correct record.
4.	Review of Combined Authority Board Agenda	The Committee reviewed the agenda due to come to the Board on Wednesday 20 th December 2017. The following points were raised during the discussion:-

Agenda item 2.4, Establishing a new stronger public and private sector partnership in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough was confidential as it related to matters about the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) which was a private company. Therefore, the Chief Executive could not comment more than what was published in the public report.

Subject to decisions taken at the GCGP LEP Board on Tuesday 19th December 2017 the Combined Authority Board may decide to discuss the exempt report in the public part of the meeting.

In response to questions about agenda item 2.1, Transport: Developing our Decision Making and delivery arrangements, the following points were made:

- There were a number of options to consider as part of the strategic bus review to seek improvements in bus services. Some Combined Authorities had adopted the full franchising model while other had not pursued this model at all, for example the West Midlands CA. Other Combined Authorities have adopted a partnership model.
- Where franchising models have been adopted it was done with significant public subsidy.
- It would not be sensible to progress without further investigation into service needs and costs implications.
- Earlier in the year it was agreed to commission a new transport plan which would start in January with the first strategic themes reported in May/June next year.
- The report regarding the bus review was due to come to the Board in September/ October next year and it would be requested that a timetable for the project be included in that report.
- The report was constructed in conjunction with Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council and co-developed by officers at both authorities.
- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be consultees for the Local Transport Plan.
- All transport functions had gone back to Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough

		<p>City Council; and those councils are going through their usual budget plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In regard to funding for next year, some funding would come from government, and some from the councils to pass up to the Combined Authority. The Combined Authority will need to decide how to meet any shortfall. <p>The Committee agreed that the Chairman should raise the following questions at the Board meeting on Wednesday 20th December on behalf of the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Could the Board clarify who had control of the transport budget, if the budget had been devolved to the County Council and Peterborough City Council were the Board aware of options under consideration for the removal of certain subsidies? 2) Clarity was sought on what the funding figures quoted referred to, did they include home to school transport? 3) The Committee requested assurance that they would have the opportunity to pre scrutinise integrated planning in advance of the May/June meeting. <p>In response to questions about agenda item 2.2, Establishing the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Land Commission, the following points were made:</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the relationship between Combined Authority and Local Plans, Cllr Yeulett advised the Committee that he had had a meeting with Cllr Herbert who had assured him that the local plans were sovereign.</p> <p>Cllr French suggested that Neighbourhood Plans should also be taken into account.</p>
5.	Key Priority Themes	<p>The report asked the Committee to consider whether they would like to continue with the Shadow Portfolio Holders system that was agreed at the June Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting or move to a thematic based system to be applied to the work programme.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) change to a system where members would cover key priority themes.

		<p>(b) notify the Combined Authority Board of the change in approach</p> <p>(c) the allocations set out in appendix B of the report but that this allocation would be flexible.</p>
6.	Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme	<p>The Committee received the report which provided the Committee with the draft work programme for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year and asked them for comments and suggestions.</p> <p>Committee members raised the following points during the discussion:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Monitoring Officer advised that the Committee did not need to follow the advice that had been provided. The Committee could invite anybody who provided a service to the Combined Authority but the committee cannot force them to attend. ● Some members felt the remit was wider than just organisations that work with the Combined Authority. ● Other Combined Authorities invited external organisations. ● The Committee should be able to meet with people who have influenced the reports coming to the Board. ● It was unacceptable that they could only consider items that were coming to the Board for consideration. <p>The Monitoring Officer responded to the committee to advise that the terms of reference for the committee differed to those of a local authority scrutiny committee and further clarification was being sought from the Centre for Public Scrutiny about this.</p> <p>It was important to understand what the purpose of any review was and why external organisations were being invited to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Bradley put forward a motion that the Mayor be invited to attend the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting quarterly, this motion was seconded by Cllr Nethsingha.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
7.	Combined Authority Forward Plan	<p>The Committee noted the forward plan of the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p>The current forward plan is at http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Combined-Authority/Forward-Plan-updated-20-December-2017.pdf</p>

