

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021, VIRTUALLY**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR GUL NAWAZ

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howard, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lane, Lillis, Murphy, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Shaheed, Simons, Skibsted, Warren, Walsh, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

3. Amendment to the Virtual Meetings Protocol – Full Council Voting

A vote was taken (27 voted in favour, 29 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) and the recommendation was **DEFEATED**.

Councillors For: Ali, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simson, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

11(a). Cabinet Recommendation – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24

A vote was taken on the recommendation as amended by Councillor Day and Councillor Joseph and Council **RESOLVED** (29 voted in favour, 9 voted against, 18 abstained from voting):

To approve, subject to the incorporation of the proposals set out in the amendment from Councillor Day and the amendment from Councillor Joseph:

1. The Phase Two service proposals as outlined in Appendix B
2. The updated budget assumptions, to be incorporated within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 – 2022/23. These are outlined in sections 5.
3. The revised capital programme outlined in section 5 and referencing Appendix G.
4. The Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 to 2023/24 - Phase Two, as set out in the body of the report and the following appendices, subject to the removal of the Hydrotherapy Pool from the Disposals Schedule:
 - Appendix A – 2021/22-2023/24 MTFFS Detailed Budget Position Phase Two
 - Appendix B – Budget Proposal Detail
 - Appendix C – Phase One and Phase Two Budget Proposal Summary
 - Appendix D – Grant Register
 - Appendix E – Council Tax Information
 - Appendix F – Fees and Charges
 - Appendix G – Capital Programme Schemes 2021/22-2023/24

- Appendix H – Financial Risk Register
- Appendix I – Carbon Impact Assessments
- Appendix J – Treasury Management Strategy
- Appendix K – Capital Strategy
- Appendix L – Asset Management Plan

To note:

1. The additional risk relating to Climate Change to be incorporated within the Financial Risk Register as outlined within Appendix H of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2021/22-2023/24 Phase Two report.
2. The correction of Appendix J – Treasury Management Strategy from ‘2020/21 & 2022/23’ to ‘2020/21 & 2021/22’

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simson, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Haynes, Hogg, Lillis, Sandford, Shaheed, Wiggin

Councillors Abstaining: Ali, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Hemraj, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Skibsted, Yasin, Yurgutene

10(a). Council Tax Resolution 2021

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (38 voted in favour, 15 voted against, 3 abstained from voting) to approve the Council Tax Resolution which proposed a Council Tax Increase of 4.99%, which included the following breakdown:

- A rise in general Council Tax of 1.99%
- An Adult Social Care Precept of 3.00%

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haynes, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Lillis, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Shaheed, Simons, Warren, Walsh, Wiggin

Councillors Against: Ali, Ellis, Hemraj, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Skibsted, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Abstaining: Day, Dowson, Howell

11(b). Cabinet Recommendation – Peterborough City Council’s Response to the Climate Change Emergency 2021

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

1. Adopt the Council’s Carbon Management Action Plan (CMAP).
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place and Economy to undertake any presentational, factual or other minor amendments to the documents associated with this report prior to publication, provided such amendments do not materially amend the content of the documents.

11(c). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Task and Finish Group and Working Group Meetings

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to approve the amendment to the constitution:

Part 3. Delegations Section 7 – Joint Committees and Working Groups Involving Members

“7.6.1 Working groups, review teams and advisory groups are established from time to time, for specific purposes and shall be time limited. They will only be established when the matter cannot be undertaken by a relevant Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Commission. Meetings of such groups will be held in private, with the exception of evidence gathering sessions with key witnesses, which the public will be invited to observe, unless the subject matter was considered to be of a sensitive nature, in which case it may not be possible to hold the evidence gathering session in public. They usually fall into one of the following categories:

a. Advisory groups relating to Executive Functions

Usually established to advise a Cabinet Member about an issue or subject area. The terms of reference and membership are specified by the Executive.

b. Task & Finish Groups

Small groups of Members appointed by a Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Commission for the purpose of advising the parent committee about either:

- i. an in-depth policy review
- ii. performance monitoring
- iii. responding to a major policy consultation from the Executive.

The terms of reference and purpose are specified by the relevant Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Commission.”

11(d). Employment Committee Recommendation – Annual Pay Policy 2020/21

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to approve the content of the Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22.

