

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER 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, Cereste, Coles, Day, Dowson, Elsey, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Ishfaq Hussain, Mahboob Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Knight, Lane, Moyo, Murphy, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sainsbury, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Tyler, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

8. Petition for Debate – ‘Save Bretton Oak Tree’

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

- a) Thanks the petitioner for raising this issue within the community and for demonstrating the deep feeling many people have about the potential loss of this tree; and
- b) Refers the issues to the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to consider prior to Cabinet, offering suitable but proportionate arrangements to allow interested parties to express their views to the Committee; and
- c) Asks Cabinet to determine whether or not this Council should proceed to implement the consent already in place to fell this tree, taking account of the cost-benefit implications of either retaining the tree or implementing the felling consent.

10(a). Cabinet Recommendation – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25 – Phase One

A vote was taken on the altered recommendation (30 voted in favour, 0 voted against, 27 abstained from voting).

Councillors For: Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Howard, Ishfaq Hussain, Lane, Moyo, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Sainsbury, Sharp, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Nil

Councillors Abstaining: Ansar Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Haseeb, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Mahboob Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Knight, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Council **RESOLVED** to approve:

1. The Phase One budget proposals as outlined in Appendix B to the report.
2. The updated budget assumptions, to be incorporated within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 – 2024/25. These are outlined in sections 5 of the report.

- ~~3. The revised capital programme outlined in section 5 and referencing Appendix C to the report.~~
3. The Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2022/23 to 2024/25 - Phase One, as set out in the body of the report and the following appendices:
 - Appendix A – 2022/23-2024/25 MTFS Detailed Budget Position Phase One
 - Appendix B – Phase One Budget Consultation Document
 - ~~Appendix C – Capital Programme Schemes 2022/23-2024/25~~
 - Appendix D – Financial Risk Register
 - Appendix E – Equality Impact Assessments
 - Appendix F – Carbon Impact Assessments
 - Appendix G – Budget Consultation Feedback

Council **RESOLVED** to note:

4. The strategic financial approach taken by the Council outlined in section 4 of this report.
5. The forecast reserves position, and the provisional statutory advice of the Chief Finance Officer outlined in section 6, The Robustness Statement for Phase One.
6. The feedback received on the budget proposals, received via the consultation detailed in Appendix G to the report.
7. A revised capital programme outlined in section 5 and Appendix C will be presented to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council on 16th December to ensure that the Council places a temporary moratorium on some of the capital spending pending the presentation of a revised capital programme at its meeting in March 2022.
8. The final responses to the consultation received via the budget survey up to the 6 December 2021.
9. The recommendations made at the Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees and the responses to these recommendations.

10(b) Cabinet Recommendation – Tree Management: Limited Review of the Trees and Woodland Strategy (Including Revised Tree Planting Targets)

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to agree that the Trees and Woodland Strategy, in addition to any amendments arising from Cabinet resolution 1, be further amended by way of (a) an updated Tree Risk Management Plan, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report; and (b) introduction of new operational guidelines in respect of daylight loss and vegetation encroachment, as set out in para 4.24 of the report.

10(c) Cabinet Recommendation – Peterborough Cultural Strategy 2021 to 2030

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

10(d) Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Update Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to approve the updated Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, as outlined in Appendix A to the report.

10(e) Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Update to Civic Protocol

This recommendation was not moved.

10(f) Licensing Committee Recommendation – Statement of Principles – Gambling Act 2005

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to approve the revised post consultation Statement of Principles.

13(1) Motion from Councillor Iqbal

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

"The term Windrush generation refers to those invited to relocate from their homes in commonwealth countries to settle in Britain between 1948 to 1971. The first significant number arrived at Tilbury docks aboard HM Empire Windrush on 22 June 1948, from the Caribbean, however, migration was from Africa and Asia as well as the Caribbean.

The 1948 British Nationality Act established the status of UK citizens and its colonies - anybody who could prove they were born within the British Empire had the right to settle and work in Britain. Indefinite leave to remain was granted in 1971. At the time, it was not unusual for children not to have their own documents travelling on their parents' passports. It has subsequently come to light that Home Office has not kept detailed records of arrivals.

The Home Office's failure to keep detailed records of the arrivals in the UK created an issue for the 'Windrush generation' unable to evidence or demonstrate their lawful status when facing immigration checks to continue working, access services or even to remain in the UK.

This Council notes:

1. The enormous contribution of members of the Windrush Generation to British society following the Second World War.
2. That the many thousands of members of the Windrush Generation who made their homes in this country to build a better life and contribute to our society were granted indefinite leave to remain in 1971.
3. That members of the Windrush generation residing in Peterborough may have suffered loss and unfair treatment with regard to their immigration status, including threat of deportation due to the failure of the Home Office to maintain records of their lawful right to remain in the UK.
4. The ongoing implications of this treatment for many people and their families.
5. The Government's Windrush Scheme (get a document showing your right to be in the UK & apply for compensation) (<https://www.gov.uk/windrush-prove-your-right-to-be-in-the-uk/windrush-helpline>)
6. That the Council holds an annual civic event to commemorate the Windrush generation on 22nd June.

This Council therefore resolves:

- a. To continue to mark Windrush Day on 22nd June in the City of Peterborough annually as a civic celebration to recognise and honour the enormous contribution of those who arrived between 1948 and 1973.
- b. To call upon our local MPs to make representations to the government to:
 - support advice agencies fully and financially in their work to achieve support, advocacy, and justice for all Peterborough residents affected by the Windrush Scandal,
 - not to cap compensation amounts payable to victims under its

- compensation scheme or to apply confidentiality agreements, time limits and other arbitrary restrictions, and
- To waive fees for naturalisation to be waived for all who have been affected and provide legal aid for those who have been affected.
- c. To thank third sector organisations within the city for their support and advocacy for victims of the Windrush Scandal.

This Council further resolves to ask the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities:

- d. To offer support and signposting of the City of Peterborough residents affected by the scandal who may be seeking help, including to third sector organisations which provide support, advice, and advocacy.
- e. To promote the Windrush Compensation Scheme to help ensure that all Peterborough residents who may be eligible for compensation are aware of it.
- f. To identify the Windrush Generation residents and their descendants who are in receipt of adult social care support, or are in education or being looked after, and that the council will target its support towards those. To identify and address inequalities specifically targeting work with our Windrush Generation residents.

To work with the Peterborough Windrush Support Group, Legacy of Windrush Descendants, to develop its activities to celebrate and give recognition to the Windrush generation.”

13(2) Motion from Councillor Saqib Farooq

A vote was taken on the altered motion moved by Councillor Qayyum on behalf of Councillor Iqbal. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) as follows:

“Peterborough City Council should look to set up a process in the medium term, offering green bonds to local residents and businesses, giving them an opportunity to invest into greener Peterborough, while earning back on their investments.

People and businesses can buy from as little as 5 pounds into the new security and collect interest on their investment. The money will be put toward new green community infrastructure, including electric vehicle charging points, tree planting, solar panels on public buildings etc. PCC will also aim to develop a zero carbon recycling and waste collection. This will help us achieve our commitment of reaching our goal of net-zero carbon by 2030.

Green bonds are becoming popular with institutional investors, with governments globally issuing \$181 billion of debt so far in 2021.

More than a quarter of local councils in UK are considering their own climate bonds.

The bonds issued will pay fixed interest of 1.5% per annum over a 5/10 year period. That's more than double the interest paid by the UK government's green bonds and high street banks, making it more attractive for residents to buy green bonds from PCC. For PCC this interest paid will also be considerably lower than typical loans from state backed entities. Other authorities who have implemented this scheme have found that many residents/investors donated back their accrued interest to the council, further increasing funding to use for green initiatives.

For PCC and its lenders it will not just be about money, 'PCC can look at the engagement it will get from local residents (bondholders). For example, if we get one thousand investors in the local green bond, we have a thousand people who are supporting the

green projects locally and will do other things in their lives to support the drive to net zero by 2030.

After consultation with the Corporate Director of Resources, and the current financial pressures on PCC, it is agreed that our priority should be achieving financial sustainability by 2023/24, and considering this scheme in the medium term (or once resources allow).

The Council resolves to ask the Cabinet Member for Finance to consider the establishment of a Green Bond scheme, in the medium term, once financial sustainability is reached in 2023/24.”