8.	Date & Location of Next Meeting	The next meeting would be held at Cambridgeshire County Council on 29 th January 2018.
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AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - Decision Summary

Meeting: 18th December 2017

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Audit-and-Governance-Committee/Audit-Governance-Agenda-181217.pdf>

61 Chair: John Pye (Chair and Independent Person)

Summary of decisions taken at this meeting

Item	Topic	Decision <i>[None of the decisions below are key decisions]</i>
1.	Apologies And Declarations Of Interests	<p>The Chairman welcomed the Mayor of the Combined Authority.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Fraser and Cllr Chapman.</p> <p>The Chairman advised the committee that the CA is in the process of recruiting a permanent s.151 officer. Adverts have been approved and the necessary processes put in place. The recruitment would begin in the new year. Several interviews had been conducted for an interim s.151 officer but to date, no suitable candidate had been identified. The Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer meet regularly with two experienced finance officers to monitor the financial position and the Audit and Governance Committee will provide the oversight for that position.</p>
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 21st	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September were agreed as a correct record.</p>

	September 2017	
3.	Combined Authority Board Update	<p>The Chairman welcomed the Mayor and invited him to provide the committee with an overview of the Combined Authority activities for the last six months.</p> <p>The Mayor highlighted the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Combined Authority was an opportunity to do things differently; it was important to recognize that the Combined Authority was a delivery body not another local authority. •The Combined Authority would be a lean organisation which would have a staff of less than 20 people. •There had been some unexpected issues that the Combined Authority had had to deal with such as the situation with the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnerships; this had been dealt with transparently and would hopefully result in a better system and provide an opportunity for integration that would solve staffing problems and remove the duplication of services that existed within the area. •The Combined Authority was a fast moving organisation; reports that were brought forward under the 100 day plan were already coming to fruition, reports such as the Mass Rapid Transport and the A10 study. •The Mayor outlined how he had been involved in talks with investors and central government who were keen to be involved with the authority. •The Combined Authority was unique and did not fall naturally into the defined tag of a metro mayor system. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area had a strong economy which needed to be harnessed. •There was a real opportunity to bring in significant investments from the private sector. •The Mayor felt that having a core staff and high levels of consultants was the way forward for the Combined Authority.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The post of the Section 151 officer needed someone with a deep understanding of the Combined Authority. •The Mayor gave his commitment that the Combined Authority would ensure it was transparent in all its activities. <p>The Chairman thanked the Mayor for attending to provide an update and asked him to return at a future date to keep the committee updated.</p>
4	Internal Audit Update	<p>The Committee received the report from the Chief Internal Auditor which outlined the ongoing review of the governance arrangements within the Combined Authority.</p> <p>Cllr Harrison asked whether the Code of Conduct could be reviewed as it seemed too lightweight in comparison to the Code of Conduct of other local authorities and was advised that the Monitoring Officer favoured a less complex code but that the Code of Conduct could be included within the review and would discuss this with the Chief Internal Auditor.</p> <p>The Chief Internal Auditor would bring a report back to the Audit and Governance Committee with a further update on the review in March.</p> <p>The Chairman raised the issue of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee requesting a review of the consultants used by the Combined Authority. Members of the committee requested this be extended to include a broad range of procurement activities.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that it was important that the remits of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee were clear to avoid duplication of work and that he would be meeting with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairman in the New Year.</p>
5	External Audit 2016-17 Annual Audit Letter	<p>The Committee received the report which asked the committee to note the Annual Audit Letter, as prepared by Ernst and Young following the completion of their 2016/17 audit.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report.</p>

