



**RECORD OF OUTCOMES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE DEPUTY MAYOR – COUNCILLOR SANDFORD

Present:

Councillors Ansar Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Barkham, Bi, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Day, Eley, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fenner, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, Alison Jones, Dennis Jones, Moyo, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Perkins, Qayyum, Rangzeb, Ray, Robinson, Rush, Sabir, Sainsbury, Sandford, Seager, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Stevenson, Tyler, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

1. Cabinet Recommendation – Review of the Peterborough Local Plan

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

1. Authorise officers to commence a review of the Local Plan; and
2. Approve the attached (Appendix 1 to the report) Local Development Scheme (LDS), which sets out a timetable for the production of a new Local Plan, and bring into effect from 26 January 2023.

2. Cabinet Recommendation – Licensing Schemes – Raising Housing Standards

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

1. Approve the submission of an application to the Secretary of State for the implementation of a Selective Licensing Scheme for the area defined within the public consultation undertaken between 20 January 2022 and 13 April 2022.
2. Agree to support analytical work being undertaken to identify areas within the city suitable for the implementation of Additional Licensing Schemes and the subsequent public consultation on proposed scheme areas.

3. Motion from Councillor Burbage

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

“During 2022, Bretton Ward Councillors worked with Peterborough City Council, to install an Autism Communication Board in a play area in Bretton Park. This has been

enthusiastically welcomed in Bretton by autistic children and by children who do not necessarily use English as a first language.

This Council notes:

Peterborough's first Autism Communication Board was installed at Longthorpe Park in November 2021, with a further board being installed in Fletton and Stanground in July 2022. The boards have several images and symbols which allow children who are non-verbal to communicate how they are feeling and express by pointing at a symbol anything they want to do. The boards have been a great success in raising awareness amongst park users, helping people communicate in different ways and making the parks more accessible and Peterborough autism friendly.

This Council resolves to request that the Cabinet Member:

Works with all education providers to ensure that information on how to access and install Autism Communications Boards are shared, so that all children can gain awareness and communicate with non-verbal children in an inclusive way, as well as helping communication with students that struggle with English as a first language.”

4. Motion from Councillor John Fox

A vote was taken on the motion moved by Councillor John Fox (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain). The motion was **CARRIED** as follows:

“The residents of Werrington have recently been close to getting a purpose-built sports complex, which included a swimming pool; something the residents of Werrington were promised nearly fifty years ago by the council.

It was planned to be built by the same contractors that were going to build the replacement leisure complex before the closure of the regional swimming pool.

The importance of this sports complex was reinforced by the lack of public sports facilities in the north of our city, and now that Market Deeping leisure centre has been closed the need is even greater. This has been compounded with the reduction of services at the Werrington Sports Centre.

The reason provided for not progressing with the delivery of this facility was financial. However, given that leisure/pool facilities are now under review it is vital to ensure that the needs of all communities are at the forefront of any decisions, especially the ward councillors for the relevant areas concerned.

The Council resolves to request that the Leader of the Council:

- 1. Confirms that if/when a replacement for the Regional Pool is planned, that this will consider the needs of the whole city and in particular the provision of a pool facility in Werrington.**
- 2. Ensures that an open and transparent consultation takes place with all councillors representing affected wards, to reassure them that the best interests of the residents living in those wards are taken into account before any decision takes place for either facility.”**

5. Motion from Councillor John Fox

With the agreement of the Chamber and Councillor Stevenson, as seconder of the motion, Councillor John Fox withdrew his motion.

6. Revised Political Proportionality and Committee Seat Allocation

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

1. Agree the allocation of seats on committees subject to political balance arrangements (Updated Appendix 1 to the report).

7. Draft Programme of Meetings 2023-2024

A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to approve, in principle, the draft programme of meetings 2023/2024 (attached at Appendix 1 to the report).