

COUNCIL ADDENDUM – CONSULTATION RESPONSE UPDATE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9(b)
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BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) TO 2024/25

Addendum: Further consultation responses received between publication of papers for Council and closure of the budget consultation on 2 March 2015

1. This addendum is presented to Council at the meeting of 4 March as additional information as referenced in paragraph 2.7 of the Council Report from Executive Director - Resources (Item 9b):

The consultation remains open until 2 March and further comments received will be presented to Council on 4 March as an addendum.

Consultation feedback

2. The budget consultation closed on 2 March 2015. The council has received feedback from a further 139 respondents to the online public consultation resulting in a further 353 comments, which in addition to the earlier 79 respondents with 140 comments reported to Cabinet makes a total of 218 respondents and 493 comments. The new comments received are attached in Appendix 1. Formal feedback from the Youth Council consultation event has also now been received. The overall comments from the consultation including those from the various consultation events are summarised in the table below:

Subject	Overall consultation comments		
	Total	Email comments	Event comments
Culture, leisure & heritage	99	98	1
Libraries	50	46	4
General – includes broad comments for and against the overall proposals and acknowledging the difficulty of the challenge	56	53	3
Senior management and members pay and arrangements	47	47	0
Adult social care and Health	41	40	1
Outsourcing, Serco, consultants and temporary staff	24	24	0
Grass cutting, shrubs and open spaces, bowls	24	21	3
Staff travel	20	18	2
Funding & lobbying	11	11	0
Other – includes childrens (25), growth and development (27), energy and green initiatives (17), roads (15), public transport (10), community engagement, living wage and other	154	135	19
Total	526	493	33

4 The further responses from the online public consultation generally reflect the themes raised in the initial set of responses:

- Most of the feedback received expresses concern on the saving proposals, but some recognise the financial constraint that the council is under and others are supportive of some savings proposals.
- The area attracting most comment is arts and leisure, including the impact that this may have on development of the city and broader council objectives.
- There are comments on library services and reduced staffing, which Cabinet have already sought to address through the amendments to proposals agreed at its meeting on 23 February. Implementation of the new arrangements will be considered further in the light of consultation on the new delivery model which closes on 20 March.
- There is strong generalised support for prioritising adult social care and schools and children's services.
- There are a number of comments about the cost of senior management, elected councillors, outsourcing and general efficiency. The sums involved are either lower than suggested, are areas that the Council is already addressing or have other consequences that need to be considered.
- A number of staff have commented on the adverse impact on them of the removal of the key user scheme and increase in cost of staff parking permits.
- There have been less comments on bowling greens, grass cutting and open spaces since the revised proposals agreed by Cabinet on 23 February.
- There are mixed views on approaches to growth and the desirability of development projects and energy and green initiatives.

5 Of the online consultation respondents 118 out of 218 favoured an increase in council tax to either reduce the savings required or invest in other services, rather than for council tax to be frozen.

6 The Youth Council response was:

“After further discussion we support the council’s decision around bowling greens but hope that they will become more of a community asset and not need continued support from the council.

We hope that the council will support all looked after young people to stay put until 21 should they wish and see this as a very positive thing.

We think that the council should raise the council tax, because the minimal income from this is still an income and this would grow year on year and a minimal increase to residents could have a significant impact for services.

We have a lot of concerns about the library proposals but understand there is a separate consultation happening around this. We would like further information though and the opportunity to discuss this further.”

7 Even although the majority of responses have come in since the Cabinet report, Cabinet have been aware of the emerging issues, such as that on Libraries, from the earlier responses and have responded in their decisions at Cabinet on 23 March.

Appendix 1 - Public Consultation – Further Responses

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<p>Cutting investment to high quality arts activity will harm inward investment and whilst Peterborough is a retail centre it has not renewed it's offer at the same pace as other cities such as Cambridge. A strong arts offer such as the arts festival can help increase footfall to city centre businesses and attract inward investment. Cutting arts development will also cut down on the city's ability to attract external investment - something it is already behind compared to every single city in the East of England - see the lottery stats</p>	<p>relook at capital proposals and see if they can be value-engineered, especially around public art and regeneration schemes.</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>The financial climate is challenging and public expenditure is under pressure. The Council has a difficult job to do. A wide range of interest groups and service users will argue their own corner BUT in so doing we may be losing sight of the bigger picture ... What is good for our City strategically? What will encourage further inward investment? What will make Peterborough a greater tourist destination? What will improve our quality of life and well being? Statutory Services clearly must be funded but the soft option of reducing the City's cultural offering, all of which is discretionary, will be a retrograde step with a direct impact on our quality of life. The Council took a bold step to set up Vivacity and in so doing has seen real innovation, enterprise, success and improvement in the 'arts' generally with greater attendance and a wider menu at the City's Museum, the Key Theatre, the City's libraries, the Lido and Flag Fen together with the building of a new sports and fitness centre at Hampton. Vivacity in its short life has increased revenue and investment in the arts, sport and culture in our city tenfold since it was set up. The budget reduction proposed will create real</p>	<p>Vivacity operates as an arms length business able to be fleet of foot, unencumbered by local government bureaucracy and contracted to deliver the 'arts' agenda in Peterborough. Look to externalise other business units within the City Council to secure similar savings and reduce overheads. The City Council has a very large consultancy budget. This should be re-appraised to ensure that it provides value for money and secures added value for the City. Savings could accrue. Following examples elsewhere in the region and nationally, look to share services and management across local authority boundaries to achieve economies of scale.</p>	<p>NO. The proposals to reduce funding for our green spaces, seek savings through shrub removal rather than cyclical management, reducing parkway verge maintenance and grass cutting regimes, together with the closure of bowling greens and tennis courts, challenges the Council's aspiration for Peterborough to become the UK Environment Capital and must run counter to many of its policies. The increasing quantity of litter and rubbish dumped on the City's parkway verges and green spaces, as well as being unsightly, must also challenge this aspiration. Although small in quantum, this additional resource should be apportioned between these two service areas and it may be that the Council would feel it right to challenge the threshold and increase this investment accordingly.</p>	<p>That these issues and suggestions are brought to the Cabinet's attention and Members of the Council generally.</p>

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detriment to its ability to secure funds for our City in the future.			
I think the document is very hard for people to read and understand by a lot of people and as a result I suspect you will have a very low response. I also think that you have made it hard to access for those who do not have computers or the skills to use one.	Could we turn off parkway lights except at junctions from a certain time in the night-after all cars do have lights. I also think this is a unfair question to ask us as we do not have all the information about costs.	No it should not be frozen- t.he extra money should be used for adult social care and to ensure that we keep valued services such as libraries still staffed. I appreciate the attempt to keep the keep the libraries available but the staff are what make it valued especially for older people.	Yes please look at the wider long term impact of some of the changes- cutting cultural activity that makes this a better place to live and work is possibly counter productive. How does cutting staff in libraries who encourage reading help with the city's literacy issues.
You have a very difficult task. I think you should concentrate council services on those things that are key to maintaining the quality of life for people in the city. In this I would include roads, schools, the arts, civic amenities, future development. I would discard all services that are to do with being politically correct or with a political agenda - equal opportunities, green propaganda, anti-racism. Social Services should be restricted to those with a proven incapacity to care for themselves or who fall completely outside the safety net provided by the NHS.		Yes, the council tax should be frozen. Only by having it frozen can councils be encouraged to make more efficiencies. The economic situation of the country requires belt-tightening all round. Increasing council tax means people have less money to spend or invest.	
Apart from where visibility is an issue, mow parkways and major roads once a year. Use rotary or flail mowers in residential areas and cut 3 or 4 times a year. This will benefit the environment (less diesel used and more food/ habitat for wildlife) as well as your budget. Stop free parking for disabled drivers and free bus passes unless the person receives pension credit or similar benefit. Why should a wealthy pensioner have this when someone struggling on minimum wage does not? Since council tax can only increase by 2% a year, it needs to increase this much every year.	Limit maximum council salary to that of Prime Minister, or maybe a lesser amount. Is running a council worth more than running the country?	Council tax needs to increase by the maximum possible every year. Four years of frozen tax has been very nice for tax payers but it has contributed to this defecit. Why ignore this Â£500k when you are looking at other options saving a mere Â£10k? I don't see that I am qualified to say what the extra half a million pounds should be spent. I guess it would go in part towards a number of things, probably largely adult social care (help reduce hospital bed blockers) and education.	
In general I agree with the budget proposals, but have a few thoughts which I share in the responses	Could you charge for the library service - even a nominal Â£ 10 per	I would be happy to see a 2% increase in council tax, but this would target all council	I'm not sure that this is the right place to discuss this but the

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to later questions.	adult per year? It could still be a free service for the needy. Alternatively charge for use of the internet and computers. For example, you currently allow free access to Ancestry.com, which if I were to have a personal subscription would cost at least £100 per annum. Are you able to charge for the free bus passes for the over 60's? I currently pay £30 for my senior railcard so a similar sum for the bus pass would not seem unreasonable.	tax payers and not those who could pay extra for some of the services suggested in response 2. But would that mean that I wouldn't have to pay for the extra services you now charge for (eg brown bin emptying) ? If you did get an extra £500,000 I would suggest investing it in care for the elderly and vulnerable.	present education system in Peterborough seems to be suffering. It was only a few years ago (2009?) that a number of schools were given considerable building grants for increasing provision and yet we still seem to be short of places, both in primary and secondary schools. Did all of this increased provision get used for children of Peterborough Council Taxpayers or end up being used by children from outside the Peterborough City area?
Reading though the information provided on the proposals there do seem to be worrying proposals that will affect what kind of city Peterborough will be to live in. The biggest one being the huge proposed budget cut backs to Vivacity. At long last Peterborough has begun to have the kind of cultural interest so many other big cities offer. Vivacity has made significant improvements to city life with it's coordinated approach making a coherent cultural provision involving theatre, museum and heritage. It therefore makes no sense to undermine it with the huge cut backs just as the improvements are really becoming apparent and the cities cultural standing growing. What sense does it make to create a trust that has worked, that has done as was hoped and then penalise it by reducing it's funding so the events that have become key to city cohesion involving thousands of people and creating something that residents can be proud of and encourage visitors and tourists to frequent the city centre brining in custom for shops, restaurants etc. Neither am I in favour of cutting funding to froglife	There must be other areas that are not presented here to public scrutiny, that if they were maybe seen as better areas for cut backs or abandonment. The council tax will have to be increased not by two percent if that takes it outside the benefits of the freeze grant but an increase within the two per cent.	No, it is no good being one of the lowest if that means we have to starve the city of its arts, leisure and heritage provision, and other important services. Invest in ensuring that peterborough can provide a quality of that will sustain and encourage people and business to invest here.	More cycle friendly attitudes in the city centre. More information about where cyclists can ride and park rather than where they can't. There are plenty of routes through the centre without falling foul of the restrictions but these are not positively promoted.