6	Audit Plan 2017/18	<p>The Committee received the report which asked for the approval of the 2017/18 Audit Plan as prepared by Ernst & Young LLP and to approve a proposed change to the Audit and Governance Committee meeting dates and work programme to accommodate the changed statutory deadline for approval of the Statement of Accounts.</p> <p>The external auditors outlined the three main risks in the report; the first two risks were common risks for all organisations and the third risk was the change of deadlines which the committee needed to be aware of.</p> <p>There would be a workshop in May which would provide the committee an opportunity to review the draft statement of accounts.</p> <p>A question was asked around the Planning Materiality and the committee were advised that this was a common approach taken by external auditors to make judgements. As the materiality had been set at the top range this meant the auditors felt there was currently low risk.</p> <p>As a result of the external deadlines being moved there would be more estimated figures used which did create more risk, however this should be mitigated by the committee having early sight of the accounts. If there was anything significant that could have an effect on the estimates this would be discussed with the committee.</p> <p>Risks around the Mayor operating without appropriate arrangements in place or the absence of the Section 151 Officer would be reflected in the risk audit carried out by the external auditor.</p> <p>Currently the external auditors had good engagement with the finance officers and were satisfied with the interim arrangements.</p> <p>The Chairman requested that he be consulted if the external auditors did develop any concerns.</p> <p>The Committee received and considered the External Audit Plan for 2017/18.</p> <p>The Committee noted the planned audit fees for the year and noted the changes in statutory deadlines for the preparation of draft accounts and publishing of audited accounts.</p> <p>The Committee approved the proposal to hold an informal workshop in mid-May to discuss and comment on the draft accounts 2017/18.</p>
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7	Members Code of Conduct: Procedure for Hearings by the Audit Committee	<p>The Committee received the report which outlined a process for dealing with complaints about the Mayor, members of the combined authority, or members of combined authority committees.</p> <p>The Legal Counsel and Monitoring officer advised that most complaints dealt with were resolved with at the early stage following informal discussions with the member and the complainant.</p> <p>An annual report would be brought to the committee outlining the number of complaints received.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if all members of the Combined Authority had signed the Code of Conduct and was advised that all members should have signed this as part of the register of interest and officers would check to ensure this was completed.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if the process for how members were appointed to the hearings panel could be made clearer.</p> <p>Once the Independent person had been appointed the Committee requested that they attend the Audit and Governance Committee meetings.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the process for dealing with complaints about the Mayor, Members of the Combined Authority or its Committees for breach of the Code of Conduct and recommend the Combined Authority Board amend the constitution to include the member complaints procedure;</p> <p>The Committee noted the process for recruiting an Independent Person for Complaints with a proposed allowance of £250 per annum.</p>
8.	Complaints Procedure	<p>The Committee received the report which asked the committee to comment on the proposed corporate complaints procedure for the combined authority</p>

		<p>The Committee noted the proposed complaints procedure for the combined authority as set out in Appendix 1 and that the Monitoring Officer has delegated authority to make any changes recommended by the Local Ombudsmen or resulting out of the Audit and Governance Committee function to monitor the complaints process.</p> <p>The Committee recommends:</p> <p>(a) that the combined authority board approve and adopt the complaints procedure</p> <p>(b) that the combined authority notify the local ombudsman of its decision to approve and adopt the complaints procedure.</p>
9.	<p>Freedom of Information (FOI) and Data Protection Policy</p>	<p>The Committee received the report which asked the committee to note the action taken to comply with freedom of information legislation.</p> <p>There was an intention to have a publication scheme with the aim to publish as much information as possible.</p> <p>Members requested that it was made clear in the policy whether there was the intention to publish FOI responses online.</p> <p>FOI and data Protection requests were being handled by the Democratic Service staff.</p> <p>The Chairman requested that the number of FOI requests received be included in the annual report brought to the committee.</p> <p>The Committee is agreed to:</p> <p>(a) note the Data Protection Policy at Appendix 1.</p> <p>(b) note the Freedom of Information Policy at Appendix 2.</p> <p>(c) Note publication scheme listing the types of information that is available or will be made available on the Combined Authority website at Appendix 3</p>

