

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2021
ENGINE SHED, SAND MARTIN HOUSE, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR STEPHEN LANE

Present:

Councillors Ansar Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Coles, Dowson, Elsey, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fenner, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Howell, Ishfaq Hussain, Mahboob Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lane, Moyo, Murphy, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sainsbury, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Tyler, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yurgutene

In Attendance Virtually

Councillors Day, Yasin

9(a). Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee Recommendation – Parental Leave Policy

A vote was taken on the amended recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to adopt the Parental Leave Policy for Councils as set out in the revised Appendix 1 to the report.

9(b). Audit Committee Recommendation – Annual Audit Committee Report

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to approve the Annual Audit Committee report as shown at Appendix 1 to the report.

9(c). Cabinet Recommendation – Cambridge and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Document (Version for Adoption)

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to:

1. Subject to resolution 3, adopt the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan as set out in Appendix B to the report, which incorporated modifications as recommended by the Inspector (Inspector 'Main Modifications' as found at the end of Appendix A to the report) and other minor editorial modifications ('Additional Modifications' – see Appendix C to the report);
2. Subject to resolution 1, endorse that the Peterborough 'Policies Map' be updated in accordance with Appendix D to the report;
3. Agree that recommendation 1 only come into effect if Cambridgeshire County Council had already agreed to adopt the Local Plan (which it is scheduled to do so on 20 July 2021); or, if that agreement was not yet achieved by Cambridgeshire County Council, recommendation 1 come into effect from the date that Cambridgeshire County Council does agree to adopt the Plan. If Cambridgeshire County Council agree not to adopt the Plan, then Cabinet decisions taken on 12 July 2021 in relation to the document, and recommendation 1 and 2 become null and void.

9(d). Cabinet Recommendation – Making Glinton Neighbourhood Development Plan and Barnack Neighbourhood Development Plan Following Successful Referendum Outcomes

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to:

1. 'Make' the Glinton Neighbourhood Plan, as set out at Appendix A to the report, (which means to all intents and purposes 'adopted') and thereby form part of the Development Plan for Peterborough for the purpose of making decisions on relevant planning applications within the Glinton Neighbourhood Area (the Glinton Neighbourhood Area is the same area as Glinton Parish).
2. 'Make' the Barnack Neighbourhood Plan, as set out at Appendix B to the report, (which means to all intents and purposes 'adopted') and thereby form part of the Development Plan for Peterborough for the purpose of making decisions on relevant planning applications within the Barnack Neighbourhood Area (the Barnack Neighbourhood Area is the same area as Barnack Parish minus the part of Burghley Park that falls within the parish).

9(e). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Review of Peterborough City Council's Code of Conduct

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to adopt the new Councillor Code of Conduct (Appendix 1 to the report) and associated guidance.

9(f). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Update to the Petition Scheme

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (28 voted in favour, 25 voted against, and 2 abstained from voting) to adopt the revised Petition Scheme with the following addition:

- “related to a decision by the Council that has already been taken and there is no realistic possibility of a different decision being taken”

12(1). Motion from Councillor Skibsted

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Skibsted. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) as follows:

“The use of herbicides such as glyphosate in the UK has increased by 60% in real terms since 1990 [1]. Italy, Portugal and the Canadian city of Vancouver have all banned the use of glyphosate [or glyphosate-based weed killers] and France is working towards this. Monsanto and German owner Bayer face 9,000 lawsuits in the USA from those that believe their illnesses are caused by their products, the first plaintiff won unanimously with many more to follow [2]. Recent studies published in ScienceDirect show a 41% increased risk of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma caused by exposure from glyphosate-based weed killers and products [3].

Council believes:

- There are some studies that glyphosate and a wide range of other herbicides may be harmful to human health. However, it is currently regulated and permitted for use in the UK by the HSE.

- The use of weed killers reduces biodiversity, impacting negatively on insects, birds and bees, in a time when the world is losing 2.5% of its insect population per-year [4]
- Harmful weed killer residues can creep into the food chain, although it is recognised that the Councils does currently dilute the chemical used on PCC land.

Council resolves to recommend that the Cabinet Member agrees to:

- **Investigate over the next 12 months alternative methods of weed control to establish if they are both economical and operationally viable in wards deemed appropriate and on land maintained by Aragon Direct Services.**
- **Trial herbicide-free alternatives during this period. Particularly those adopted by the likes of Hammersmith and Fulham and Lewes Councils who use biodegradable foam or hot steam treatments on weeds.**
- **Arrange to visit areas that have already moved to phase out the use of Glyphosate to learn from their practice.**
- **Report to Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee on the findings of the above and implement new procedures where possible.**
- **Grant an exception to the above ban regarding the control of Japanese knotweed, or other invasive species, where there are currently no effective mechanical techniques available. However, in this case chemicals such as glyphosate will only be stem-injected, rather than sprayed, to reduce its spread in the environment.**
- **Grant an exception on sprays only in relation to Giant Hogweed where it's not safe to be dug out or safely removed by other means and then cordon off the surrounding area.**

1. <http://www.pan-uk.org/pesticides-agriculture-uk/> Link to external page/site

2. <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2018/oct/07/monsanto-trial-cancer-appeal-glyphosate-chemical> Link to external page/site

3. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1383574218300887> Link to external page/site

4. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/10/plummeting-insect-numbers-threaten-collapse-of-nature-> Link to external page/site”

12(2). Motion from Councillor Qayyum

A vote was taken on the amendment to Councillor Qayyum’s motion from Councillor Walsh (34 voted in favour, 25 voted against, and 0 abstained from voting) and was **AGREED**.