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for the work they do providing experience for young offenders. There have to be other plans for the city not mentioned in the proposal document where savings can be made with out picking on the little guys ie froglife who provide such a useful service and an organisation which has begun to be really respected for its achievements ie vivacity. We can only comment on the proposals presented. If money is being made available from the capacity fund for the commercial operations department because income generated is seen to increase and be valuable for tourism, then surely the same argument could be used for vivacity?			
I feel it is unfair that the key user permits are to be removed from Staff who are contractually obliged to bring their cars to work to undertake council business. These car users are bearing a disproportionate amount of the budget constrates compared to non car using staff who have the choice to bring a car to work or not.	There is alot of wasted money with in the council. Long term plans are not considered. As a team we have been moved three times, and our fourth move is currently being planned, in five years. Each time there is a substantial financial implication. If the first move had been appropriately planned then the other moves may not have been necessary.		
It is a shame to decrease the services provided for culture and leisure.	reduce bureacracy	yes	become more business-like
Parking for the disabled should not be free as extra benefits are paid to people unfortunate enough to be disabled. However. special spaces close to shops etc should be made available and properly controlled to stop able bodied drivers abusing them.		No, I think that it should rise a bit if this means less cuts elsewhere. This would not mean that people who are already having their council tax paid losing out.	No, because I am glad that I do not have to make these decisions!
The parks should definitely be kept open , but it is vital that staffin levels are maintained; otherwise in the school holidays, much vanadlism will result.		No, a small increase could be used for vital resources; more police on the streets, re-instating some of the axed bus services etc.	
No		Yes	No
I'm concerned by the proposal to remove the Council's obligation to provide funding for culture and leisure services. While some revenue can be		Sport, art and culture. Events like the Great Eastern Run and the Willow Festival really put Peterborough on the map and add to the	

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<p>generated from commercial sponsorship and from user fees, investment is needed from the Council to develop these services and ensure access to marginalised groups, eg. disabled people's access to sport. Sport and leisure is vital to the social life and quality of life of disabled people in Peterborough and needs protecting. Also, the Great Eastern Run is one of the 'jewels in the crown' of Peterborough sports services - it's recognised as one of the leading half marathons in the UK, and the Council should be proud to be associated with it and to develop it further. In 2014 some of the fastest veterans' half marathon times in England were recorded in Peterborough - Ben Livesey (M35), Alastair Watson (M35) and Steve Way (M40)</p>		<p>quality of life for all inhabitants of this city. They give us something to be proud of.</p>	
<p>Yet again libraries are under attack. The cuts to staffed hours are totally unacceptable. Do not try and fool the electorate that because they will be open longer this is something positive. No staff means no help. Access will be limited - for example under 16's will not be able gain entry during unstaffed times to do their studies.</p>	<p>That's for councillors to decide - this is why we elect them.</p>	<p>I would be happy to see a small increase in Council Tax in order to maintain essentials such as libraries</p>	<p>Review the cost of senior council staff.</p>
<p>Peterborough has problems with low levels of literacy in schools, Surely the council should be looking at maintaining the skilled staff in libraries to help combat this. How many schools visit the libraries? I know classes from William Law regularly go to Werrington Library, where the staff read to them and help them to borrow books.</p>	<p>Stop wasting money on gimmicks - expensive city centre paving, solar farms, road schemes which will restrict the flow of traffic on the boulevard (to placate Waitrose?).</p>	<p>No.</p>	
<p>I think it would be a huge shame if the Great Eastern run had to face budget cuts. I moved to Peterborough 8 months ago and was pleased to how many enthusiastic runners there were in the area. I would hate to see this enthusiasm dampened by threats to one of the most iconic races in the region.</p>	<p>Increased council tax on more expensive properties</p>	<p>sport, libraries, local community projects such as The Green Backyard</p>	

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<p>The huge cuts to the Culture and Sports budgets are simply to great. there will impact greatly on the society many have fought for for Peterborough and work freely to support. These services provide essential learning and healthy living opportunities for the most vulnerable in the City.</p>	<p>The waste and bureaucracy in the Council is too costly. Instead of encouraging the community to take on responsibility at a time of austerity the Council put up barriers. Cllrs should ensure senior officers deliver on this and all Council staff should go through a massive cultural change. The Council talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk! This fundamental change would save hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. Why does the Council and vivacity do the same job. Surely savings could be made if all City events and tourism were run by the same organisation - has anyone done an analysis?</p>	<p>No. It should have gone up in past years and this year too. Invest in Sport Leisure and Tourism to improve the local economy and well being of citizens.</p>	<p>The removal of caretaker services at Council operated football pitches is counterproductive against the councils policies health and well being. An example of hundreds of unpaid, well meaning citizens providing a great service to thousands of youngsters in the city have life made more difficult to the point that many are already giving up. Why did you listen to a tiny minority bowling community and fail to help thousands who play football - check your numbers from the various leagues.</p>
<p>It is the political ideology that underpinthe approach to the current budget proposals that is the issue.Austerity without growth and a Council that doesn't want to physically run services.</p>	<p>How can I as an ordinary member of the public make any suggestions without knowing the total amount of money available and what pots of money are not ring-fenced? It seems to me very simplistically that there is more emphasis in Peterborough on building projects rather than people ones!</p>	<p>I do not agree that Council tax should be frozen. Any extra money generated should be given to local grass roots organisations and/or Parish Councils to use for the benefit of local communities. In my view the closer money gets to local neighbourhoods the more likely it is to be spent wisely</p>	<p>Whatever I may say will not be listened to anyhow as the majority of local Councillors will not be affected by the cuts being imposed on others.</p>
<p>I am a peripatetic teacher who started working for PCC in 2009. My salary is based on the teacher's pay scale and in addition I am paid for petrol and parking as the use of a car is an integral part of the job. I am now situated in Bayard Place on the 3rd Floor although when I started I was located in a school and so parked in an attached car park. The location I am in is not at all convenient for a job such as mine as I am in and out of the office during the day, often carrying heavy equipment and resources. I park in the Brook Street car park and</p>			

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<p>so have to walk to and fro and then up 6 flights of stairs several times a day. Being situated in Bayard Place is not cost effective, in terms of my time, and neither is it good for health in regards to having to trundle the equipment and resources necessary for my job to and from the car park. I have now found out that as a cost cutting exercise it has been suggested that key user status (i.e. a status signifying those people who would not be able to do their job without the use of a car) is to be removed. If I had taken a job with PCC and knew that I would be working in Bayard Place all day I would take a bus from my home as it would be more environmentally friendly and cheaper but I do not have that choice. As far as I am concerned you are asking me to do a job that I have done for 7 years for less money and worse conditions. I will, in fact, be taking a second pay cut(approx £1000 was taken a few years ago) and thus will not actually be being paid the salary that is due to me as a teacher. I understand that money is tight but I think it is an abuse of your power to take away what has been given, not as a perk, but as an essential amenity for carrying out an important role serving a disadvantaged portion of children and young people in Peterborough.</p>			
<p>It is imperative that we safeguard the cultural life of our diverse and expanding city. Priority should therefore be given to facilities and events which offer our residents a wide choice of quality activities such as libraries, festivals and live entertainment.</p>		<p>No. The additional money generated by a modest increase in line with inflation could underpin essential services such as care for elderly and the city's cultural life.</p>	
<p>Cultural Services: change to library service. The proposal, whilst laudable in trying to retain all of the existing libraries, does not give due regard to the effect on children and other vulnerable people. Children will not be allowed to use the library unaccompanied when the library is unstaffed.</p>	<p>Follow the example of Vivacity and encourage senior staff within the Council to take a 5% pay cut. Increasing the salaries of senior staff by changing their job title impresses no one. There is only so much a person</p>	<p>No I do not. Freezing council tax is simply a short term vote winner and a long term destroyer of adequately funding public services that are much needed in our city. Every year the loss in funding is multiplied and the Council presides over a poorer city.</p>	<p>Be open, honest and straightforward with the people of Peterborough. The culture of the Council needs to change. If the focus is on growing a better Peterborough then the task is a</p>

