

Addendum to Cabinet – 24th February 2014

This addendum is presented to Cabinet at the meeting of 24th February as additional information as referenced in paragraph 3.6 (page 3) of the Cabinet Budget report (Item 6):

Items to follow

Due to the timing of consultation events and the release of the Cabinet papers, it will be necessary to issue an addendum to this report to provide further consultation feedback as outlined in section 6 of this report. This will be tabled at the meeting. In line with previous practice, this allows the consultation to remain open for as long as possible.

Consultation feedback

As at 19th February, the council has received further feedback with four further comments from the public consultation (appendix 1), 36 responses to the on-line survey (appendix 2), one petition and acknowledges a further two e-petitions set up on the council's website. Excluding the petitions as these relate to specific issues referred to separately in this addendum, this has resulted in a further 77 comments being received. The budget consultation has now received 119 responses, with a total of 311 comments made in those responses.

Subject	Number of Comments		
	Cabinet report	Addendum	TOTAL
General – includes suggestions and areas not directly related to budget proposals	74	10	84
Garden Waste Collection	49	13	62
Garden Waste Collection and Council Tax	14	0	14
St Georges Hydrotherapy Pool	18	15	33
Capital Programme	10	0	10
Renewables	6	0	6
Children's Centres	11	5	16
Garden Waste Collection and General	4	0	4
Council tax	6	33	39
Adult Social Care proposals	7	0	7
Community Leadership Fund	8	0	8
4 or less comments	27	1	28
TOTAL	234	77	311

The on-line survey asked some specific questions as laid out in the budget consultation and provided the following feedback:

- Proposed withdrawal of funding for St George's Hydrotherapy Pool (15 comments). Most comments were objections to the proposed withdrawal of funding. One respondent said there was no alternative and another said it would increase costs to the council in the future.
- Introduction of the new charge for the brown bin garden waste service (10 comments). Concerns included people will put green waste into black bins and it will cause an

increase in flytipping. One person said they would be happy to pay for a continuous service through the winter

- Re-designation of Children's Centres (5 comments). Comments included that it is short-sighted decision which will increase pressures on social and mental health services in the future.
- One person said the council had offered "a fair budget"
- A total of 14 people said council tax should be frozen and 18 said it should not. Some respondents did not answer the question

The survey also asked for suggestions to help balance the books, with a range of suggestions across several service areas and can be seen in appendix 2. In many cases, the council has considered these suggestions as part of the budget proposals, or is already implementing them, for example outsourcing payroll and administrative functions and withdrawing funding for Opportunity Peterborough. Cabinet will continue to review suggestions.

The council has received one petition in relation to the St Georges Hydrotherapy pool, received by the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Neighbourhoods.

A further two e-petitions have been set up on the council's website and are currently still ongoing. The e-petitions and number of respondents are as follows:

1. Stop the garden tax – 8 respondents
2. Save the East Rural Children's Centre (Eye and Thorney) – 48 respondents

All petitions will be considered as part of the comments received during the budget consultation to date.

The consultation remains open until 4 March, with any further comments to be presented to Council on 5 March as an addendum. This will also include any comments arising from the Connect Group budget consultation meeting scheduled for 24 February.

Appendix 1 - Public Consultation – Further Responses

	Category	Comment	Response
70	General	<p>I'm confused.</p> <p>Are you consulting about the Budget as originally proposed or the cuts to that budget that are now being proposed?</p> <p>I did write to Councillor Seaton but don't seem to have got a reply</p>	<p>We are asking for your views on the Cabinet's budget proposals on how it intends to balance the council's books for 2014/15.</p> <p>The proposals were published on 24 January 2014 and can be viewed at www.peterborough.gov.uk/budget</p> <p>The proposals are made up of a package of efficiencies, savings and investments on how the council could close a £19 million gap. Over five years we will have lost 40 per cent of our government funding.</p> <p>The consultation is open until 5pm on Tuesday 4 March 2014</p>
71	Garden Waste Collection	<p>Possible charge for brown bin collection.</p> <p>We would regard this as an unreasonable and counter-productive measure. These bins were imposed on us whether we required them/would use them or not.</p> <p>For many years we have had a composter which we have used for garden trimmings of all sorts together with vegetable peelings etc. Hence we make limited/occasional use of the brown bin which we had changed to a 'half size' bin.</p> <p>If a charge were imposed we would require the council to remove the brown bin.</p> <p>Conversation with a number of neighbours has revealed that they too would be minded to have the brown bins removed as they too do not use them fully. Several were unaware that there was a 'draft proposal' to introduce a charge.</p> <p>Currently we have to store four different coloured bins around our property.</p> <p>We had the black bin some years ago.. Frequently this is only partially</p>	<p>We appreciate your feedback on the proposed new paid for garden waste collection service. We are faced with having to make some very difficult decisions to close a £19 million gap in our budget. Over five years we will have lost £40 million of our government funding.</p> <p>However, we are committed to ensuring that we continue to provide service for those who need our help and support the most such as the elderly and vulnerable and families in need.</p> <p>Unfortunately it means we cannot continue to do everything we currently do. This includes providing services that we are not legally required to. Garden waste collection is one of them.</p> <p>If the proposed new charge is agreed it will be an opt-in service. You will not have to pay the charge if you do not wish to use the new service.</p>

