

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR CHRIS ASH**

**1. Petition for Debate - 'Opposition of proposed development of 100-123 houses on the former Gloucester Centre site in Orton Longueville'**

A vote was taken on the proposal from Councillor Hiller (unanimous) and it was **AGREED** that the Petition was noted, as due to legal constraints, in particular the need to avoid pre-determination by Members of a planning decision, it is not possible to refer the Petition, nor to take the action requested.

**2(1). Motion from Councillor Holdich**

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Holdich, as amended by Councillor Murphy, (unanimous) and the motion as **CARRIED** as follows:

“The east west train service (Birmingham to Stansted) is a vital service for our city, whilst it is a good hourly service it has an appalling lack of capacity ~~users of this will know it does not matter what time of day you use it~~. For many it is standing room only for most of your journey and the operator knows it because there is always an apology for only having two coaches and this has been the same for years.

Council notes that are various factors involved, for instance:

- there is a shortage of diesel multiple unit rolling stock at present, especially of the Class 170 Bombardier Turbostar trains that currently serve the Birmingham-Leicester-Peterborough-Cambridge-Stansted route;
- More of these trains may become available when new fleets are delivered, for example the Greater Anglia franchise is soon to bring into service a completely new electric-diesel 'bi-mode' fleet which will allow some Turbostars to be cascaded to other operators.
- they already run a Birmingham-Leicester stopping service using the same kind of Turbostars that is occasionally extended to Cambridge at peak times but with a bit of creativity and investment might run all day;
- The outcome of Keith Williams' review of the structure of the rail industry is currently taking place and the operator of the next franchise may bid to strengthen the length of the trains on this route and provide a more frequent service;
- there is however also talk of reshaping the franchise so that Birmingham-Stansted might end up as part of TransPennine Express rather than CrossCountry, which could cause further delay to improvements.

This council resolves to ask the rail minister Andrew Jones MP to insist the train operator improves this situation without delay not only for the passenger experience but for the economy of our city on this and for this vital East West connection through our city.

The council asks Mayor Palmer to raise this issue with the rail minister when he meets him next month and to together consider the issues identified in this motion.

Council believes the Mayor should be tasked with seeking things which are achievable quickly and those which are likely to be strengthening the existing services by coupling on some of the former Greater Anglia Turbostars as they become available, and looking creatively at the timetable to extend more of the Birmingham-Leicester services at least as far as Cambridge.”

**2(2). Motion from Councillor Holdich**

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Holdich (unanimous) and the motion as **CARRIED** as follows:

~~“It is no secret that there is a shortage of housing not only in our city but nationally. It is no secret that we need more homes, including affordable homes, to be built.”~~

This council urges Government to work with the LGA and councils to give councils the power to enable the council to compel developments to be brought forward, either through the council tax process or the planning regime. This would have many advantages, it would bring competition to the market holding down prices, bring forward much needed affordable homes, create jobs, and give a boost to the construction industry.”

### **2(3). Motion from Councillor Holdich**

A recorded vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Holdich (41 voted in favour, 7 voted against, 1 abstained from voting):

**Councillor For:** Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Ellis, Elsey, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Fower, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hemraj, Hiller, Holdich, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lamb, Lane, Martin, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Serluca, Simons, Stokes, Walsh, Warren, Whitby

**Councillors Against:** Barkham, Bond, Hogg, Lillis, Saltmarsh, Sanford, Shaheed

**Councillors Abstaining:** Ash

**Councillors Not Voting:** Howell

The motion was **CARRIED** as follows:

“Permitted development is fine for a small extension to a home but not when it comes to converting office blocks into large residential units with no contribution towards infrastructure such as school places, health, affordable housing, etc.

This council urges the Government and the LGA to review this policy in the interest of fairness within the planning system and help with the demands placed on local councils to deliver service to these new communities welcome they may be.”

### **2(4). Motion from Councillor Warren**

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Warren (unanimous) and the motion as **CARRIED** as follows:

“Following a recent visit to a local secondary school where I spoke with a number of children about their school environment, I was made aware of some of the social pressures facing young adults particularly from online bullying and the associated pressures found at home and in school.

It seems that young adults are increasingly suffering from some form of mental disorder which if not addressed could lead to real mental illness. Recent NHS figures show one in eight people under age of 19 in England had a disorder in 2017.