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<p>Staffing will be severely reduced. Children who use the library to do homework after school will suffer, as will those who rely on staff support when using the library. I am also concerned about the vulnerability of users when the building is unstaffed. CCTV only records incidents. It does not prevent them. Cultural and Leisure Services. This proposal is short sighted. The effect of this additional £400,000 cut will mean that the capacity of Vivacity will be severely reduced and Peterborough will lose a significant opportunity to develop the cultural infrastructure that this city so desperately needs. Vivacity has made a great impact on the city's cultural offer, developing audiences and participants, creating a growing confidence in the city. But it is still fragile. Cutting so deep, so fast will kill this development and waste the significant investment (from e.g. Platform Peterborough, Citizen Power, Arts Council Funding, HLF monies, English Heritage,) that has already come to this city. A fast growing city needs a cultural heartland. This should be nurtured and developed, not destroyed. Vivacity has used local taxpayer money well by generating a further £3 to every £1 paid. This is good for the city. Don't sacrifice it. The investment made from both within the city and from outside, both national and European has been good and should be encouraged. With the cuts in staff that will result from this proposal Vivacity will not have the people with the skill, experience, expertise and time to continue to draw this money into the city. In addition, Vivacity has helped other organisations in the city to raise money too for their cultural endeavours, increasing investment into the city through others. Peterborough will be much the poorer for every pound you cut. Remember too</p>	<p>can do at work and the value for that should be capped. I do not buy, nor do the vast majority of voters, that you have to keep paying staff ever more in order to work here. The idea is a bankrupt one. Councillors too should take some of the pain. With a cabinet system, it is a very few Councillors who understand, know enough about issues and make effective decisions. That diminished level of responsibility should be better reflected by lowering the pay structure. Alternatively you should return to a committee structure whereby democracy is seen to take effect. Cabinet members do take greater responsibility and do take risks on new ventures. The level of overall responsibility however is so diminished due to central government ring fencing of key services and the prolific outsourcing of other services, that the level of pay should be reduced accordingly. As a cabinet that likes to compare itself with the private sector, risk taking, innovation and income generation, the pay of cabinet members should in addition be reduced by say one third in exchange for shares in those new income generating ventures up to the value of that lost one third pay. In that way the local taxpayer can at least take comfort from the fact that those risks are shared by those responsible for analysing and taking that risk.</p>	<p>There is no pride in that. The money generated by increasing council tax should go into building a better city. A city that is genuinely contributing to the health and well being of its residents. Preferably it should go into those services that are able to generate and lever into the city further funds for the further development of the city such as those delivered by Vivacity.</p>	<p>simple one. It is the approach of short termism and constant reanalysis using external consultants that signifies a lack of confidence and leads to disengagement with politics. As a result, there is a lack of engagement with the community and society at large. This, at the very time when the city needs people to be more engaged with the difficult journey ahead to help deliver that better Peterborough. Local government should be bold enough and brave enough to work for the good of the city without the distraction of short-term party politics. If you could do that, everyone wins. People need to believe in you. Integrity is all. Businesses in the city are struggling to recruit good people and it is difficult to keep good people here. This makes those businesses vulnerable and many are choosing to go elsewhere. Business needs a thriving city that offers people a life outside work for their employees and their children. It needs more than shopping and eating houses. Cutting the cultural offering can only have a negative effect on the city's ability to attract jobs at the high end of the labour market a</p>

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that every pound earned by Vivacity is invested back into the communities of Peterborough. It is a good model to emulate.			weakness long identified and further confirmed by the Centre for Cities study.
Yes	Do not have any member of staff paid more than 7 times the lowest paid person employed by the council	No. Put money back into Surestart Childrens' Centres	
Please don't cut funding by that huge amount to Vivacity. The city has finally got a feeling of things going on. Don't lose the festivals they're great. and unmanned libraries is silly. don't we have really low literacy rates in the city already is this really going to improve that.		It might be time to put council tax up a bit.	
	Cut the councillors pay!	Schools, the museum.	Turn the lights and heating off in the town hall.
Yes	All rural grass cutting (or at least that within villages) should be met from Parish Council precept	No. It is wrong to pursue this when demands on services from ageing population etc are increasing and any reasonable person would understand that. Extra income should be split between adult social care and Vivacity funding (especially Heritage)	
I do not agree with the removal of Key user parking permits for staff. This will cause financial hardship to affected staff that need their cars for council business. I as a family aide do essential home visits which have to be undertaken by use of a car, covers a large geographical area and accumulate a number of miles which have to be undertaken and i feel that we are being penalised for having to have a car for work. We have already had our essential car user allowance taken from us.	Reduce the number of agency staff.	Yes	Better working conditions to keep staff.
I strongly disagree with the removal of key user parking permits due to the financial implications to affected staff that require their cars for Council duties. I feel that we are being penalised for needing a car for work, we have already lost	reduce number of agency staff.	in David Camerons words "we are all in it together" why just car users essential for council duties are being squeezed?	better working conditions to keep permanent staff.

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essential car user payment that equals one thousand pounds per year.			
<p>As an officer of the Council, I am concerned about the detail surrounding the key car user scheme. I would state initially that I understand and accept the decision to remove the scheme (to which I am currently entitled) particularly given the difficulty (and related officer time and expense) in establishing who is or is not entitled to it. My concern, however, relates to the scheme that sits beneath this (currently referred to as emergency permitting) which entitles officers to park their vehicles at work for two days a week using permits provided by the Council. My understanding is that this is to be removed as well and this poses a problem for me. As I understand my job description, I am required to have a vehicle available for work (and insured appropriately). Clearly, the only realistic method of having my vehicle available is to have it at (or close to) my place of work. The removal of the permitting scheme will mean that I am required to pay to park the vehicle in order to meet the terms of my contract. It therefore appears to me that I will be compelled to incur costs for the benefit of the service I provide on behalf of the council, which does not sit comfortably with me. I appreciate the viewpoint that many officers already pay for parking, however I can only speculate that these colleagues are not under the same compulsion that I understand myself to be under. Perhaps clarification could be provided in relation to this. My proposal would be that the emergency permitting scheme continue, perhaps under a different name. If administration is a problem then I am certain that front line officers would be prepared to help find a workable solution. This would allow teams such as</p>	<p>I am not certain that I am in a position, having no access to details of the overall financial situation, to provide a view on this. I have however, proposed a solution above that would (I hope) be cheaper than the current situation. Clearly I cannot say that this would balance the books, however as a front line officer I am conscious that my vehicle is essential to the service I provide and surely the Council wants to deliver the most efficient and effective service possible (subject to financial constraints).</p>	<p>My understanding is that the Council currently receives a form of subsidy or grant from the government on the basis that we do not increase council tax. I am therefore not sure if the £500 000 stated would be income over and above that provided by the grant. If this is the case, although I am a council tax payer, I would suggest that any income stream can only help the Council to deliver the services that residents expect of it, particularly if it is a larger pot of money than that currently available in its place. Additionally, it may help to address the issue of service delivery as it relates to the problem I have tried to articulate above.</p>	<p>Not at this time.</p>

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<p>mine (where officers are required to have a vehicle available) to agree between themselves how adequate cover will be provided where the officers are entitled to 2 days of 'free' parking each. Previous local authorities I have worked at have chosen instead of a key user scheme to provide pool vehicles for staff. I understand the Council currently has two such vehicles for general use, however I would suggest that these are not sufficient in number for the widespread use that is likely to occur, should the key user and emergency permitting schemes be removed. Additionally, and from my personal point of view, I work around residents to deliver the service I provide. I understand there is a limitation on the hours that pool vehicles can be used (in addition to the range they are capable of) and this means that they are at best only partially appropriate to my role.</p>			
<p>Yes, I think that the City Council was wasted council tax payers` money over recent years, for example The neighbourhood councils, the solar energy scheme, repeated changes in Cathedral Square, the so called improvements on Bourges Boulevard. We don`t want lime trees!</p>	<p>I disagree with any further cuts in Library Services. Vivacity funding should be increased not cut.</p>	<p>No, increase council tax if need be and if necessary spend more money on arts and leisure</p>	<p>Look hard at expenses claimed by PCC staff and councillors, especially consultants and advisors.</p>
<p>I agree that spending needs to be tightly managed with greater efficiency in the provision of Council services</p>	<p>I disagree with cuts to the funding of tennis facilities. I am not clear if funding is being cut for Vivacity. I would want to preserve this culture and leisure trust which is better than anything in Cambridge, ideally giving a 10% increase in budget to carry out more activities.</p>	<p>If you can provide acceptable services, freeze council tax.</p>	
<p>Obviously as the average age of the population increases help for the elderly should be a priority. People are living longer and therefore need more help and support.</p>			<p>It would be a great shame to loose our libraries as they are a life line for many people and have now started to alter the services they provide to fit the</p>

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<p>Peterborough is a massively expanding city and therefore needs a cultural heart. It is a well tested and successful formula that where the arts thrive a city thrives. For several years now there has been a huge effort by vivacity and before that and more recently in tandem with Vivacity, the voluntary arts sector, to improve the cultural offer and engage the public encouraging a cultural habit. It is totally shortsighted and disastrous to Peterborough if this is not continued. You cannot continue to rely on the goodwill of local creatives who will up and leave a city not imaginative enough to realise the scale of the negative impact a city less cultural will be.</p>	<p>I do not know of a solution to the over spend but I have seen the impact the arts makes on a cultures community. Horton is a marvellous example of rejuvenation through the arts. Peterborough is able through its creative community to make a city worth investing in as a creative practitioner if Vivacity is not dismantled like a piece of frippery.</p>		<p>community they serve.</p> <p>I also am totally exasperated regarding the spin on Peterborough being a 'green model. The scandal regarding the Green Backyard and the sale of the land it is situated on is totally unacceptable. My suggestion is promote and actually aspire to the green agenda together with a true cultural heart and we will be a city that attracts people who will make a difference. To attract more visitors we should free the sculptures languishing in the graveyard of the boating lake sculpture park and bring them into the city centre. The mix of the old historic market square and cathedral together with international sculpture would make Peterborough a destination worth day tripping to. We have these things they are just left to rot or 'lent' out to corporates with little chance of the public accessing them.</p>
No		Yes considering the alternatives	No
<p>Yes providing meals for senior citizens is very important to keep them healthy (always assuming the meals are well thought out). Considering people in this country are the fattest in Europe, is it sensible to close tennis courts or bowling greens? This only puts more pressure on the NHS.</p>	<p>Considering all the money that has been squandered on a very dull and uninteresting Cathedral Square where I rarely see the squirts of water actually squirting, I was amazed yesterday on one of my rare visits to the town centre</p>	<p>Yes. Trim all waste, down to the last pencil and paper (or laptop, if you must.) Since the recession, individual households have had to go without unessentials but this council is unaware of the difference between those and essentials.</p>	<p>Although many of us use technologies, we have no wish to see Libraries overrun with this. Books, not Kindles, Library staff, not machines. Cut expenses of councillors. What</p>

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	to find more money is being squandered in tarting up Long Causeway. Where are the councils priorities in these hard times. Libraries are more important for people.		happened to doing it for the love of your city?
		I think council tax should be raised and more should be done to make sure all council tax is collected. Some of the extra money saved should be used to support the most vulnerable: the elderly, families in crisis etc	I believe cultural services should be better protected. Peterborough does not have a vibrant 'evening' culture. There is only one cinema, and in the absence of the Broadway Theatre, the Key Theatre needs more promotion
Yes	Increase Council Tax by at least 10%	No. Spend the money on Social Care to keep people out of hospitals, and on provision for preschool children, such as Sure Start, to reduce later spending by preventing problems from developing.	Do the honest thing. Even though you are a Conservative administration, admit that the Government cuts are unsustainable and that more money is required. This will generate more spending, more employment so more tax revenue and thus help the economy.
	Continue looking to improve efficiency and look to share services with other local authorities.	Ideally council tax is frozen but I am very keen that Vivacity receives as much help as possible to maintain sports facilities and library services and I for one would be prepared to bear a 2% increase if that meant I could continue swimming most days.	
Arts must be supported. Vivacity are doing a great job. The key theatre is brilliant and so are all the great festivals. Could these still happen but have a small fee to attend		Yes	
Please do not close any services from vivacity. The trend back to using paper books mean they are an essential part of Peterborough's education. The	I suggest that you instead refuse to make the cuts and take out loans from banks. That way the banks can be	This question is a contradiction! Do not increase council tax until the minimum wage has been increased accordingly.	Peterborough has one of the highest level of deprivation in some areas. That are