		(d) Recommend that the combined authority Board approves Appendices 1, 2 and 3
10.	Treasury Management Strategy	<p>The Committee received the report which outlined the Combined Authority's draft Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19.</p> <p>The following points were raised during the discussion: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Current version is limited in scope as it was drafted before Combined Authority had any capital programmes. The 2018/19 version had been expanded to include the borrowing powers of the Combined Authority. •Currently Peterborough City Council invest on behalf of the Combined Authority •Each capital project goes through a budget allocation and approval process with the Combined Authority Board. It is difficult to determine borrowing requirements for investments where there is uncertainty on the amounts and timing of the required funds. The Combined Authority is trying to establish current and future borrowing and investment profiles. •Substantial funding had been received for the housing programmes and the CEO expected that in January 2018 the Combined Authority would have a strong profile of delivery against those programme and therefore a much stronger understanding around capital deployment. Papers would be coming to the Combined Authority Board regarding this. •The other two areas of major capital were the transport projects and the Peterborough University. •The CEO advised that all feasibility studies for transport schemes had been commissioned and in 9-12 months the Combined Authority would have a view on the feasibility of those projects and the likely delivery of those into capital programmes. •The final business case for the Peterborough University would come to the Board in December 2018 and it was expected that it would include a view on funding strategy for

		<p>university, which may involve tens of millions of pounds and would also provide an understanding of the timeframes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Combined Authority was accountable to the DCLG to ensure we have delivering value for money schemes. The role of the committee was to ensure systems were in place to allow for this. <p>The Committee members debated the need for the Treasury Management Strategy to be bolder, with some members feeling it should remain as proposed in the report while others felt it needed to take more risks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Committee requested that the report return in March with two alternative options for the committee to consider and make recommendations on to the Board on the Treasury Management Strategy. <p>The Committee requested that advisor attend the march meeting to provide a development session on this topic to help inform the committees decision.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the Combined Authority's draft Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 and note that an updated version will be brought back to the next Committee meeting to take account of any changes prompted by the DCLG November 2017 consultation.</p>
11.	Assurance Framework	<p>The Committee received the report from the Strategic Financial Advisor which outlined the progress to date on key areas of the review of the Assurance Framework and the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.</p> <p>The following points were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There was major new investment coming into the Combined Authority; organisational changes which will have a significant effect on the structure of the organisation. •The Combined Authority wanted to avoid duplication of roles and envisage that we will

		<p>have the quality within the organisation to oversee and manage others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There was a perception from the government that the Combined Authority was another level of bureaucracy which needs to be corrected; the public sector reform programme would run alongside the Combined Authority. •It was important that the managing of the process was defined and in such a way that the public could understand the role of the Combined Authority. <p>The Committee requested that a report that acted as a blueprint for the processes being rolled out be brought to next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee noted the progress on the review of the implementation of structures and systems for the procurement and project management of capital projects in accordance with the requirements of the Assurance and the Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks; and noted the matters arising and the work underway to ensure the requirements of the Frameworks are fulfilled as options are considered, selected and implemented.</p>
12.	Work Programme	<p>The Committee received the report which provided the draft work programme for Audit and Governance Committee for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to add the following to the work programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on the Assurance Framework Process - An annual report on the number of complaints and FOI request received. - Development session be held before the March meeting on the Treasury Management Strategy and a report to come with options for the committee to consider.
13.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 26 th March 2018 at Peterborough City Council

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY

Decision Statement

Meeting: 20th December 2017

<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/meetings/combined-authority-board-20-december-2017/?date=2017-12-20>

Item	Topic	Decision
	Part 1 – Governance Items	
1.1	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies received from Councillors J Holdich and P Topping, and Jess Bawden substituted by Gary Howsam. Councillor Count declared a non-statutory disclosable interest under the Code of Conduct in relation to Item 2.4, as a member of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board.
1.2	Minutes – 29 November 2017	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 29th November 2017 as a correct record.
1.3	Petitions	None received.
1.4	Public Questions	None received.
1.5	Forward Plan	It was resolved to approve the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated to be published on 22 December 2017.