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		<p>filled. We aim to maximise the usage of the green recycling bin.</p> <p>We take glass to the bottle bank as we consider that the glass could easily break and 'contaminate' the contents of the bin.</p> <p>Fly Tipping.</p> <p>The increase in collection charges for large items from £10.00 to £23.50 is undoubtedly a deterrent to people considering use of this service. The consequence is an inevitable increase in fly tipping and a messing up of our roads and streets, wooded areas and countryside. Whilst you may rightly say that this is irresponsible action by residents and tradesmen there must be a resultant increase to council funds for the cost of collecting items that have been 'dumped'. It also has an impact on farmers and other landowners who apparently have to get rid of any items dumped on their property. At one time we had a large skip brought into the street for a couple of days and it was well used.</p> <p>Surely prevention is better than cure and why not withdraw the charges for collecting large items and those levied for taking stuff to the recycling centres. This could apply to public and trades people alike and would save a useful amount of other consequent costs.</p>	<p>Bins are allocated to individual properties and therefore we will not be collecting them from homes/residents who do not wish to pay for the new service.</p> <p>More than 100 councils across the country already charge to collect garden waste and research has shown those areas have not seen a significant increase in flytipping or in the amount of waste that goes to landfill after charges were introduced. Flytipping is illegal. The council treats flytipping as a serious offence and will prosecute any person or company caught flytipping. Flytipping carries a fine of up to £50,000 (unlimited if taken through the Crown Court) and offenders could be jailed or have their vehicle seized.</p>
72	Garden Waste Collection	<p>Charging for brown bin collection is absolutely ludicrous and hypocritical.</p> <p>On one hand you say you want to be an environmentally-friendly council (which means recycling more!) and on the other you're now proposing to charge people to help you recycle (which means less will be recycled).</p> <p>People will just put their garden waste in the black bins or dump it down country lanes.</p> <p>Let's be honest – you already make money by selling composted garden waste.</p> <p>Why on earth would I, or anyone else, want to pay you more to help</p>	<p>More than 100 councils across the country already charge to collect garden waste and research has shown those areas have not seen a significant increase in flytipping or in the amount of waste that goes to landfill after charges were introduced. Flytipping is illegal. The council treats flytipping as a serious offence and will prosecute any person or company caught flytipping. Flytipping carries a fine of up to £50,000 (unlimited if taken through the Crown Court) and offenders could be jailed or have their vehicle seized.</p> <p>We have to pay to dispose of residents' garden waste. It does not generate any income. However,</p>