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<p>theatre is extremely successful too and is undoubtedly a landmark of the city.</p>	<p>accountable. I am being serious. Just remember they won't give you any more money after you have started this, so really make it count. You will get lots of positive publicity for this too!</p>		<p>comparable to the poorest parts of this country! No austerity will end until the more wealthy people support the poorest workers. The council would have lots more money if the MPs for Peterborough and North Cambridgeshire truly represented their constituents and not the few pensioners who vote. In the mean time why not make Peterborough a beacon for radical change and tax the companies who rent units in town, at already astronomical rates, who are members of corporations that avoid tax. You can redistribute the wealth back into the councils budget...</p>
<p>I do not agree with libraries running without staff. I use the libraries frequently with my two children but I will not use them during non-staffed hours as I will not feel safe. I think it will attract homeless and anti social behaviour, and provide a nice environment for drug dealers and other criminals. I value the staff at the libraries and tend to use it most for staffed sessions and activities such as rhyme time.</p>	<p>Better use of traffic wardens - there are often cars parked on double yellow lines blocking the disabled parking at the central library. They are the same cars again and again so they are clearly not paying any tickets if they are being issued. Move away from a pay spine, which rewards poor performers and awards pay increases to those who do not deserve it, to a system of performance related pay. You should close the final salary pension scheme to new entrants and replace with a defined contribution scheme. You should reduce the use of consultants, temporary staff and making people redundant then re-hiring them. Reduce spending on</p>	<p>No, it should not be frozen. Invest the extra back into libraries and meals on wheels.</p>	

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	campaigns such as travel choice week. Also reduce spending on the adverts stating how low the council tax is here.		
No.	N/A	Yes.	No.
I object to your proposal to cut funding to Mind charity for the services it provides to mothers with mental health problems. I object to your proposals to unstaffed libraries remaining open as I am not sure that these can ever be safe and accessible to all without staff on hand. I object to the proposals to cut funding to adult care for vulnerable people in need of support. I object to your proposals to reduce funding to the arts as how can Peterborough be a good place for tourism with fewer heritage and arts attractions. I object to reduction of funding to Froglife for their young offenders work which benefits victims of crime, young offenders and the local wildlife.	Instead of cutting frontline services for vulnerable people I think the Council should reduce funding for promoting Peterborough with expensive and gimmicky marketing campaigns. I suggest that funding be stripped out of expensive novelties such as the fountains in Cathedral Square which are also very bad for the environment. I suggest the management structure within the Council be stripped to the bare minimum so that services are protected.	No I do not agree. If we need these services - and we do to care for the most vulnerable - then we should all be willing to pay a little extra. It seems crazy to me to be cutting services and not increasing Council Tax. Use this to protect Adult Social Care services, Mind services to Mothers, and staffing of libraries which can be a life-line for elderly people.	It is very poor that the Council did not provide a summary of the 41 page proposal. Very few people have the time to plough through this kind of technical information in bulk. This will have considerably reduced the number of people who have taken part in this consultation. Next time please produce an easy to read and use summary of proposed changes.
None	Cut executive salary & expenses & perks Ditto for counsellors	Yes, freeze council tax and reinstate free Brown bin collections	Look after the elderly and frail and infirm at the same standards as applied to council officers & counsellors
Yes	I think that you can do with fewer festivals and Vivacity need to manage with the lower income.Lit	This question is incomprehensible. However, we have been told that there would be less money if you increased council tax because you would lose a government grant. Is this the case or not? If you would get extra income by raising the council tax then you should do so. It should go on care for older people, ensuring that there are no delayed discharges.	Litter picking must be maintained.
This vital overview of financial budgets is well overdue anyway. At long last commerciality and viability is being considered rather than coasting along making do and doubling up on provision 'cuts' need not be doom and gloom but opportunity to increase work and business opportunities in other			More inner City homes should be provided to enable people to live in the City. It will be safer, cut down on transport costs and more money will be spent in local businesses. Think of the

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areas. Technology and innovative thinking is the key to this.			market area and Broadway. No costs to start up companies.
While I support all the areas that feedback has shown residents consider important, I also believe that support for the libraries and the cultural and heritage services are very important. I understand that huge savings need to be made but what is being done to look for ways to increase income from existing resources? I recently visited the central library and was surprised to see that the upstairs floor has been closed with the loss of access to many many useful reference books, what about finding a charity to run a cafe / reading room upstairs surely some more creative way to use the space can be found? The employment of one person to co-ordinate volunteers and work creatively with creative and volunteer groups could surely help to generate an income for the City.	As the Chair of the Peterborough Museum Society I am obviously concerned about the reduction in staffing and funding being proposed for the Museum and Art Gallery where staff have worked so hard to develop a fantastic service with many events and activities which are supporting the local economy by attracting more local people to access local art and heritage and also bringing people to the town. I would like to suggest that much more could be done to develop contemporary collecting at the museum to represent the many new communities who have come to the City post 1945, the vibrancy and wealth of some of these communities could add a great deal to the museum and perhaps bring new funding to the service, nothing ventured nothing gained.	On a personal basis I support raising council tax only if the increase can be targeted at those who can afford to pay, obviously the less well off should not be made to pay more. If the Council Tax was raised I would suggest spending the money generated on supporting parents with young children, they are our future and education is the key to a better society and future for all.	As above employing one creative person to work across the council developing income generating schemes, for example Stuart Orme at the Museum has done an amazing job raising the profile of the institution and generating additional income through new ideas and a staggering amount of hard work with a small team. Employing only one more person who can help to develop income streams in other areas could help to bring in income to our area.
		Arts	
leave the arts budget alone	you could stop doing unecessary work in the city like long causeway being done again when it was pedestrianised satisfactory only say 3 to 5 years ago and the work on burges boulevard which seems to be a waste of money by marco ceresti	I think it should go to the arts and care services	not printable because from experience the council will not listen as was shown with the closure of greenwood and welland house and meals on wheels so get rid of the conservative council
The number one priority must be the wellbeing of people who rely on the council for support, especially young people in care for whatever reason.	A lovely heritage but is the Lido really worth £54,000 of our money. How well used is it, do we have attendance figures.	Social Care	

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<p>You are bogged down in retaining your existing structures. There is no addressing the question "what is the council for?" What is the point of spending money encouraging public health at the same time closing parks & greens?</p>	<p>There is no explanation of what proportion of potential Council Tax revenue is actually achieved. In a fast growing population, is there a loss of revenue efficiency? Council spends large sums wasted by inefficiencies. same job being done two or three times. From buying a parking permit to voter registration, dealing twith the council is a nightmare of inefficiency. Pop into the courts and discover how many cases brought by PCC are thrown out or postponed due to errors. Don't cut staff, manage them better. Try fewer top managers -working smarter. Stop spending on marketting, self promotion and cosmetic changes. How many times have you dug up Long Causeway in the past 15 years? This encourages no more visitors. They come to see attractions, and different shops made easy by easy parking/ public transport. No one travels to a regional centre to view the concrete! By continually copying Nottingham and Leicester, you have squeezed out everything that made Peterborough a unique offering. Stop spending money chasing "gongs" like Environment Capital This does not enhance the lives of the ratepayer but is to make the Executive look good.</p>	<p>Stop kidding us. You are not "investing" in anything. An investment has an implied return.</p>	<p>Resign!</p>
<p>Only that it makes for very worrying reading to hear that services may be cut, there will be less money to support a growing city with increasing numbers of children - and therefore the need for more schools while maintaining green spaces - and an</p>	<p>A shake-up of management tiers and roles usually weeds out the unnecessary and grossly overpaid, leading to massive savings. Every organisation can do with a periodic</p>	<p>In schools - more and more housing is being built on 'waste land' in and around Peterborough, most notably Hampton and the Fletton area, but there do not seem to be any plans for another primary school to</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>ageing population. I have read through the proposals and found the following section on Solar and Wind Farms alarming in terms of the huge costs involved. It makes me question the capacity of key people to think long-term. I wonder how this can have been allowed to happen? This is taken from the Solar Energy section of the proposals: "There is a one-off benefit in 2015/16, when project costs were expected to be higher than the income generated. There is however a significant budget pressure of £1,263,000 in 2016/17, rising to over £5m from 2018/19 onwards " this is because the net profit will no longer accrue from the schemes. Issue 2015/16 £k 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19 2019/20 Removal of expected net profit from wind and solar farms -419 1,263 4,810 5,295 5,769</p>	<p>Spring clean.</p>	<p>educate the children. How can this not take precedence?</p>	
<p>I would like to see the blue badge free parking in car parks continued, as this gives the badge holders undercover parking and a level entrance into the shopping areas.they already pay for the blue badge, and it would be unfair to charge for parking and for the badge.</p>	<p>Apply a charge on all house and business plans submitted by large building firms,which could help to pay for new schools and care homes for the people that are taking up bed space in local hospitals.Which in turn would benefit the local people on NHS waiting lists.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Yes please keep Bowling and Tennis facilities as this does help people to go out and keep fit. Free bus transport also helps people of all ages to go out, and again helps to keep them fit and healthy.</p>
<p>yes its difficult to comment on some aspects as you don'tfoot state what your statutory duties are</p>	<p>I think that the carbon neutral footprint is a bit of a gimmick and a waste of money. apart from the public transport, how do you stop private vehicles creating to much carbon?</p>	<p>That is probabl a good idea esp as the government provides funds for this.</p>	
<p>Please, no more cuts to libraries. They have been hit hard over recent years, and are vital to the city.</p>	<p>Cut the waste on fancy pavements, expensive solar projects, and over paid senior council staff including the leader of the council.</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>Take another look at council expenditure, instead of going for the easy targets as usual. Make sure all unpaid council tax is collected, and non payers prosecuted. Tax houses of multiple occupation.</p>