2.1	<p>Part 2 – Non-Key Decisions</p> <p>Transport: Developing our Decision Making and Delivery arrangements</p>	<p>The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 transferred the local transport planning powers to the Combined Authority and created the C&P CA as the local transport authority for the area.</p> <p>This has created a complex environment with a variety of bodies with different powers and responsibilities promoting, developing and delivering a range of transport schemes. This encompasses the local road network, the strategic road network and the strategic rail network.</p> <p>It has been recognised that greater clarity and consensus is required on the role of the Combined Authority and how this relates to other bodies currently working within the transport environment. The report sought to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Set out the transport role of the Combined Authority (b) Make recommendations on the principles that should be adopted to create a simple understandable regime for decision making and delivery (c) Agree that further work should be undertaken to establish how the design of this will work in practice (d) Make proposals for the delegation of transport functions for the year 2018/19. <p>The report followed on from the Transport Update paper presented to the Board on the 29th November 2017.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agree the strategic transport role of the Combined Authority - as set out in paragraphs 2.4 – 2.7 of the report; (b) Agree the principles that should be adopted to create a simple understandable regime for decision making and delivery – as set out in paragraphs 2.8 – 2.11; (c) Note that further work would be undertaken to determine how the design of these principles would work in practice and proposals would be brought back to the Combined Authority Board in February 2018 for consideration; (d) Agree the delegation of transport powers to Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council for the 2018/19 financial year - as set out in paragraph 2.16 of the report

2.2	Establishing the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Land Commission	<p>The Combined Authority and its constituent partners have a collective ambition for significant levels of inclusive growth across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. However our track record of delivery has not always met this ambition and the Combined Authority has committed to form a Land Commission to ensure land supply is now brought forward for development in line with our growth needs.</p> <p>The scope of the Land Commission will include bringing forward both public and private land for development. Within this scope there is particular opportunity for the Land Commission to establish a fresh and strategic approach to managing public sector assets across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, reflecting our need to implement a cross-border and cross-sector approach to make better use of our collective estate. There are approximately 14,000 hectares of public estate across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</p> <p>This report asked the Board to agree the scope of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Land Commission that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Identify specific barriers that are holding back the supply of land for key strategic development sites in Local Plans, primarily focussing on public land and work with partners to bring forward recommendations to overcome these (b) Develop a register of all publicly owned land across the area to ensure the long-term supply of land for future development needs (c) Identify any common factors that are holding back the supply of land for development across the geography and work with partners to bring forward recommendations to overcome these. <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agree the Terms of Reference for the Land Commission (b) Agree the membership and appoint the portfolio holder for Spatial Planning as the Chair of the Land Commission (c) Agree the timetable for implementation of the Land Commission and ask the Chair of the Land Commission to bring regular progress reports to the Board (d) Approve a budget allocation of up to £80,000 to support the work of the Land Commission
2.3	Update on Peterborough University Business Cases and Project Progress	This report updates Board members on the extensive progress being made on the University of Peterborough project.

		It was resolved to note the current progress being made by partners on the University project
2.4	Establishing a new Stronger Public and Private Sector Partnership in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	<p>It was resolved to not exclude the press and public when considering Appendix 1 as the Board would be considering exempt information under categories 3 and 4 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>The Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough area has huge economic potential. If this potential is to be realised, a really powerful partnership needed to exist between the public and private sectors. The purpose of this paper was to consider how a series of new arrangements could strengthen the strategic leadership of the area, create a new model of local enterprise partnership and provide best value for the public purse.</p> <p>These new arrangements would set the standard for best practice models of the future for public and private sector partnerships. At the same time, they would restore trust and confidence, including that of the wider business community, local democratic leaders and central government.</p> <p>The current Local Enterprise Partnership Board agreed at its Board meeting on 19th December that Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership Limited (the "Company"), that was established in 2010 to lead and manage the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (the "GCGP LEP") should be voluntarily wound up on a solvent basis with effect from 31st March 2018.</p> <p>This would allow for an effective transition from the current model to new arrangements. This report set out how the Combined Authority could work in partnership with a new LEP to deliver a new model of strategic leadership.</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the decisions proposed to the Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership Board (GCGP LEP) regarding the future of its Company; (b) Note that the GCGP LEP had accepted the proposals made to it, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To note that it was proposed that a new Local Enterprise Partnership would