Considering this fact, I would like to propose that the council investigate ways as to how it can improve publicising the support on offer in the City from a range of partners which includes: ~~and explore the possibility of providing youth~~

- Peterborough City Council promote and publicise the Keep Your Head website.
- Peterborough City Council commissioned service called CHUMS, which provides a variety of support to young people, which can include group work as well as one to one work with young people with more complex difficulties.
- The NHS provides a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, which supports young people who have the most complex mental health issues.
- Centre 33 there to support young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with a wide range of issues including one-to-one confidential counselling to young people aged 13-25 and currently offers counselling in schools in Cambridgeshire.
- Emotional Health & Wellbeing Service provides support to schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The service provides advice and guidance for school staff working with children and young people experiencing emotional difficulties and distress.
- Peterborough City Council's children in care have access to an app called MOMO (Mind Of My Own) where they can talk in confidence.

Schools do play an important role in helping young people to develop resilience, and the Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum is a key way in which young people are supported.

I would also request that council speaks to schools asking them to investigate the setting up of mental health workshops ~~in schools~~ specifically aimed at children, so they can talk freely about mental health issues and discuss their concerns and put forward their own ideas to reduce the risk of harm for all vulnerable young people.”

## **2(5). Motion from Councillor Joseph**

A recorded vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Joseph, as amended by Councillor Sanford, (19 voted in favour, 29 voted against, 1 abstained from voting):

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

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

**Councillors Abstaining:** Ash

**Councillors Not Voting:** Nil

The motion was **DEFEATED**.

## **2(6). Motion from Councillor Shaz Nawaz**

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Shaz Nawaz (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED** as follows:

“Childhood obesity is a global concern: Here in the UK, a more sedentary lifestyle combined with a diet high in processed foods and sugary drinks has become the norm for many of our children.

The long-term effects childhood obesity includes an increased risk of life-limiting diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers such as breast and colon. Research has shown that obese children are twice as likely to grow into obese adults.

Obesity can reduce life expectancy by 10 years. In fact, it has been said, this generation of parents will be the first to outlive their children.

Is this life limiting future one which we want for our children?

The council recognises that:

In its role as a corporate parent it has a duty of care to those it represents. And part of that role is the protection of children.

- We need to support educational programmes which encourage better diet and healthier lifestyles
- Encourage healthier eating campaigns in schools and work places
- Ensure adequate access to literature and support for those wanting to instigate those changes

The council therefore resolves to:

- Support the national Fizz Free February Campaign in which we will encourage all residents but especially children to give up fizzy drinks for 28 days
- Have links on our social media platforms where interested parties can get more literature and advice
- Use social media to get the message across
- Press release to launch the campaign

We are all appalled, & quite rightly so, when we hear of children going hungry & suffering the effects of malnutrition through lack of food, here in the UK, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Obesity is also often caused by malnutrition processed food high in fat, salt and sugar washed down with sugary drinks. Let's make Fizz Free February an additional step in working towards a solution to this problem."

## **2(7). Motion from Councillor Hogg**

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Hogg (unanimous) and the motion was **CARRIED** as follows:

"Council notes that:

The Chairman of the Employment Committee has given apologies for all three meetings for 2018, and that his last attendance at an Employment Committee was on 31/10/17.

Council further notes that:

The Chairman of the Employment Committee has been paid a Special Responsibility Allowance for this period.

Council resolves to:

Refer this matter to the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider if Council Standing orders should be amended to remove Chairman of committees due to poor attendance.

Council further resolves to:

Ask the Constitution and Ethics Committee to also consider if Council Standing orders should be amended to require the return of Special Responsibility Allowances for the periods of non-attendance, and, if appropriate, refer to the Independent Remuneration Panel for consideration, as per the Council's required process."

## **3(a). Appointment of Chairman – Employment Committee**

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and it was **AGREED** that the Council approved the Council approves the appointment of Councillor Richard Brown as Chairman of the Employment Committee.

**3(b). Draft Schedule of Meetings 2019/2020**

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and it was **AGREED** that the Council approved, in principle, the updated draft programme of meetings for 2019/20 (attached at Appendix 1 to the update report).