14(1) Motion from Councillor Howard

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Howard. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“Council acknowledges the sad loss of Captain Sir Tom Moore. During the toughest phase of the Pandemic, he raised all our spirits and made an enormous contribution with his phenomenal fundraising efforts and the inspiration he gave us to get through the Coronavirus crisis with his heart-warming messages of positivity and optimism.

Council resolves to refer consideration of what can be done to acknowledge the legacy of Captain Sir Tom Moore to the Honours Panel, to ensure his name and achievements will never be forgotten in our City, as well as to commemorate his efforts and to mark his loss. This may include renaming a room or hall of significance within the Council domain, one of the Council meeting rooms, or a hall in our new University after Captain Sir Tom Moore.”

14(2) Motion from Councillor Coles

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Coles, as amended by Councillor Murphy. The amended motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

~~"I have been receiving many Council notes that complaints have been received from my residents about terrible parking congestion some in local streets. Further investigation has shown that a lot of the extra A number of vehicles belong to residents of Homes of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) who understandably want to park in their street. I am aware that congestion from HMOs is affecting other wards across the city.~~

An HMO of 6 or fewer people who are living together as a family unit is a permitted development and does not need planning permission. In these cases, there is no planning control and the impact of an HMO upon parking provision cannot be taken into account.

This problem is getting worse in Peterborough, particularly where there are narrow Victorian streets, or in newer developments where a past Labour Government planning policy ~~deliberately~~ may have reduced parking spaces for environmental reasons.

There is a provision within the legislation to remove rights for permitted development through an Article 4 Direction, which can be used to prevent further HMOs being developed without the need for planning permission. ~~They would then have to be assessed in the same way as a planning application for larger HMO schemes.~~

This Council therefore asks the Cabinet Member, in consultation with the relevant scrutiny committees and the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee, to consider:

- 1. identifying specific locations across the city where the concentration of HMOs is having a significant and disruptive impact on the local residential community.**
- 2. developing an Article 4 direction to apply to all future HMO developments in these specified areas so that the council can require a full planning application to be made which will require owners to apply a limited parking ratio to their properties."**

14(3) Motion from Councillor Fitzgerald

A vote was taken on the amendment from Councillor Murphy to the motion from Councillor Fitzgerald. The amendment was **DEFEATED** (28 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting, the Mayor using his Casting Vote to vote against).

Councillors For: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simson, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

Mayor's Casting Vote: Against

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Fitzgerald. The altered motion was **AGREED** (28 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting, the Mayor using his Casting Vote to vote in favour) as follows:

“Council acknowledges:

That Motions are an integral part of the democratic process and a means to precipitate debate on a range of issues, as well as delivering positive outcomes for the benefit of the city’s residents.

Council however furthermore acknowledges:

That Motions, when adopted, can have a significant resource implication hitherto not factored into the system and major implications:

- for Council policy, procedures, including budget-setting
- for the Council’s strategic/contractual partners
- for the city of Peterborough as a whole

Council therefore resolves:

- **That any draft motion which would have one or more of the above consequences is referred to the Director of the relevant service and Democratic Services at least three weeks in advance of the Council meeting, to allow for the process as set out below.**
- **That should the Director consider that the motion has major implications as described above the draft motion and a briefing note by the relevant director on the issue is released into the public domain at least two weeks in advance of the relevant Full Council meeting, setting out the reasons why the motion would fit within the Council’s Strategic Plan, policies, and budget or why it does not.**

Council also resolves:

- **That all Members be required to consider alternative methods to tabling a motion prior to submitting a draft motion, which would achieve the same, outcomes., such as:**
 - referring the matter to a Scrutiny Committee for preliminary consideration
 - requesting the issue is brought to a Cabinet meeting, Committee meeting, informal briefing or All-Party Policy meeting.
- **On submission of a draft motion justification should be provided via a motion submission template as to why the above options were felt to be inappropriate.**

Council also resolves to delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make such amendments to the Constitution and related documents necessary to enact these changes.”

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simson, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

Mayor’s Casting Vote: In Favour

14(4) Motion from Councillor Ali

A vote was taken on the amendment from Councillor Walsh to the motion from Councillor Ali. The amendment was **AGREED** (unanimous).