		<p>be established in the form of a Business Board;</p> <p>ii. To note the future working relationship of the Combined Authority and the new Business Board, and the membership of the new Business Board;</p> <p>iii. Agree that the Combined Authority shall become the Accountable Body for the Business Board from 1st April 2018.</p> <p>(c) note that periodic reports would be made to the Combined Authority Board from the New Year regarding the arrangements for the future working relationship between the two Boards.</p>
	Part 3 – Budget Decisions	
3.1	Budget 2018-19	<p>The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (LGFA 1992) placed a duty on Councils to set a balanced budget with regard to the advice of its Chief Finance Officer (section 151).</p> <p>This paper provided a draft ‘indicative’ budget for the Combined Authority produced in accordance with the ‘emerging strategic themes’ for 2018/19 as set out in the October Board meeting, to be consulted on by the consultees as approved by the Board.</p> <p>It was resolved to consider and approve the draft 2018/19 Combined Authority budget for consultation purposes.</p>
3.2	Budget 2018-19 (Mayor’s Budget)	<p>This paper sets out the Mayor’s draft budget for 2018/19 for review by the Combined Authority Board</p> <p>It was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Mayor’s draft budget for 2018/19 2. Approve the draft budget in its current form.
	Part 4 – Date of Next Meeting	
4.1	Date of Next Meeting	It was resolved to note the date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 31 January 2018 at 10.30 am in the Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge

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COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
24 JANUARY 2018	PUBLIC REPORT

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following notice of motion has been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:

1. Motion from Councillor Shaz Nawaz

Peterborough is proud of its diverse and multicultural demographic composition. As a city we have always celebrated and promoted the core values of tolerance, inclusion and unity.

We have a local football club, FC Peterborough, which has players from over 20 different racial backgrounds. Unfortunately, in their experience, these same core values are not encountered on the football pitch. FC Peterborough's players have been subjected to numerous incidents of verbal and even physical abuse, motivated by racial, Islamophobic and or other prejudicial views.

This Council should offer whatever assistance it can to FC Peterborough as part of its work on anti-discrimination and promoting wider community cohesion in the city with a view to find a long term solution to the problem. The Council's Chief Executive should arrange a round table meeting with all relevant stakeholders, including Hunts and Northants FA in close partnership with local and regional agencies working to promote sports in the city, to discuss how we can all collaborate to send a clear message that racism will not be tolerated in any shape or form. The Council should also request regular updates from stakeholders including the FA on what progress has been made regarding these complaints from FC Peterborough and how they intend to address the issues highlighted in future.

2. Motion from Councillor Saltmarsh

This Council passed a motion in October 2015 recommending to the Electoral Commission that the law should be changed so that any person convicted of electoral fraud should receive a lifetime ban from standing as a candidate at a local government election. However the law has not changed and the disqualification period for those convicted of corrupt practices under the Representation of the People Act 1983 remains at five years. We feel it is important that voters in Peterborough should have confidence in the people they elect to represent them that they will uphold the law and agree to write to the Electoral Commission again asking it to review this issue with a view to introducing a lifetime ban for those convicted.

3. Motion from Councillor Mahabadi

Council resolves that Scrutiny Committee look into the benefits, social value and business case for new council house provision and report back its conclusions and any recommendations to Full Council.

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