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		<p>you make money?</p> <p>If you're short of money cut all the cash wasted on ludicrously high salaries and pensions at the town hall. Why should somebody in charge of one small city earn more than the prime minister who's in charge of the whole country?</p> <p>If you're short of money, stop paying ludicrous amounts to all the fat-cat councillors on the gravy train. Charles Swift will tell you – if you're not aware – that when he first became a councillor, there was no money for doing so.</p> <p>And stop wasting money on neighbour plans and committees and all that rubbish.</p> <p>As a council – you're supposed to provide services, not fill the pockets of all your cronies</p>	<p>the cost is substantially lower than the cost of sending waste to landfill.</p> <p>The organisation that takes the garden waste away already turns it into compost for re-sale. As stated previously this is a cost to the council. It does not generate income.</p> <p>The senior management restructure at the end of last year and subsequent voluntary redundancies led to six senior management posts being deleted..</p> <p>The Council Leader and Cabinet Members do not receive salaries although the roles are often more than full time. All councillors receive a basic allowance for being a councillor and those that hold other special responsibilities such as Cabinet Members and the chairmen and chairwomen of committees receive an additional allowance to reflect their added responsibilities.</p> <p>A full list of these allowances are available at http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/documents/s16837/Members%20Allowances%202012-13.pdf</p> <p>At a meeting of Full Council in December, councillors rejected a recommendation by an independent panel to increase their allowances. It means councillors' allowances have been frozen for the past five years.</p>
73	Garden Waste Collection	<p>I am extremely concerned and disappointed about the proposed charge for garden waste collections.</p> <p>Not only does this run the risk of additional fly tipping, especially for</p>	<p>We appreciate your feedback on the proposed new paid for garden waste collection service. We are faced with having to make some very difficult</p>

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		<p>those residents without their own transport, and those may be old/infirm/disabled/on low incomes, but I would suggest that you are planning to financially punish those tax-paying residents who take a pride in their property and gardens by regularly grass cutting, maintaining trees, shrubs etc, in order to support the local authority to become the 'Environment Capital'. There is already evidence of large amounts of grass cuttings, fencing, trees etc disposed of on private land in the PE3 area of the city plus other postcodes.</p> <p>I would also suggest that it will also add the risk of residents disposing of their garden waste in the black and green bins ... since we own our own home and continue to work, I would suggest that we already pay more than enough in our council tax for our street lighting and bin collections</p> <p>Please could you email me to clarify the proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I would expect that by your introducing a charge you would provide a weekly collection of green garden waste, not the current 2-weekly as current? - how do you propose to collect the additional payments? - how will the refuse collectors know which residents have paid/not paid? - for anyone not agreeing will you collect the brown bins and take them away permanently? - what will you do with the unused bins - recycle them or??!! - may we suggest you could add a 'blanket charge' across the board for all council tax paying residents to cover the green waste bin collection, say £10pa? - Because some other local authorities have introduced this additional charge, does it make it right & proper for Peterborough to 	<p>decisions to close a £19 million gap in our budget. Over five years we will have lost £40 million of our government funding.</p> <p>However, we are committed to ensuring that we continue to provide services for those who need our help and support the most such as the elderly and vulnerable and families in need.</p> <p>Unfortunately, it means we cannot continue to do everything we currently do. This includes providing services we are not legally required to. Garden waste collection is one of them.</p> <p>If the proposed new charge is agreed it will be an opt-in service. You will not have to pay the charge if you do not wish to use the new service.</p> <p>Bins are allocated to individual properties and therefore we will not be collecting them from homes/residents who do not wish to pay for the new service.</p> <p>More than 100 councils across the country already charge to collect garden waste and research has shown those areas have not seen a significant increase in flytipping or in the amount of waste that goes to landfill after charges were introduced. Flytipping is illegal. The council treats flytipping as a serious offence and will prosecute any person or company caught flytipping. Flytipping carries a fine of up to £50,000 (unlimited if taken through the Crown Court) and offenders could be jailed or have their vehicle seized.</p> <p>We would discourage people from using their black</p>

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		<p>automatically follow suit?</p> <p>I look forward to your reply and trust that you will seriously review this proposed charge.</p>	<p>bins to dispose of garden waste as this will then go to landfill. If the proposal is agreed and you do not wish to sign up for the new garden waste service we would encourage you to compost garden waste or take it to the Household Recycling Centre in Welland Road, Dogsthorpe.</p> <p>If the new scheme is introduced, brown bin collections would happen fortnightly, apart from December and January when they would be monthly.</p> <p>If the proposal is approved, the charge will be £36 for the year for anyone signing up before 27 May 2014, or £39 for those who sign up after this date.</p> <p>People would be able to pay via the website, over the phone by credit/debit card or in the cash office in Bayard Place, Peterborough.</p> <p>The refuse collectors will have up-to-date information on their vehicles to let them know which residents have paid for the service and they will only collect their bins. In addition, we are also proposing to issue residents signing up for the scheme with a sticker to clearly identify their bin as part of the scheme.</p>