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Qayyum as amended. The amended motion was **AGREED** (54 voted in favour, 0 voted against, and 1 abstained from voting) as follows:

“This Council notes that:

On 3rd June 2021, England had reached an important milestone in that 75 % of adults had received the first dose of the covid – vaccine, whereas 50.2 percent had received the second dose.

The data demonstrating vaccine uptake in Peterborough, however, is less than the national average.

It is important from a Public Health and Local Authority perspective to ensure that whilst mitigating factors, such as the disproportionate impact that Covid – 19 on BAME communities is being addressed and worked towards, negative perceptions surrounding

the vaccination as well as accessibility issues are posing as challenges within populations that could be a possible contribution to the less than national average uptake of the Covid- 19 vaccine within the city.

The challenges faced by the visually impaired, disabled, less able bodied and elderly populations with no access to transport due to the distance of vaccination centres must be revisited whilst there are increasing infection rates of the delta variant of covid.

It is notable that the concentration of the city's population is within its centre, with reports of long queues and waiting times at available vaccination centres, contributing to vaccine hesitancy and delay as people from outside the city also use the vaccination facilities within Peterborough.

We have already seen some excellent examples of covid testing facilities set up within Mosques, Churches and other faith-based sites and community centres in various cities which are accessible and a familiar venue for residents to access for a covid vaccine. Examples of this have been seen in Birmingham, London and Manchester.

On Thursday 4 March, SNP MP Chris Stephens tabled an Early Day Motion in the Houses of Parliament, calling for the vaccination roll out and vaccine testing to be made accessible for blind and partially sighted people, a factor that should be considered at available vaccination sites

This Council resolves to:

- **Continue to identify strategies actively and swiftly by working with relevant stakeholders such as NHSE and Peterborough and Cambridgeshire CCG, in identifying and encouraging more risk assessed premises within the city such as Mosques, community centres and Pharmacies to make the Covid vaccination programme within the city, more accessible.**
- **Continue to give faith groups and their representative committees the opportunity to propose their grounds and building spaces as vaccination hubs after adequate risk assessment has been provided and staff are identified as fully trained and facilities standardised with governance in place.**
- **Continue to distribute, update and implement and ensure staff working at the vaccine centres are aware of managing and guiding those who are visually impaired by reading through the vaccination management as recommended by the sight council uk's guidance thus:
<https://www.sightlosscouncils.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Covid-19-Vaccine- Rollout-Advice.pdf>"**

12(3). Motion from Councillor Ansar Ali

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Ansar Ali (25 voted in favour, 30 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) and the motion was **DEFEATED**.

12(4). Motion from Councillor Cereste

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Cereste, as moved by Councillor Sharp. The altered motion was **AGREED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) as follows:

"The Article 4 direction relates to development comprising change of use from a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling houses) to a use falling within Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation).

This means that a property owner within the defined area who may want to convert their

property (Class C3) into a small HMO (Class C4, 3-6 persons) would be required to apply for planning permission.

More and more family homes are being turned into Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs).

Residents are worried as this can lead to increased parking, traffic issues, health and safety (tenants and neighbours), as well as affecting the environment and fabrication of the area, which was not designed or planned for this impact.

Peterborough City Council, having received the report on the Article 4 direction, should start the consultation to implement the article 4 in the Hampton Wards and any other ward in the City that is thought to be appropriate.

The Council agrees to initiate a further and formal public consultation with a view to introducing an Article 4 Zone trial in the Hamptons and any other ward in the City that is thought to be appropriate, subject to evidence that the number of Houses in Multiple Occupation in the area is having an adverse effect."

12(5). Motion from Councillor Sandford

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Sandford. The altered motion was **AGREED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) as follows:

"Council thanks officers in the legal and democratic services teams for their hard work in ensuring that the democratic processes of the Council have been able to continue during the period of the Covid pandemic, albeit sometimes in a modified form.

Council notes in particular that Peterborough and many other councils have successfully run meetings on Zoom or other online platforms and that the House of Commons has run hybrid meetings, with some MPs in the chamber and some joining virtually. However, following a recent High Court ruling, councils are now prohibited from holding virtual or hybrid meetings, unless Parliament passes primary legislation enabling this to happen.

Council believes that, within reason, councils should be free to set their own rules of procedure, taking into account the needs of their councillors, officers and local residents.

Council therefore asks the Leader of the Council to lobby central government to put forward legislation giving all councils the necessary powers to hold virtual and hybrid meetings if they choose to do so and asks the chief executive to write to ~~the local government minister and to our local MPs~~ the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Chairman of the Local Government Association urging them to support this proposal."