

**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022
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, Fenner, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Howell, Ishfaq Hussain, Mahboob Hussain, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Knight, Lane, Moyo, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sainsbury, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Tyler, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

8. Petition for Debate ‘Save the Embankment’

A vote was taken on the proposal and Council **RESOLVED** (30 voted in favour, 27 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) to note the petition and take no further action.

10(a). Cabinet Recommendation – Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/23 – Phase Two

A vote was taken on the proposal and Council **RESOLVED** (28 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 1 abstained from voting, with the Mayor’s casting vote in favour) to approve:

1. This proposed budget includes a Council Tax increase of 2.99%, (1.99% general Council Tax and 1% Adult Social Care Precept), as outlined within section 5.2
2. The Phase Two budget proposals as outlined in Appendix B as the basis for public consultation.
3. The updated budget assumptions, to be incorporated within the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23. These are outlined in section 5.
4. The revised capital programme outlined in section 5 and referencing Appendix C.
5. The establishment of a Budget Risk Reserve and the forecast reserve commitments to fund the cost of transformational investment and the implementation of the Improvement Plan. These are outlined in section 6 and Appendix F.
6. The Education budget as outlined in section 5.6 and within Appendix J.
7. The proposed approach to the development of an Asset Management Strategy, in line with that included within the improvement plan. This is outlined in section 5.5.
8. The Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23- Phase Two, as set out in the body of the report and the following appendices:
 - Appendix A – 2022/23 MTFP Budget Position Phase Two
 - Appendix B – Phase Two Budget Consultation Document
 - Appendix C – Capital Programme Schemes 2022/23-2024/25
 - Appendix D – Financial Risk Register
 - Appendix E – Fees and Charges
 - Appendix F – Reserves Commitments
 - Appendix G – Equality Impact Assessments
 - Appendix H– Carbon Impact Assessments
 - Appendix J – Dedicated Schools Grant and the Schools Budget 2022-23
 - Appendix K – Treasury Management Strategy
 - Appendix L – Capital Strategy
 - Appendix M – Budget Consultation Feedback
9. That a full review of fees and charges is undertaken, to include at least inflationary increases where possible and the potential for introducing a charge for charging battery operated cars.

10. Additional income raised from such increases may be added to a reserve to address green and environmental projects that will further the Council's corporate strategy commitment to getting the city to net Zero Carbon by 2030.

Council **RESOLVED** to note:

11. The strategic financial approach taken by the Council outlined in section 4 of this report.
12. The Council's core funding position following the Local Government Final Finance Settlement published on 7 February 2022. This shows a £0.005m favourable change in comparison to the provisional settlement previously reported. This is outlined in section 5.
13. The forecast reserves position, and the statutory advice of the Chief Finance Officer outlined in section 6 'The Robustness (Section 25) Statement'.
14. The Councils Improvement Plan within Appendix I, as agreed at Council on 16 December, from which this plan is outlined as a key deliverable within the financial sustainability theme.
15. The following changes which have been made since the 31 January Cabinet report:
 - Confirmation of Final Settlement and grant allocations such as Public Health resulting in a £0.005m favourable change in budget position
 - Inclusion of the final parish precepts in section 5.2- net nil budget impact
 - Confirmation of no changes to the estimates/assumptions included within the budget proposals
 - Inclusion of the approach to the asset strategy
 - Inclusion of the budget consultation feedback received up to 10 February 2022.
16. The final responses to the consultation received up to the 28 February 2022.

Councillors voting in favour: Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fenner, Fitzgerald, Hiller, Howard, Ishfaq Hussain, Lane, Moyo, Over, Rush, Sainsbury, Sharp, Simons, Tyler, Walsh, Warren

Councillors voting against: Ansar Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, John Fox, Harper, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Mahboob Hussain, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Knight, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors abstaining from voting: Judy Fox

Mayor's casting vote: In favour

11(a). Council Tax Resolution 2022

A vote was taken on the proposal and Council **RESOLVED** (39 voted in favour, 14 voted against, 4 abstained from voting) to approve the Council Tax Resolution which proposed a Council Tax Increase of 2.99%, which included the following breakdown:

- A rise in general Council Tax of 1.99%
- An Adult social Care Precept of 1.00%

Councillors voting in favour: Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Elsey, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fenner, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haynes, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Ishfaq Hussain, Lane, Moyo, Over, Rush, Sainsbury, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Tyler, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin

Councillors voting against: Ansar Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Dowson, Hemraj, Mahboob Hussain,

Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Shaz Nawaz, Skibsted, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors abstaining from voting: Day, Howell, Knight, Murphy

15(1) Motion from Councillor Sandford

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

“Council:

1. Expresses grave concern about the situation in Ukraine and the unprovoked ~~which faces an ongoing threat of~~ invasion of the country by armed forces of the Russian Federation.
2. Supports the actions of the UK Government in trying to resolve the situation through diplomacy, ~~maintaining the threat~~ implementation of strong economic sanctions ~~to deter any threatened invasion~~ in response to the invasion and pledging support for the collective security provided by the NATO alliance and in particular towards the Baltic states and other NATO member countries in Eastern Europe.
3. Notes the presence in Peterborough of many thousands of people originating from Lithuania, Poland and other eastern European countries and the important role they play in making Peterborough a dynamic and diverse city.
4. Notes that Peterborough was twinned with Vinnytsia in 1991, making it our city's most recent twinning partnership. With a population of 370,000, Vinnytsia is located in west-central Ukraine and has been an important location for trade and politics since the 14th century.
5. Asks the Executive Director for Place and Communities to investigate ways of strengthening and developing our twinning partnership with Vinnytsia and of supporting the people of the city and the rest of Ukraine in the current stressful and dangerous situation.
6. Specifically asks the director to proactively follow-up with the administration in Vinnytsia following the letter recently sent to the Mayor of the town which offered our support to residents, to investigate ways of offering practical help through the twinning partnership and to look at ways of raising awareness with our own Peterborough residents of the ongoing challenges that the community in Vinnytsia is facing.”

12(a). Employment Committee Recommendation – Annual Pay Policy 2022 - 2023

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to approve the content of the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23.

12(b). Cabinet Recommendation – Peterborough Housing Allocations Policy

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to approve the new Housing Allocations Policy.

12(c). Cabinet Recommendation – Budget Approval for the Construction of Peterborough City Market and for the Disposal of Land at Northminster

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (47 voted in favour, 6 voted against, 2 abstained from voting) to:

1. Note the indicative costs in relation to the creation of a new city market as set out in exempt Appendix 1 and delegate final approval of those costs to the Director of Resources subject to the Financial Assessment.
2. Approve funding from reserves for the revenue costs to achieve vacant possession of the Northminster site and to meet costs associated with decanting market traders to a temporary location whilst the permanent market is under construction if necessary.
3. Approve the transfer of capital budget from Strategic Property of up to £450,000 for the construction of the Peterborough City Market.
4. Approve the proposed sale of the land at Northminster to the Peterborough Investment Partnership (PIP), as set out in exempt Appendix 3, with phased completion dates of 31 March 2022 and 30 June 2022, subject to final valuation and compliance with best consideration requirements in line with the joint venture agreement with the PIP and with final terms delegated to the Director of Resources and Director of Law and Governance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance.

15(2) Motion from Councillor Hogg

A vote was taken on the motion moved by Councillor Hogg (11 voted in favour, 33 voted against, 13 abstained from voting). The motion was **DEFEATED**.