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<p>It is a long and complex document so difficult to work out fully what would be cut. I do, though, think that parking charges are fair and that blue badge holders should pay for parking. I don't really see why companions to disabled people shouldn't also pay at least something for travel - this could be funded from the disabled person's disability living allowance which seems, to me, to be for this sort of thing. Whilst I would prefer to see the libraries staffed as the staff are generally good and helpful I think it is good to keep the libraries open. It would be nice to think that if times get better then the opening hours could be extended again. I think it is a shame that the events such as the Heritage Festival are to be cut as these are generally very good.</p>	<p>I think that people in the public sector should have decent working conditions and salary and I don't know how you set pay bands but I think that in some cases senior managers/CEOs are paid too highly and that it is possible to get decent workers and managers for more sensible salaries. (This is shown in the private sector but also in, say, very highly paid broadcasters on the BBC or management consultants in the NHS). As I say, I don't know what the salaries are and they may be reasonable but this is worth a review and also to maybe consider a freeze on increases in the top salaries for a year. This should not affect anyone who is not well into the upper tax band. I'd also look at what is outsourced and value for money as I think (again from hearsay in the papers and that is not always reliable) that sometimes when private companies take on what was done in the public sector the so-called savings are not necessarily realised. I appreciate that you may well already have done this but I do have concerns that some outsourcing is done for political reasons or short-term saving and not long term.</p>	<p>I do agree with this, primarily because not freezing it would mean a lot of the money raised would be rendered meaningless by reductions in Central Government grants. So whilst residents would pay a lot more, the money actually received by the Council would not reflect what was paid. So the rate should be frozen.</p>	<p>The arts and heritage events are very good for Peterborough and they are good family events and I do think it is a shame if they are reduced. I get emails from the Oundle Literature Festival which runs events through the year and they have several events for families. These are charged for and I wonder if this type of idea could be investigated with a fairly low charge which might mean some of the events could continue. Or perhaps some fundraising done by Vivacity to put something on. I think that if people know more about the reason for budget cuts and that this has impacted on events (and it could be pointed out that the council tax has been frozen) then it's possible that some money could be raised to continue these or people might pay for some events. I don't think the charge for events should be too much, and I think that children should be free if possible but some charge could be raised and that would help. I do think the council does a good job and that Peterborough is a good place to live, I would hate to see that get worse. I think that it is good that the council has shown the proposals because it gives a greater understanding of</p>

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			why the cuts are being made and although I would prefer it if they were not made I do see why things are difficult.
The summary on the website is too short for me to understand the range of cuts and their implications, and the downloaded document at 44 pages is far too long for me to read. I'm at full time work have a family and a social life and don't have time to read such a long document. If you really do want the public's response then you should provide an accessible summary of key points for us to consider. The phase 2 proposals remain a mystery to me.	As above you have not provided enough information for the public to give an informed response.	If you freeze council tax I understand you will get additional funding/grant from the gov't. Is this the £500k you refer to? How much would you have to raise the average council tax by to raise the £500k? Is that a better way forward? If not then this is not extra money but will be used to plug a gap created by your savings - suggest you use to maintain parks and open spaces.	As above provide a short summary of the issues to consider with high level costs for each e.g. realistically how can the public know what £500k will buy in public services? these sort of values are not familiar to "man in the street" and we don't know how much a library costs or a park or a meal on wheels so can't assess what to do with £500k.
It is unacceptable that the Conservative government in Westminster continues to restrict funding to local authorities despite its claimed improved state of the economy (or is that just propaganda?)	Other authorities are increasing council tax in line with inflation. All services provided by councils can be described as essential so cutting them is unacceptable. Peterborough already shares some services with Cambridgeshire and maybe more back office functions could be shared.	No. More home care services for elderly and disabled people should be funded.	
You could have made the budget proposals clearer to understand. Other councils produce a much more plain English version		Yes	Reduce priority of environment capital
Generally I agree but with the following comments.	A reduction in housing benefits and general unemployment benefits.	The Council Tax should be increased and this money spent on public transport and public amenities, including entertainment.	Efforts must be continued to bring industry and jobs to the area
Given the challenge, there is little the Council can do save to cut. However, my impression is of 'nibbling' across the board rather than making conscious decisions to 'not do stuff'. The latter approach causes initial squealing but is easier to implement than the former. 'Nibbling across the board' will also cause general moaning and	See above. As a social democrat, I would of course prefer to see this government increasing taxation to a level closer to most other northern European countries in order to properly fund public services.	I do not agree that Council Tax should be frozen as it favours those with larger houses. However, £500,000 is not much - I would spend it on something visible to all, such as improved street cleaning and maintenance of verges and roundabouts, etc.	-

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groaning. It may be that legislation prevents dropping most services the Council provides, but with that caveat I would have preferred dropping a few to preserve the majority. I would also personally have supported commercial initiatives such as the wind and solar farms to generate funds.			
Additional responsibilities and costs from Social Care Act look likely to increase statutory element of Adult Social Care budget over next few years and if government funded element of budget continues to fall all other services will continue to suffer.		No. Providing core 'council' services	Avoid providing new services ,apart from new statutory obligations. Only develop joint health services where fully funded.Encourage and make space for charities,voluntary organisations,private sector and interest groups in developing many existing and non statutory new services.
Libraries must stay open		Council tax should go up. Spend money on educating children not to ftop litter therefore saving money on kerpig everywhere littrr free. Get young defenfes to pick litter if they still have "derentiin" in school get them to pick up litter	
I believe that the council should lobby the government to stop corporate tax evasion so that austerity measures do not need to be so severe.	see above	Yes I believe that council tax should be frozen as wages have not increased	Invest more in the arts as they enable people to engage on an emotional level and help them to rise above their problems.
The budget reductions concern areas of spending that are crucial to people's lives and quality of life in Pboro. They are the result national government shying away from a new system for rates bands and failing to bring in revenue due from tax evaders and avoiders. More is taken away from the vulnerable and nothing is done about people paying who will not go hungry, without a home or a future or be in pain and lonely.	Step back from the books and see how the priorities have become totally skewed in favour of the haves. Refuse to collaborate in this injustice. We need growth to generate wealth and proper jobs so we can return to respecting ourselves and others.	No. Refuse to accept the idea that tax is bad. It is essential for social cohesion and a civilised society. Tax evasion and avoidance revenues to be routed to caring for our society.	Not sure how much of a response you'll get to a 41-page document of government-speak. Especially when the appalling problems we face are so obvious.
Attracting more and varied commerce and industry to the city is obviously advantageous from many	Adults of all ages in general can afford to pay more for entertainments. The		A successful football team publicises the city and lifts the

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standpoints. Companies will be reluctant to move or expand to a city that looks tatty and rundown without a variety of entertainment and sport (for participants and spectators). The road signs are becoming dowdy and often obscured by shrubbery. Maintenance and replacement of damaged road signs/furniture is essential investment and so are libraries, theatre of all kinds and festivals.	Key should increase prices at least in line with inflation. Increase Council Tax by 1.5% and invest in the road signs/furniture on major roads. Any spare to be used for a rolling programme of street sign (especially street name plates) cleaning/maintenance/replacement.		spirits of everyone as well as entertaining the fans. Encourage the departure of Barry Fry, a major drag on Peterborough United for too long. Players who join what appears to be an ambitious club often lose heart when they realise they have been bought to be sold at a profit. That is the reason for the lack of consistency of Posh. (I am not now a spectator at London Road).
the broad principles of the budget proposals are fine...the detail is not so straightforward. Statements such as increasing opportunities for income generation sound good but in practice have not worked very well so far. In fact given the costs of consultations and set up costs of projects the chances of council led initiatives generating income seems slim. Make it easy for private individuals and companies to set up, rate/rent relief etc, then take a percentage of their profits. Should be possible to set up a tendering and scrutinising procedure in areas where the council identifies a need/opportunity for regeneration or fundraising. Can be done on a wide range of scales.		extra income should be directed at areas of community life that would benefit those that are not in a position to pay....youth services (feet on the ground as youth workers) would be my priority.	I don't think council tax should rise for everyone...council tax bands should be reviewed, there must be a case for adding bands at the higher end paying at a higher level, as well as some increase (2%) for those that can afford to pay (this includes me)
You need to make the case for a Council Tax increase this is unsustainable. I have much sympathy for your current dilemma - but Council Tax was frozen for years before it became a necessity. The City was in a weak position having already cut some of it's fat - in many ways it has done a remarkable job. But as you have to balance your books in law the only way you can judge whether your sustainable is the measures the outcomes of your services - so how well is public	Make the case for an increase in council tax - explore what happened to the £10million for the football ground - have you got your money back?	Social care and inclusive culture.	If you invest in social care - these are people who will spend money locally because they still will not have a lot.