A vote was taken on the amended motion from Councillor Walsh. The amended motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“Council notes that:

- local government has a vital role to play in preventing hate and extremism of all forms in society
- Peterborough has a long-standing tradition of integrated and cohesive communities, built on a foundation of tolerance and acceptance
- there is a noticeable increase in recent social media activity locally that is racist in tone and content, and that is disproportionately directed towards Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities. This content is often in response to news and information stories about our communities or neighbourhoods. This is entirely at odds with Peterborough's genuine spirit of acceptance and our strong and long track record of sustained community cohesion
- responsibilities for aspects of the Prevent duties, previously led by the Police, have transferred to councils as it is accepted that prevention and community engagement is a vital tool in eradicating hate in all its forms
- some sections of our community feel that the Prevent strategy disproportionately targets them.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. **request the ~~statutory authorities that serve on the Peterborough Community Safety Partnership (known as the Safer Peterborough Partnership)~~ Hate Crime partnership and the statutory Prevent partnership formally agree to work together, as a system, to be especially vigilant to, and form a collective response to, commentary on social media and in other channels relating to hatred and extremism.**
2. **request that the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee, in its formal capacity as the statutory Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee, receives a regular report setting out the detail of the ways in which (i) the Safer Peterborough Partnership statutory partnerships outlined are is-responding to hatred and extremism, and (ii) this council is leading its responsibilities in regard to the Prevent duties, as well as hate incidents and targeted community cohesion activity more generally**
3. **write to the Government, through our MP's, ~~demanding~~ requesting a review of the Prevent strategy to ensure it has the confidence of all our communities locally and nationally and addresses the rise of Domestic Right Wing Extremism.**
4. **Agree that as Members we should commit ourselves to ensuring none of us use language that may give rise to hate and prejudice towards a section of our diverse community.”**

14(5) Motion from Councillor Murphy

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Murphy. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“The Council resolves to:

1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.

2. Require, where possible, its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
6. Where possible, require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
8. Highlight for its suppliers, by complying with modern slavery legislation, any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Ensure that it continues to comply Modern Slavery legislation in the UK, as this is updated and evolving. This shall include the furnishing of a detailed annual Modern Slavery Statement, and report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually."

14(6) Motion from Councillor John Fox

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor John Fox, as amended by Councillor Murphy. The amended motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

"As members will be aware, and with thanks to the then Leader of the Council (Cllr Cereste), several disabled parking bays were, some years ago, installed on St Peter's Road, to the rear of the Town Hall. The bays facilitate access for Blue Badge Holders to the city centre, with its banks, shops and Peterborough Cathedral. The 'purple pound' (the estimated spending power of disabled people and their friends and family) could be worth as much as £950,000,000 per annum to Peterborough. This is just one reason why access to the city for disabled residents is vital, and access to disabled parking bays in the city centre for Blue Badge Holders is crucial.

When parking bays were installed along St Peter's Road, which is connected to the City Centre by St Peter's Arcade where the disabled toilet facilities are currently located, it was agreed that only half of them would be disabled parking bays. It was also agreed that the council would monitor the impact of the bays on disabled people's access to the city as well as the impact, positive or negative, on other road users.

Since their installation, the disabled parking bays have proved very popular and there is little doubt they play a key role in making Peterborough city centre more accessible to disabled people.

Owing to the amount they are used, the disabled parking bays had been in dire need of re-painting. However, due to recent works on the rear of the Town Hall, the bays were relocated further down St. Peter's Road to give works vehicles better access to the Town Hall.

The Government ('Inclusive Mobility', Department for Transport, 2005) recommends that 6% of on-road parking should be dedicated to Blue Badge Holders (unless otherwise covered by local planning regulations).

The Council resolves to refer to the Cabinet Member (Cllr Hiller) a request to consider the following:

- the re-establishment of the parking bays in their original location once the work on the Town Hall is complete
- leaving the newly-created disabled parking bays in situ to provide even greater access to our city for Blue Badge Holders
- Promoting the existence of the disabled parking bays to Peterborough's approximately 50,000 disabled people."

15(a) Polling Districts, Places and Stations 2021

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to approve the following changes to polling districts, places and stations for elections taking place in 2021 as follows:

1. Stafford Hall, Hampton Court, Westwood, to be assigned as the dedicated polling station for the RAV2 (Ravensthorpe Ward) Polling District replacing Highlees Primary School, Ashton Road, Westwood who have advised that they cannot accommodate a polling station on their premises in 2021.