Appendix 2 - Survey Results

Survey Monkey

A total of 36 people have responded so far to the budget survey on www.peterborough.gov.uk/budget and comments were made about:

- Proposed withdrawal of funding for St George's Hydrotherapy Pool (15 comments). Most comments were straightforward objections to the proposed withdrawal of funding. One respondent said there was no alternative and another said it would increase costs to the council in the future.
- Introduction of the new charge for the brown bin garden waste service (10 comments). Concerns included people will put green waste into black bins and it will cause an increase in flytipping. One person said they would be happy to pay for a continuous service through the winter
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How else could the council balance its books? There were a number of suggestions which included:

Increase council tax

Cut the number of councillors

Cut councillor expenses

Charge for the first three miles of free bus passes

Cut street lighting

Use open source documentation not MS Office

Outsource HR/Payroll/administrative functions

Remove funding for Travelchoice Centre in Queensgate bus centre and get bus companies to pay for it

Don't install new railings around city market

Withdraw funding for Opportunity Peterborough

Review move to data centre

Hold Perkins Great Eastern run earlier to attract more entrants and revenue

Double litter fines

Reduce council staff

Combine brown and grey bins

Don't extend city Wi-Fi

Don't upgrade PCs

Withdraw city centre co-ordinator vacancy

Merge services

Cut projects such as the work planned for Bourges Boulevard

Merge children's centres

Reduce councillors' community budgets

Halt spending on the energy park plans

Introduce a salary cap

Should council tax be frozen?

A total of 14 people said council tax should be frozen and 18 said it should not. Some respondents did not answer the question.

If the council tax was increased by the Government's current two per cent threshold – what should the council invest the extra £500,000 it would generate.

Children's Centres

Improving cycle routes

Retaining St George's Hydrotherapy Pool

More homeless accommodation

Making sports facilities more affordable

Upgrade roads

Education

Any other suggestions

Consider a introducing 'dumping corner' for people to put rubbish that can be picked up by other residents for re-use or collected by the council to reduce flytipping.

Encourage the development of self-help groups in relation to health, activities to save on costs long term

Stop using consultants

Peterborough needs better access to Norwich/Leicester/Birmingham

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1			No	Increase council tax for all house valued at over £500,000 by 10%	Reduce payments made to councillors
2	I would be quite happy to pay a contribution for the collection of brown bin waste providing the service was a continuous one throughout the year and not suspended during the winter months when there is still a lot of garden waste produced.		No	On the children's centers that are closing. These were originally built because Peterborough is an area of high need. Some monies could be spent on improving and maintaining road surfaces.	
3	Don't shut down hydrotherapy pool	Keep hydrotherapy pool	Yes		
4	The plan to charge for brown bin collection - any charge would mean tax payers will just place garden waste into black bins meaning the unit costs will rise for brown collection if all do not pay, this is just a tax rise by another method	Charge for the first 3 miles of a free bus pass as all other parents have to pay this amount where travel is under 3 miles.	Yes		
5	I regret your decision to shut St George's Hydrotherapy pool.	I think you could look again at the budget for caring for 7 people being transferred from residential to community care. £945,000 (135,000 each) a year seems absolutely extraordinary, even given the amount of personnel they would need and the security they would require. I	No	Improving cycle routes and encouraging more cycling. Community health and arts facilities/ organisations.	Re rubbish collection/dumping: I'd like you to consider a German style 'dumping corner' in neighbourhoods wherein people leave their household junk on a certain morning, others can come and take their pick and then the council clears the remainder away the next morning. This would cut down on fly tipping and people needing to call

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		<p>am sure you have looked at this carefully but reckon you must have made a 'worst-case' ball park calculation and could find a few thousand from each of these people so that other people don't suffer. I think also that street lighting could be cut back rather than you continuously paying for full lighting throughout every night. Even cutting out one hour a night, or doing a phasing cut-out (say, half of each street) during the night (2am-5am) when there is hardly any traffic would save a lot of money. Thereby St George's Hydrotherapy pool, and perhaps other facilities, could stay open. The people who use it would then continue to benefit from it and save the council money in the future by preventing or delaying care they would need without it.</p>			<p>the council to collect their stuff individually and would help others to furnish their homes for free.</p>

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6	I do not agree with a charge for the brown bin as I believe that it will lead to people not paying and putting their garden waste in the black bin (thus losing out on correctly regenerating this waste); put in other people's brown bins who are paying for the service or fly tipping it. Also people have different size gardens and obviously some generate more waste than others but yet you intend on charging a 'one size fits all' fee - how is this fair?	Either take the brown bin service away totally and provide a chargeable service for taking away bulk garden waste or making it a flat fee included in the council tax bands. There may be 2 councils charging in this way but the majority of councils are providing brown bin collection and not charging the one off fee.	Yes		Lower shop rentals so that more diverse independent shops as well as retail chains want to come and remain to Peterborough. We have too many empty premises and also big chains such as the Disney Shop (even though I appreciate that Queensgate is a private enterprise the council ought to be ensuring that rents are in line) have left. Whilst you are investing in the look of Cathedral Square (although I do not think the fountains enhance the city's appeal), St John's Square, Cowgate etc, Peterborough needs to attract visits who are going to spend in the city not just look at the supposedly pretty surroundings.
7	Childrens centres are a service that should be provided without any doubt. St Georges hydro pool is a vital service which costs the council very little and should be kept open until a viable alternative is in place.	put up the council tax. Stand up for the people of Peterborough instead of blindly following government policy. Nobody wants to hear we are amongst the cheapest places for council tax when you constantly cut services.	No	St Georges, children's centres and education.	
8	to renegotiate the funding of the hydrotherapy pool to include all aspects of the community that use the pool.	Discuss with all agencies that use the pool to pay for the service.	No	Through fair consultation with all main agencies that are due for cuts.	A percentage of the hydrotherapy pool be paid for by the council the rest coming from the CCG's LCG adult social services children social services

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					and to be able to work towards charity status.
9	How would you stop neighbours using your brown bin for their waste if you have paid the annual fee? The Bourges Boulevard revamp should be stopped and reconsidered. It will halt traffic flow and cause unnecessary congestion.	Stop the Bourges Boulevard revamp, it's not necessary at this time and an ill thought out design.	No	Hydro-pool and children's services.	Halt any more spends on the energy park, it's not proven and can't be justified at this time.
10	yes	reduce the number of councillors.cut waste on non essential projects and open the accounts books to the public,thats detailed accounts.the council have lots of cash,but a large percentage is wasted.	Yes		reduce councillors.remove many of the managers and above not essential to basic front line services.
11	I disagree with the proposed closure of St Georges Hydrotherapy pool.	Either take £800 - £1000 from each councillors CLF and give it to budget to fund St Georges Hydrotherapy pool or increase the council tax by 2% and use some of that income to keep the pool open.	No	Use some of the £500k to keep St Georges Hydrotherapy pool open.	Just please stop hurting the most vulnerable people in society that can't fight back or speak for themselves.

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12	<p>Yes. It is wrong to close St Geroge's Hydrotherapy pool, and wrong to cut provision for children's play centres. Both these measures will increase costs to the council within a few years. Public Health money could probably legitimately be spent on both of these Here are some suggestions for alternative ways of saving money: Remove funding for the TravelChoice centre in Queensgate bus station, and get Stagecoach and other bus companies that benefit from it to pay for it. Don't install new railing around city market (saving £100K). Cancel investment of £126K in legal services. Don't remove natural and historic environment grants (cost £25K). Don't give Opportunity Peterborough £50K or a £50K undewrite (saving £50K). Review charging for brown bin - might this not lead to unexpected increase in landfill charges? Review move to Data Center. This seems very expensive. Why not delay it for a year or two, until servers need to be retired? Don't extend city centre wi-fi. Don't upgrade PCs.</p>	<p>Increase council tax by 2%, and look at my answer to question 1.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Hydrotherapy pool, children's play centres.</p>	<p>Introduce a salary cap of £80000. Make it a contractual requirement for anyone earning over £50K a year who is employed by the council to actually live in the city.</p>