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health - how much are children achieving etc. if bad you are nearly bankrupt and need to increase council tax.			
More melding of senior jobs to reduce excessive salaries bills	There should be a council run lottery	Yes	The sport and leisure facilities should be removed from Vivacity and outsourced to experts such as Ballantynes. Vivacity should only be involved in museums, libraries and arts.
More melding of senior posts to reduce excessive salaries	Operate a council run lottery	Yes	Remove the sports and leisure content from Vivacity and outsource it to specialists like Ballantynes, Let Vivacity concentrate on Museums, libraries and arts.
I think it is a good idea to take advantage of any available Government grants	I think the areas outlined for protection from cuts are important for social care and the pride in the city and for making it attractive to outside investors in the city in retail and other areas	I think that in today's financial climate, a moderate rise in council tax would be acceptable	
It is obviously a very difficult time and public funds need to be spent wisely. In general I agree with the proposals that are being put forward although not happy about them.	Some council officers receive some of the highest wages in Peterborough and these need to be kept under control. Some of these officers would not be getting paid at this level working in the private sector.	Yes. Although the economy is improving all local authorities need to get smaller.	No
#NAME?	#NAME?	Yes	The Key Theatre - a wasted resource currently being used for tribute acts and recorded screenings - it is completely mismanaged. The council need to re-evaluate their contract with Vivacity whose charter states they will deliver diversity - they do not.
I worry about increasing digital engagement with the council. Sometimes you just need to speak to	Pay freeze for those working in the council earning salaries in the higher	Not if it is channelled into people facing services such as support for the vulnerable	Stimulate growth in Peterborough. Attract industries

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someone to get something done & not everyone has access to computers especially if you are reducing library hours.	rate of tax.	eg. Mums with post natal depression or respite care for those who care for sick relatives. If it is to pay for jobs of middle managers looking to cut budgets I say cut the employment of those unnecessary managers.	& employment to draw people to Peterborough to make it an attractive place to live with a variety of cultural activities on offer. This will stimulate growth, increase council tax revenue in order to provide services for the whole city.
I do feel council tax can increase in the higher value properties that does include me. I am not sure why freezing is a preferred option. The middle and upper middle classes are not suffering from the austerity issues	Means test and increase tax on properties valued at 100k or more	no, money should be invested in income generation such as funded work for unemployed young, more money in their pockets earned from community projects leading to increasing number of people with money to spend	Use the US experience of promoting growth and not restricting spend. Nobody earning anything or increasingly impoverished can be a consumer. no consumer, no business. Review the "environment city" plan and cut investment if no clear profit to be seen in the near future.
		No it should not be frozen. Increase it to the maximum allowed.	Make Peterborough a "green" city solar farm to go ahead a.s.a.p. get power from burning household waste cut down on burying it. Also plan ahead think of all the money that is being wasted on digging up the new town centre. Again!! charge for the use of non essential services, eg sports and leisure. Spend money on what brings people into the city, eg Flag Fen the museum etc. Maintain important services like community health care especially for the vulnerable and elderly. Cut down on councilors expenses and keep a very close watch on the number of people

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			employed by the Council reduce this as much as possible, Work with other Councils to help reduce costs and duplications.
Not really. Officers have obviously tried to find cuts across the board.	I personally think the Arts Festival could be funded from other sources. It doesn't have to be free, for instance - if it went back into the park Vivacity could charge an entrance fee.	No I think it should go up. Not much, but even a few pence would make a huge difference to you.	No
Peterborough is beginning to make its mark as a cultural centre, thanks to Vivacity. Please don't stop their excellent work. I am sure they are contributing hugely to the attractiveness of the city for inhabitants and businesses	Increase business rates? Certainly put a levy on empty buildings, commercial and domestic and FINE commercial and domestic premises with overflowing bins, making them pay for big commercial bins instead, and for the regular emptying of. A dirty city is a decaying city	No Increase	Fine double parkers in Millfield, or confiscate their vehicles.
The reality and necessity of making cuts in the current economic climate is understandable but do make the smallest cuts overall to keep this Government happy. Remember the past, if you make a 20% cut this year Whitehall will press for a 25% cut in the following year.	It may seem a luxury but spending on supporting the cultural and social life is essential to the well being of the city and its image to the outside world. Money spent on the arts can bring financial benefits to the city far beyond the costs in encouraging inward investment. Financial investors from outwith the city do not want to bring development to a dull and backward facing environment. Several highly successful regeneration projects throughout the world have been driven by public and private investment in cultural capital.	Council tax should be increased to maintain our contribution to Vivacity by as much as will avoid a penalty clawback by the Whitehall Treasury.	There are great opportunities for city centre development which should be encouraged. North Westgate area is a disgraceful eyesore and a poor advert for a go-ahead city. There is a land owner with a realistic redevelopment and regeneration scheme who is not getting the encouragement he needs. Do something and let the public know that you are on the case.
20mph on residential streets not being taken forward - if cannot be city wide at least have it on all residential streets within half a mile of any school which will increase the safety and encourage walking and cycling to school. Use other funds such	Landlords- introduce licencing for landlords owning multiple properties. Exempt those with 1 property being rented and those who use registered agents. This would bring in money	No. Spend the £500k on improving cycling infrastructure (repairing bridges and cycle paths); or on libraries.	

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<p>as DfT grants for redesigning residential streets to cut bad parking and speeding. Include it as a matter of course where new developments are being built or under S106 where 'in fill' housing is being built for surrounding streets. Landlord licencing scheme - should be introduced only for landlords who rent 3 or more properties and not the landlord with only 1 property to rent. If landlords use recognised agents they should also be exempt as agent ensures compliance with relevant laws. Opening libraries without any staff seems a short sighted economy - what will happen after a few months when all the books and DVDs have been stolen? Close the libraries altogether? Some alarm system when an unauthorised removal happens will have no effect at all if there's no-one there to stop it!</p>	<p>from the target population who can afford it. Libraries - make better use of the space to bring money in, for instance renting it to OGDs to provide services, to police and MP for surgeries. Put more services from council within libraries to save on accommodation costs elsewhere. Set up another youth theatre group upstairs in central library (John Clare theatre) charging parents as is done at Key Theatre.</p>		
<p>They have not done the work to present the facts as to what different proposals will mean, including what an increase in council tax could achieve, including details of wider economic impact of raising more money, or cutting services. It is a cynical attempt at exploiting the low social capital, poor literacy rates and low access to the internet, so that "Dave from Dogsthorpe" can't really understand what the options are and what the impact is. The result is a consultation designed to out people off and generate apathy. The cuts you are making disproportionately affect those on low incomes. I bet the Italian Festival won't cover all it's costs, down to the last penny - so pet Councillor projects continue, whilst people's everyday quality of life and other people's jobs disappear.</p>	<p>Raise council tax.</p>	<p>Create a fund, not administered by Cllrs (or council officers whose jobs are at the beck and call of Cllrs) which is used for match funding for "quality of life" (not statutory) projects which bring in funding from elsewhere - health, welfare for the vulnerable, sport, arts, heritage, literacy, environment, education. Â£500K could bring in Â£5million if set as 20% match funding (and it could go further.) The decisions would be made by those people running all the services which you have contracted out to - from the Dementia Centre, Academy Trusts, Vivacity, Serco (neighbourhoods / parks?), etc</p>	<p>Stop publishing business plans, strategies and policies with pie in the sky income targets, and wishful thinking dreams that the cuts won't be felt by the most vulnerable. Bring in some expertise which has some vision for services in the city, and that know how to grow the city properly - proper, realistic aspirations worthy of that description. Treat the people of Peterborough with respect, they live here, use the services and deserve to be consulted appropriately - and provided with servise suitable for a 21st Century.</p>
<p>I have not seen them and it would be helpful if they were on this website</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>No the council tax should not be frozen services must be provided. Extra money should always go to those in greatest need.</p>	<p>There is a lot of waste in council funded establishments. I don't know if it can be fixed as it is the</p>

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		Schools are well equipped and need no more money so not on education. Refuse collection street lighting and road maintenance are all essential	status quo. Please do not penalise those essential services such as refuse collection transport and maintenance.
		Yes, it should be frozen	
I am ok with less grass cutting but I think the mess this creates does nothing for wildlife - there should be wild flower seeds sown and the grass clippings when there is a final cut, should be collected up because wild flowers thrive better when the soil is poor. I am also incredulous every time I see Peterborough is the 'Green Capital' of England when cuts are made to vital bus services and flower beds (very important food for insects)	I would prefer to increase my rates than see vulnerable people suffer at the hands of this onslaught of cuts.	NO NO NO - do agree that top earners in council should have their wages frozen tho	
It seems that there have been too many unnecessary road improvement projects that are costly disruptive and will I am sure prove ineffective in ensuring any better movement of traffic around the city. I understand that maintenance is required but cannot think that the traffic on the fletton parkway or outside Queensgate will flow any better. I would also question the quality of the repairs that are carried out. Whilst understanding that there are many more vehicles on our roads they do seem to break up very quickly surely there is some guarantee on them that the contracts have within them that could keep costs for reworking down?		Obviously if there could be savings made that do not impact too severely on service then a freeze is preferred but a rise linked to the rate of inflation shouldn't hurt much. Also within the time that we last had an appraisal of property banding there seems to be vast amounts of houses that with extensions have almosts doubled the size of some properties that are still banded with original properties in the same streets. Maybe these enlarged houses should pay more after all invariably they house more than one family.	In a civilized society without art and culture we are just survivors. I wholeheartedly support your efforts to maintain the citys cultural heart and diversity please keep that up.
I agree with the main priorities		I agree that where possible council tax should be frozen	I would like to point out that the vulnerable people in our area with long term mental health problems are often treaten very badly by the benefits system. People with mental health problems do not always have the energy/motivation/or know

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			<p>how to fight the system and it seems that fight is what they have to do to get what is rightfully theirs. I has a detrimental effect on their already poor mental health and there has to be another way of helping these people deal with the system that has become more and more intimidating in their eyes. I totally agree that people who cheat the system should be found out but please bear in mind that not all people are cheats. I have first hand experience of the system in Peterborough failing my son time and time again.</p>
<p>I understand PCC is now facing a challenging time due to government funding cuts, and can completely sympathise the predicament it faces. However I sincerely believe any cuts of funding in the arts and culture sector i.e Vivacity's budget would be very shortsighted. Arts are an integral part of any culture, with Peterborough cited as the fastest growing city in the U.K. cutting the arts funding would be very shortsighted. Arts & culture bring communities together and give a social value. It's ironic that just when there is a nationwide campaign to 'Get Creative' it's the arts that are targeted to take the brunt of the cuts. As Deborah Bull ' Deborah Bull, the director of cultural partnerships at Kings College London. Bull said: Creativity is crucial to our survival as a society. We need creativity to imagine a future and prepare us for it &€[it was creativity that invented the wheel, discovered penicillin, invented the world wide web.</p>	<p>I am not an economist, but since it was mentioned perhaps raise the Council Tax since it is one of the cheapest in the country. Also as Peterborough is striving to be 'green' how about growing wildflowers in the verges, this would be beneficial for the pollination insects, birds and the environment and wouldn't need to be mowed.</p>	<p>I would like to see that £500,00 either invested in 'Green Backyard', it's a fantastic way to promote going green, sustainability and the environment in the city and support a vibrant community, it's run by passionate volunteers and it's in the heart of the city. Or the extra revenue could go to the Peterborough Arts Festival, and considering 6,000 people enjoyed this event it's worth investing in.</p>	<p>I am an artist and very grateful for the opportunity to exhibit at the City Gallery, I am deeply concerned if there are funding cuts to Vivacity's budget then this facility will not be available to artist and we will all be starved of the experience of exhibitions, participating in discussions and the visual pleasure of seeing art.</p>

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<p>It will be creativity that unlocks the solution to our global challenges of climate change, affordable housing and so on. http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2015/feb/19/get-creative-campaign-artist-bbc-timothy-spall-johnny-vegas. Peterborough does not have a university, without arts funding the graduates are not going to want to return to a city that can't offer them arts and culture. The arts make a difference in peoples lives.</p>			
<p>Libraries must stay open</p>		<p>Council tax should go up. Spend money on educating children not to ftop litter therefore saving money on kerpig everywhere littrr free. Get young defenfens to pick litter if they still have "derentiin" in school get them to pick up litter</p>	
<p>The cuts in library services and culture are short-sighted. They demonstrate a lack of aspiration. Where is the commitment to improving standards of literacy and engagement with high quality art?</p>	<p>Re-negotiate local transport budgets to make savings? Undertake proper accounting of the full benefits of having a proper cultural strategy. For example, the arts festival brings in a huge number of people to the city, who will spend money here.</p>	<p>No, it should not. This administration's obsession with freezing Council Tax is one reason why this city is in such a mess! Tesco basics taxes = Tesco basics services. Simples! Adult social care, public health, children's services....plenty of things, other than vanity projects!</p>	<p>That the Administration actually takes notice of its residents, and truly consults with them. Beyond that, perhaps the Council Leader could stand aside</p>
<p>You need to avoid cutting funding for Froglife correctional facilities for young offenders and Mind care facilities for mothers with post-natal depression. You need to either sell the bowling greens to individual clubs or give them minimal maintenance so that when austerity ends you don't have to completely overhaul and refurbish them. See Hampshire's thriving bowling clubs and pensioners! You need to press on with renewable energy schemes in solar and wind. Cheaper energy for Peterborough will help its environmental accreditation and give sustainable energy infrastructure for the future. Clare Lodge look to be doing an important job for girls and young women</p>	<p>Crease a number of lower-priced parking areas in the city. Peterborough residents want to be able to park legally in the city centre for a short time (20 minutes to collect an item, 40 minutes to return a faulty item) but are usually hit with prices of Â£2 or more for short stay. I firmly believe you will have a higher turnover of parking and revenue with this kind of scheme. I also would like to see a Â£5-a-year cycle pass scheme through bridge street. Cambridge demonstrates clearly and decisively that cycle lanes</p>	<p>A small increase (0.5%) is not unreasonable as police and parishes increase each year. Invest it in the areas that most needing funding. I don't know how adults that can't cope on their own are going to manage without funding. I don't think you know either and it's worth investigating what reducing funding would have.</p>	<p>Collect everyone's garden waste. You have the machinery, you send them out every week, you can create fuel pellets (for school and industry boilers) and compost (for gardens, parkland and roundabout flowerbeds) and sell them for profit. You are not currently providing a service that's worth Â£39 a year per household. Remove graffiti and discourage any new appearance of graffiti. Your current website policy on its illegality does not</p>

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with very real needs. Pressuring the organisation will have a negative impact on the managers and staff and that will affect the residents. Libraries with unstaffed hours need to have guarantees of book security and patron safety; there need to be staff available at all times.	through high streets are not alien or offensive. Stop being difficult and make a logical system for cycling from the north to the south of the city centre work for you.		match Amey's current lacklustre graffiti removal. Increase the number of litter bins, the depth of the litter bins or the number of collections. There is litter strewn around cycle-path bins regularly and it brings the tone of the city down.
I do not understand the reasoning behind freezing the council tax and would like a fuller explanation. I am also not convinced that all these cuts are inevitable. If services are run down now this surely can only exacerbate problems in the future.	I am quite prepared to pay extra in my council tax to provide services and don't understand why this is not a proposal.	Council tax should NOT be frozen. I am always amazed why Councils fret about this. If we as citizens are involved and informed why taxes are needed for services then we should take collective responsibility and pay for them.	
You say nothing about what the money is going to be spent on, but rather what you will stop financing. If you think a 41 page document is accessible to the majority of the people of Peterborough, we have bigger problems than you think!	I would suggest cutting the salaries of the highest paid members of staff and looking very carefully at whether so much "management" is needed. I know this is like asking turkeys to vote for Christmas, but we can hope....	I have nowhere near enough information to decide that. I would suggest if you do raise it by 2% that this is spent on the most vulnerable in our society. The idea that closing the MIND sessions for Mums and putting pressure on Clare Lodge to provide more funding to PCC are stopped immediately.	The whole way Local Services are provided needs root and branch reform. It's no good just rearranging the deckchairs, you need to remodel the ship.
I think the cuts to the Library funding is too much and inconsistent with the objective of driving up educational standards. We need to retain staffing levels so that reading and literacy activities can be sustained across the City. I am not at all convinced that the reduction of the cut by Â£45K will allow this to happen. The libraries are a unique community resource and their use needs to be promoted and expanded to benefit all age groups. They are an important place where students of all ages can advance their education, skills and knowledge. They represent a local beacon of culture and arts of all kinds and all tastes. With the role out of online only benefits claims, libraries are a vital internet availability for the poorest members of our	I strongly believe that some extra resources should come from an increase in Council Tax, which I pay. Although the Government has thought fit to whip some of this away, taking a year on year consideration, we need to build on the very low tax base. I think it is a completely false position to claim to be promoting a successful City at the same time as boasting we are one of the lowest taxed places. Yes, there is an issue about the impact on the poorer members of the community at this time and support needs to be given to them, but it is ridiculous that	I do not think the Council Tax should be frozen and think this a very short sighted approach to the City's financial problems. (See Q 2 above) I would spend most of it in restoring the cuts to the Libraries and the Arts and Culture budgets.	It would appear that only a tiny fraction of residents will have responded to this 'conversation'. I think we need to reflect on why this is the case and since this is going to go on year after year we need to improve the approach so that we get a broader debate. Having discussed matters with some intelligent residents it is very clear that people even with their capability have very little understanding of the wider picture and feel unable to

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<p>community. Skill training, staff support and free access need to be provided when needed, day and evening. There is no alternative to public funding for this crucial facility. Any funding reductions should be consistent with retaining the quality of this core local facility. Finding Â£305 K cuts will do serious damage and undermine the life experiences of many people, young and old. While I accept that there has to be a reduction in funding for arts and culture, (but I do not accept it for heritage), this needs to be graduated to allow time to secure replacement funding. This needs staff time and skill. Sponsorship and grants will only materialise if there is a high quality offer and input from the skilled and experienced people able to identify opportunities, devise bids and convince funders that the projects can be executed successfully. Cutting too fast makes it impossible to find new funding; cutting too much results in the whole offer being unsustainable. There is a terrible danger that after some real improvements to the range and quality of the offer at the Key with an up turn in the participation and audiences there and the greater use of the Museum and related activities, we will be back on a downward spiral to something that is uninspiring and a turn off for young and old alike, wasting great facilities. We know that employers have very serious difficulty in getting and holding on to good staff, not least because they are not inspired by Peterborough and know there are far more interesting things going on in other places. New firms requiring such staff will not come here and mobile ones will not stay. Part of the money we spend to promote the City should go into generating arts and cultural activity. If we destroy this activity with savage cuts we are going to be wasting the money we spend in other ways trying to build up</p>	<p>we do not make good use of the modest sums involved for most people by a 1.99% increase in Council Tax. I am unconvinced that we need the number of Councillors we have. We have switched to a Cabinet system which has excluded the vast majority of them from any serious contribution to the governing of the City. You boast of being a contracting authority and this means that a lot of the management decisions are now not made by you or your officers. I think when the new ward boundaries come in next year the number of Councillors should be cut by a third where there is no parish council and by two thirds where there is. This will reduce costs and focus Councillors' minds on the strategic decisions of the Council which they seem to be in the dark about now. They busy themselves in being a conduit between residents and the Council and its Contractors. This should be done directly as they add little or no benefit. As a contracting authority there should be reductions in officer costs. Some cuts are included but it seems to me that changes in title and restructuring are hiding increases in salaries not justified by the actual increase in responsibilities. I would look to further saving from this and the ineffective monitoring of contracts and the continued frequent recourse to consultants every time some action/policy is considered. Very often</p>		<p>respond to the questions you have posed. To get themselves up to speed requires considerable time and effort and people remain very cynical about the process and how the Council will respond at this broad level. They therefore feel pretty powerless and inclined not to respond. Only on specifics like library staffing or closure of bowling greens can opinions really be expressed. People do not trust politicians and do not believe that Councillors, with exceptions, are open and honest. If you are doing this 'conversation' for real rather than a window dressing to allow you to claim that the public support the programme because they do not protest, you need to address the above weaknesses in the process.</p>

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<p>the local economy. We have a lot of poverty in this City and things such as the Museum and the Arts Festival are very important free at the point of use activities for adults and their children who do not have the means to go elsewhere. The Key Theatre offers lots of low cost activity, with travel cost not being an issue. Do not destroy this life line for people to the wider world of British or European arts and culture. I regard the proposed reduction of Â£400K on top of what has occurred already since Vivacity took on the challenge, as unjustified and out of line with what should be our priorities for building a growing and dynamic City. Specifically you have just approved a strategy for Culture and Heritage, setting out your intention but the cuts seem totally at odds with it. In my view both these cuts should be not more than half of what is proposed.</p>	<p>with no discernible results on the ground. Officer time and energy, if not revenue, is being wasted on marginal or speculative projects. The energy park is one clear example but one suspects there are others of less magnitude. I think the measures outlined above would be more than sufficient to restore Â£350K of the above cuts. This is a modest amount in the total package but would have direct discernible advantage to many residents and visitors.</p>		
<p>They appear to be sensible considering the constraints</p>		<p>No. Some limited increase must be accepted. Money saved should be spent on maintaining essential environmental services including collection of litter on green areas and roadsides</p>	
<p>While I understand the need to balance books, I feel that some of the things that make this city great (cultural events, willow festival etc) will be hit hard. Please do not lose sight of the fact that these events generate a huge amount of money for local businesses</p>	<p>Council tax HAS to rise. Having low council tax, but nothing to show for it either, is not attractive. It's no use talking about how little the residents pay if we have no services to show for it. We have such strain on our services through (welcomed) migration that central government has to listen and understand we need a greater slice of the pie.</p>	<p>No. Put it up. Spend the 500k on children's services and education.</p>	
<p>Yes, it appears the council are trying to make it as difficult as possible for residents and citizens to have their say on the proposals, through producing lengthy documentation which nobody will actually</p>	<p>The salaries of senior managers need to be re-evaluated, especially the Chief Exec. I am sure if they all took a pay cut of 10% then the books would</p>	<p>The freezing of council tax seems like a PR tactic to make the council look like it's doing good for the city residents, however if council tax were to increase and the</p>	<p>Don't cut Vivacity's budget - they're one of the best things to happen to Peterborough, it's clear to see.</p>

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<p>sit and read, the top level proposals should have been made in a one pager document with supporting documentation for those wanting to find out more. The proposed cuts to Vivacity seem unnecessary - arts, culture and sport are what makes a city great, and if the great work over the past five years is jeopardised then nobody will want to come to Peterborough. I only moved here three and a half years ago for a job, but I've settled here - it is thanks to these sorts of service (arts, sports, heritage, etc.), that I have remained. With the Council always discussing plans for wanting to build a university in the city - it seems ridiculous that these types of services are at risk. Do you not realise that these services are what will attract people here to live, visit and work? I understand cuts need to be made, but how about looking at internal staffing within the council, council services across the city and senior management 'dead wood' for which I'm sure there is plenty. I find it astounding that a budget scrutiny meeting can take only 34 minutes, and ultimately do not believe that any comments made within this consultation will be taken into consideration. Everything is most likely going to remain the same, and will have already been decided by all those who sit within the Cabinet meetings, clapping Lucia Serluca for her 'library consultation' work - when in fact, she shouldn't be applauded as libraries are an essential part of the city and for wellbeing.</p>	<p>balance a bit better. It goes without saying that an audit of all council services will help to identify those services which are unnecessary, and not to mention the extortionate costs amounted from the failed roadworks across the city, most notably the Fletton parkway Â£4.5 million additional costs.</p>	<p>additional money generated was put back into relevant services, then I don't see an issue with this. I would happily pay more for better services across the city (especially to those ones I see most important), it's a far democracy.</p>	
<p>It seems, from reading the Council's phase two budget proposals, that in a lot of cases the Council has had no choice, where previous funding to the Council has been cut. The Council has a duty of care to ensure that those people that need social care and specialist services are looked after. Where the Council's own staffing is concerned</p>	<p>Reducing staffing of the customer experience programme may have implications for those people unable to access these services through IT and social media, especially as the average age of Peterborough residents is increasing and some may not be</p>	<p>As Council tax has been frozen for the past 4 out of 5 years and Peterborough residents are expecting the Council to provide them with services, maybe the extra Â£500,000 could be spent on retaining some face-to-face customer service staff and supporting Vivacity with the libraries, arts, heritage and</p>	<p>For all services where the Council makes a charge, the Council should ensure that these are fairly structured and increased annually in line with inflation. Vivacity should introduce nominal charges for</p>

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there is a fine line between savings and still offering a good service to Peterborough residents.	able to use these methods to access customer services.	culture services. Peterborough residents should understand that if they want to maintain the existing services unfortunately they have to make a contribution through increased Council tax.	Museum visits, non-book lending services eg use of computers and on-line services for those able to pay or suggest minimum donations for "free" events and services. Until I read the 40-page phase two budget proposal document I had no idea how complex and difficult the decisions are for the Council; there should be more effort made to help people understand, in clear terms, why these budget cuts and changes are having to be made, which seem to a large extent to be the result of cuts in funding made by Central Government over which the Council has no control.
		No! If you want to improve Education you need to invest in the Libraries, the Museum and the Theatre	I believe Peterborough needs to invest in the Arts. It is OK saying jobs and housing are a priority, but the DC 'got it right' when they also provided leisure facilities too. The Key Theatre no longer attracts the top quality plays etc that it used to, the Cresset has some good shows but the seating is awful so surely with some investment in The Broadway profits could have been made. There seems to be a boast in the proposals about some of the road changes around the city - in my opinion they are more a waste of money as were the 'fantastic' fountains

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			in Cathedral Square. I loved the city when I moved here in 1979.... now I wish I could move somewhere where I could really feel the views of the inhabitants really matter!
Whilst I appreciate the need to make some severe savings, I think it is crucial the council has a longer term view of how to make Peterborough a vibrant place to live, where culture, education, arts and heritage can prosper. For example, I am disappointed to hear the Arts festival will be reduced or threatened as this is an annual event where I invite friends from around the UK and indeed, abroad, to see Peterborough in a hugely positive light. I have also been really impressed with the changes in the Museum and what they offer with partnerships such as the Science Museum and Natural History Museum. I think cuts that threaten this kind of progress, will do much more harm in the long term to Peterborough's prospects at attracting upwardly mobile people to live and spend their money in Peterborough. There has been a positive step change over the last few years. For the sake of relatively small amounts of funding, let's not go back to the dark days of being ashamed to live in Peterborough.	I am very happy to have an increase in council tax. I also think it is a shame that money has to be spent on creating more councillors. I feel that companies like Serco who are being used increasingly by the Council, make profits for their share holders. I would support more commissioning of services to charitable organisations such as Vivacity, who appear to be doing a lot more for a lot less money.	No. Arts, culture, heritage to boost the life blood of the city and to enhance education and well being.	
Priority has to be on Adult Social Care - more care in the community will ease pressure on the hospital and support carers better.	I don't feel there needs to be such commitment to be the Environment Capital - not something I feel we can afford at present.	Yes, but if it was increased would like to see it invested in social care, dementia care in particular.	Make it easier to volunteer for Vivacity, etc so that more people can get involved in running our city.
Remember to help the minority's & disadvantaged - Keep funding for the Arts in Peterborough!	Integrate health & well being Arts into school curriculum.	Helping the old, disabled and medically disadvantaged people of Peterborough.	Introduce a prescription exemption for those with long term medical conditions who are currently NOT COVERED BY NHS after the age of 18 . Eg : Cystic Fibrosis !!!

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You can't keep cutting back. It seems everywhere is struggling as you are already down to the bare bones	Collect overdue Council Tax. Cease all these 'vanity' projects - e.g. did we really need to change Bourges Boulevard at this moment in time, at such a huge cost too? Too late now. Cancel any planned overseas trips for councillors to see 'other countries' projects	Don't freeze, but spread across the board	
I appreciate the current difficulties and how hard the council have worked to find ways of meeting the reduced budget but feel strongly that we wouldn't be in this position if the council hadn't spent so much on the energy park project. The rate payers weren't consulted about that!		I would happily pay increased council tax to ensure that the libraries across the city remained open to all and were fully staffed by trained librarians rather than volunteers	
Regarding the cuts to Vivacity, I feel they are very short sighted reducing the capacity of Vivacity to develop the cities much needed infrastructure. Vivacity has created a growing confidence in the cities culture, but is still vulnerable. A £40,000 cut will kill the development already done and waste the significant investment that the city has already had. Vivacity has already generated a further £3 to every £1 of local taxpayers money that can only be good for Peterborough that needs a cultural heartland. We have had good investment from within and from outside the city, this has been good but if these cuts go ahead we will lose the people with the expertise and experience to keep this investment coming. It is worth noting that all the money earned by Vivacity is invested back into Peterborough communities.	Senior Vivacity staff have taken a 5% pay cut, I see no reason why the Peterborough city council should not follow suit and show they care about our city.	No I do not. These proposals are short sighted and will stop adequate funding of public services our city badly needs. The money should go towards creating a better Peterborough by investing in services that are able to generate funds for the development of the city, the likes of Vivacity.	Companies in Peterborough are finding it difficult to attract good quality people, leading them to move elsewhere. We need a thriving city that makes people, and in turn companies want to settle here. We need a council that is open and honest with long term plans, for the long term good of the city
There's so much that has been shaved off successive budgets that the quality of life in the city has been badly damaged.	The books can be balanced by actually increasing the council tax. The fitting of solar panels onto all south facing council owned buildings would reduce the energy spend. Both pv and thermal. There are plenty of sites for	It is insane to freeze the council tax. The 0.5m should be spent on more care for the green spaces. The quality of cleaning of streets and on vivacity.	A positive campaign to end the 2% rise limit now the recession is over.

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	wind turbines that would provide an income stream.		
		No	Funding for arts, culture and heritage should be maintained. Having set up the Vivacity Trust to run the services on behalf of Peterborough City Council it is completely unacceptable that the organization is to be starved again of the funding required by the Vivacity Trust to provide the very services the organization was set up to provide.
<p>You ask for comment on the budget proposals, and yet you make the document which has to be reviewed incredibly complicated, long and cumbersome and looks like an attempt to obfuscate rather than clarify the position. There's no real summary at the end (like a matrix to actually see the cumulative effects). I do not agree with the library proposals, you should close some of the outlying libraries (Thorney and Eye), offer the mobile library more. More computer terminals in the main libraries for research and e-book reading. Retain staff expertise more than stocks of books - that way you can order required books with the help of staff but not retain piles of books on shelves. If unsupervised sounds like libraries will not be safe for children. Libraries need to be places of expertise and help guide people, help them read with assistance. Places where groups and children can gather and be helped to read, study and learn outside of school, not just a warehouse of paper.</p>	<p>I do not see the point of having a paid full council if all decision-making is done in cabinet. Councillors who can't affect any decisions need expenses only, no need for any other allowances or annual "salary". Councillors and cabinet members should take some of the pain for the city, 10% cut in payments to cabinet and council leaders and Chief Executive. Can always put a bonus pool in for a % of savings made over and above those required as an incentive in a similar way to the private sector.</p>	<p>Do not freeze, 2% rise is acceptable, also it becomes a cumulative factor each year, being cheapest isn't necessarily a virtue, quality of life counts too. Spend on developing the riverside area and the area you first come into the city on the train. The city needs more interesting things to do to become a place that people wish to visit or live in. Reducing theatres, arts festivals, cultural activities is just a bullet to the head of anyone interested in moving here. If you want businesses to come to Peterborough, then you have to seduce the owners of these businesses that Peterborough is a place that they and their family would enjoy living in themselves as well as their staff. