

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR CHRIS ASH

1. Cabinet Recommendation - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22 - Tranche Two

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment to the recommendation from Councillor Sandford (22 voted in favour, 27 voted against, 3 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Dowson, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed, Whitby

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Lane, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, John Fox, Judy Fox

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

The amendment to the recommendation was **DEFEATED**.

A recorded vote was taken on the recommendation as originally moved (29 voted in favour, 20 voted against, 3 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Lane, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren, Whitby

Councillors Against: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Dowson, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Hogg, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, Judy Fox, Julie Howell

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

It was **RESOLVED** that Council agreed:

1. The Tranche Two service proposals, outlined in Appendix E to the report.
2. The updated budget assumptions, to be incorporated within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2019/20- 2021/22. These are outlined in section 5.4 of the report.
3. The revised capital programme approach outlined in section 5.7 and referencing Appendix D to the report.
4. The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20-2021/22 -Tranche Two, as set out in the body of the report and the following appendices:

- Appendix A – 2019/20-2021/22 MTFS Detailed Budget Position -Tranche Two
- Appendix B – Local Government Finance Event Timeline
- Appendix C – Performance Data
- Appendix D – Capital Programme 2018/19- 2021/22
- Appendix E – Budget Consultation Document, including Budget Proposals
- Appendix F – Equality Impact Assessments
- Appendix G– Budget Consultation Feedback

2. Licensing Committee Recommendation – Licensing Act 2003 – Cumulative Impact – Review, Consultation and Responses

A vote was taken on the recommendation as amended (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council approved retention of the status quo for the Cumulative Impact Policy, taking into account the comments of the Director of Public Health that the Licensing Authority consider the use of cumulative impact policies in other areas where a need was identified, including areas of high alcohol density and high levels of deprivation.

3. Licensing Committee Recommendation – Statement of Principles – Gambling Act 2005

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council approved and adopted the revised Statement of Principles.

4. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Council Meetings – Timings and Standing Orders

A recorded vote was taken (28 voted in favour, 21 voted against, 2 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Lane, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Dowson, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, John Fox

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

It was **RESOLVED** that Council amended the Council's Standing Orders to reflect that questions at Council were to relate to broader council matters. Questions relating to Ward specific issues would receive a written response and be published as part of the minutes.

5. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Petitions Scheme – Matters that can be dealt with

A vote was taken on the recommendation as amended (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. amended the Petitions Scheme and Council Standing Orders to allow urgent petitions to be considered at the Annual Council meeting; and

2. adopted the updated Petitions Scheme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the replacement of the words 'If the petition does not contain 20 signatures it can still be considered if the issue relates to a small local area and is signed by the majority of people affected' and replace with 'If the petition does not contain 20 signatures it can still be considered if the issue relates to a small local area' at paragraph 3.2.

6. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Whistle Blowing Policy

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council amended the constitution to pass the delegated responsibility for the council's whistleblowing policy and oversight from the Constitution and Ethics Committee to the Council's Audit Committee.

7. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Civic Protocols - Update

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council approved the updated Civic Protocols as attached at Appendix 2 to the report subject to the correction of typographical errors and the alteration of wording around companions to the Mayor to refer to male companions as 'Consort' and female companions as 'Mayoress'.

8. Corporate Parenting Committee Recommendation – Corporate Parenting Champion Proposed New Position

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council agreed that the Committee's terms of reference was updated to allow the Committee to create and appoint to Corporate Parenting Champion positions on a yearly basis.

9. Cabinet Recommendation – Biodiversity Strategy

A vote was taken (unanimous) and it was **RESOLVED** that Council approved the Biodiversity Strategy.

10. Motion from Councillor Farooq

A recorded vote was taken on the motion (28 voted in favour, 20 voted against, 2 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Lane, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, Judy Fox

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

The motion was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:**

“I have now had the privilege of sitting on full council meetings and observing the proceedings including questions and motions. I have seen Members passionately debating issues faced by their ward residents and the issues faced by the Peterborough city overall, backed by the professional work of our officers. May I congratulate members and the officers for providing an excellent service to the residents of Peterborough.

On occasions, I have found some of the motions coming to the council, generic, beyond the remit of the council, not achievable and at worse, not relevant to local residents, local issues, or stakeholders.

The discussions on these proposals become lengthy and lose the emphasis on the core points. These motions take valuable time away from the real issues faced by our residents.

I propose that the Constitution and Ethics Committee consider at its next available meeting the introduction of the following criteria for future motions presented to council and make a recommendation back to Council on its findings:

Relevance: Does the motion benefit the residents of specific ward and/or all the residents of Peterborough

Within the remit of the council: Can the council provide the service/product the motion asks for, or is it something for Parliament.

Cost of the proposal and source of funding: How much will it cost to deliver the proposed service/product?

The ultimate test should always be, does it benefit the majority of the residents and does it provide value for money

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Such a process will have considerable advantages not least, the ability to introduce real policies and probe and discuss current policies, adding considerable value to the work of the council. Overall, making a real difference to the lives of our residents in Peterborough.”

11. Motion from Councillor Seaton

A recorded vote was taken on the motion (29 voted in favour, 19 voted against, 2 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howell, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Hogg, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, Lane

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

The motion was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:**

“Peterborough City Council;

- Notes that the Standards Board was a cumbersome and expensive approach to monitoring the ethics of elected councillors
- Believes that the move to local management of ethics was appropriate
- Notes the commitment of the Council Leader to improving standards and welcomes the establishment of the Constitution and Ethics Committee
- Notes the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) ongoing review of local government ethical standards

However Peterborough City Council is concerned that;

- Current sanctions such as giving an apology or attending training can only be instigated with the agreement of a member and can lead to an extended process with no acceptable final outcome.
- Current available sanctions for breaches, apart from those in relation to disclosable pecuniary interests, are not set down by statute but arise through the common law and are weak and ineffectual.

Peterborough City Council therefore resolves to;

- Ask the Constitution and Ethics Committee to review the current Code of Conduct in light of the CSPL review and present a revised Code of Conduct to Full Council for agreement.
- If Full Council accepts the recommendations of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, all members will be expected to abide by and accept the new Code of Conduct under the terms of their Declaration of Acceptance of Office which is signed when they are elected.

Constitution and Ethics Committee will continue to oversee any complaints made and ensure sanctions are abided to.”

12. Motion from Councillor Hogg

A recorded vote was taken on the motion (19 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 3 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Ali, Barkham, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Lane, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, Bond, John Fox

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

The motion was **DEFEATED.**

13. Motion from Councillor Seaton

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment to the motion from Councillor Shaz Nawaz (20 voted in favour, 26 voted against, 4 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Ali, Barkham, Bond, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, John Fox, Judy Fox, Lane

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

The amendment to the motion was **DEFEATED**.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion as originally moved (26 voted in favour, 13 voted against, 11 abstained from voting):

Councillor For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Fuller, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Azher Iqbal, Lamb, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Smith, Stokes, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Ellis, Fower, Hemraj, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz

Councillors Abstaining: Ash, John Fox, Judy Fox, Barkham, Bond, Hogg, Lane, Lillis, Saltmarsh, Sandford, Shaheed

Councillors Not Voting: Nil

The motion was **CARRIED AS FOLLOWS**:

“Peterborough City Council recognises that fossil fuels have played a central role in the past 150 years of social and technological development, but that their continued use poses a serious risk to the stability of the climate upon which our well-being and economy depends.

Climate change endangers the health of local residents in Peterborough, directly through impacts such as heatwaves and indirectly through impacts on food systems and global security.

A rapid large-scale shift away from fossil fuels towards energy efficiency and alternative sources of energy is needed to avert catastrophic climate change. This shift to a zero-carbon economy presents significant opportunities and challenges for Peterborough in meeting its environmental aspirations.

Peterborough City Council notes: - it has introduced an ethical procurement policy - it does not hold any direct or indirect investments in fossil fuel producers - it has proposed and implemented significant energy infrastructure, with an Energy from Waste plant, solar on all council buildings and many schools and has offered free solar power to residents - it has worked to reduce fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency with schemes such as Heataborough and LEAP (which offers a free of charge in-home advice visit that may

include installing free simple energy saving measures and finding funding for further energy saving home improvements.

Peterborough City Council also supports the Cambridgeshire Pension Fund, which already has an ethical investment policy, agreed by cross party and employee / union representatives, in using its good offices to persuade companies involved in the production of fossil fuels to seek alternative approaches.

However the Council undertakes to; - work further with councillors, businesses and community groups to support positive investment in local companies and projects, including community energy schemes, which are hastening a rapid shift to a zero-carbon economy - to undertake such work in the context of a city-wide energy descent plan and energy security policy which will be developed with councillors, businesses and community groups including Peterborough in Transition. - write to the national U.K. government to support the principle of eliminating fossil fuel use, to seek alternative approaches, to stop subsidising the fossil fuel industry and to advocate for all other countries to commit to this in the wake of the Paris Agreement.”