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13	I do not agree with the proposed £39 charge for the brown bin collection. If this charge is accepted as a general rule, then those residence not in agreement, should have the choice to return the brown bin back to the council and not have to pay for this proposed collection service.	I believe and have experienced some areas of efficiencies that have not been taken up by Peterborough City Council. Councillors annual expenses should be cut. Those excessive expenses claimed by senior councillor members, could also be reduced. These are just a couple of examples of wastage.	Yes		I personally have had first hand experience of the Adult Occupational therapy system. I need help to lower an existing shower cubicle, but this was refused. Instead, it was proposed that I needed the whole of my room disassembled and changed to accommodate this shower facilities, potentially costing £thousands of pounds, whereas, my proposal that was refused, would only of cost £hundreds. In the end I have been left to struggle. But the department is still funded by the same people that are over spending. What a joke!
14	Yes - there are a lot of soundbites paying lip service to re-enablement of people following falls or accidents. Yet the only specific facility which treats such problems - the provision of hydrotherapy - is to be cancelled? There is no alternative source as the new hospital does not have a pool at all.	Categorise expenditure more carefully - identify assets which cross categories to make sure costs shown as saved are not just going to be incurred under another heading. St Georges Hydrotherapy pool shares a building and services with a school. Any maintenance costs will still have to be paid as the school remains open	No	Safeguarding	Encourage the development of self help groups, whether in relation to health, food banks, activities for combatting loneliness in older and special needs people. This will save on other costs longer term
15	The closure of The Hydrotherapy Pool	I would think that a reduction of the councillors community budgets could be used, it seems	No	to upgrade the many roads that have pot holes and of course to save the	It should be made compulsory for all councillors to hold surgeries in their wards on a regular basis, and should

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		to me that this money is often wasted on unrealistic projects		Hydrotherapy pool	be available at all times to do their job fully
16	Why ask for comments when the undemocratic cabinet are bullied into voting for a pre-determined outcome?	Stop all spending on vanity projects, stop all the shady deals and backhanders, stop using tax payers money to line councillors pockets via conflicts of interest like Lark Energy	No	I would suggest a consultation survey that is not unfairly weighted to only provide answers you want to hear.	Yes.
17			Yes		
18	Do not cut funding for St George's hydrotherapy pool.		No		
19	Get rid of Gillian Beasley	Sack directors	No	Reinstate sacked bus services and Invest in more football pitches including new 3G AstroTurf	Marco stick your fountains up,your [WORD REMOVED]
20			Yes		
21	I disagree with the 'redesignation' of 6 Children's Centres and with the proposal to close St George's Hydrotherapy Pool.	I think the vacancy for a City Centre Co-ordinator could be withdrawn which would save almost the same amount as closing St George's Pool and would show the electorate that our local authority has its priorities right. The Children's Centres should be 'paired up' to save money but still allow services to be provided across the city instead of mostly in a	No	in maintaining a city-wide network of Children's Centres offering universal access as well as support for targeted families.	The Council should scrap the use of private consultancies for the coming year. If we can't afford to look after the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community (as evidenced by the proposal to close Children's Centres and St George's Pool), then we certainly can't afford to line the pockets of private consultants by paying their expensive fees. In particular there should be a ban on using any companies in which

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		small central area. Family problems are not confined to economically disadvantaged areas and to have no provision in the west of the city is a severe dereliction of the duty of care to the children and families living there			councillors have a pecuniary interest.
22	1. I am completely opposed to the proposal to close Surestart Childrens's Centres - this is a very short sighted policy which will store up problems for the future, with the consequence of social and mental health services coming under increased pressure as a result and increased costs in those sectors. 2. The proposal that Vivacity should close the upper floor of the Central Library is disgraceful - the book stock will become even smaller because all the computers will have to be moved downstairs as well as the non fiction and reference book sections. 3. There is a clear reluctance to make even a modest say 1% increase in council tax which would help to avoid some of the cuts proposed.	Increase council tax by 1% or 2% -it is unrealistic to attempt to freeze it if the consequence is a reduction in services. I suspect the freeze decision has been taken for party political reasons. Ban the use of expensive consultants to the Council especially any where there are directors or shareholders who are city councillors, as although it may be allowed by the rules, there has to be absolute probity and transparency when awarding such contracts	No	Keep Surestart Childrens' Centres open, keep Central Library fully open	

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23	<p>The council needs a proper accommodation strategy rather than the piecemeal effort proposed this should not be a spend more to save option and should be to spend less and save plan. As the Government cabinet office has proposed moving to "open source" documentation i.e. Not using MS Office, why are PCC proposing to buy MS Office 365 Licences? Likewise IT expenditure on "Hardware" should be banned other than for break fix hardware maintenance. Why does the Council want to spend money "now " moving items to a "Data Centre" which should have been done years ago, its a bit late isn't it especially as money is tight...! The Councils HR function should be reduced drastically by outsourcing most of its functions, likewise the entire Payroll system including administration should be "outsourced" with staff being responsible for clocking in/out, making leave requests on a system, with direct line Managers being accountable for Monitoring and authorising overtime, sickness absence and leave. A leading High Street Retailer has just done this exercise to a great success and huge staff savings.</p>	read my comments and save	Yes		read mu comments

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24			No	No	
25	None		No	Education	
26	i WOULD LIKE YOU TO RECONCIDER YOUR DECISION TO NOT FUND ST GEORGES HYDROTHERAPY POOL		Yes		
27	<p>I think to increase the income from the Perkins eastern run, instead of running in October (too cold and raining last times), move it earlier, for example early or mid September. More people will show up</p> <p>The adult care services and elderly care must be kept I think, but why is this not mainly under NHS supervisions, it is a medical matter. The fines against people who litter must be doubled and must be enforced. The police are driving too fast. They have to slow down @ 10 mph.</p> <p>Observe and sanction the littering/fly-tipping people. It will generate income and reduce cleaning requirement. The council must be tougher on cleanliness</p> <p>Adopters/Adoption. Any help from the Church or the Mosque or other religious bodies. This is one of their original function and must contribute to this for support and carer's training. You need to combine the brown bin and the grey food waste bin for fuel/energy generation. Suppress the small grey bin: it is too small and delays too much</p>	see previous comments	No	<p>children service. council office building must use tilt-up technology. Not expensive brickwork and masonry. There must at least two 20-storey building, for example for housing or homeless contingency instead of B&B. The sport facilities must be affordable to all not expensive gym that have the same price as Virgin or private gym club.</p>	<p>Peterborough needs a better access to Norwich in terms of road, better access to Leicester/Birmingham. At a highway/large dual carriage way quality. The council must request for long term plan infrastructure for the town: it is a dead end for business. Train must also be improved: second train station to transport good/waste to the waste treatment etc...Infrastructure is bottleneck</p>

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	the waste collection for the workers. It does look ridiculous. Put the food waste biodegradable bag in the brown bin: suppress the small stupid grey bin. Both garden & food waste can be turned into fuel with the same process.				
28	Yes. The money proposed for the brown bin collection. People who did not want to pay would put this rubbish into the black or green bin thus contaminating other waste with garden refuse. The council has achieved so much with its recycling that this is a backward step.	You could amalgamate all the services that go to court under one umbrella eg littering, parking, non-school attendance where the fines could be coordinated or if not paid one council officer to deal with all.	Yes		No. Not at this moment.
29	Please save St George's Hydrotherapy Pool the benefits are enormous for those who use it	Cut back on council expenditure	Yes		Please keep the pool it is an invaluable resource
30	I am very worried about St Georges Hydrotherapy Pool closing through lack of funds.	It would devastate a lot of people who rely on this pool for recovery after surgery and exercising safely etc if it closes.			
31	I oppose the funding cut leading to the closure of St George's Community Hydrotherapy Pool.	Stop wasting money on "pretty" projects ie fountains etc then having to target the most disadvantaged in society to save money.	Yes		I have had to live on disability benefits for 3 years now. I am not in debt and manage my budget by cutting out all but the essential. The council have a skewed view of what is essential.
32	I am wondering in these austere times how the council has managed to produce such a budget? Could this be partly to do with the commissioning of the authority?	I feel that the council has offered a fair budget in this climate. Although it would be good to buck the trend and not do follow	Yes		I have to say that in all its a fair budget - just worry about what will be coming our way in 2015/16?

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		the political lead but do what is right for the LA and its people locally.			
33	no				
34	Yes, St George's Hydrotherapy Pool				
35	Why is this 'consultation' being completed after the cabinet have already made their decision?				
36	Even after two weeks, our black bin is rarely more than half full. There will be plenty of room for our grass cuttings. So will our redundant brown bin be taken away for recycling, or do we cut it up and put it in the black bin? We were sold on recycling garden waste as it would be composted and cover the costs by selling the resulting product. Similarly "Hungry Harry" is supposed to be self funding. Or was that a lie too? I am happy my back garden is a mini-recycling centre, but I will not pay £40 for the privilege.	sack incompetent staff	Yes		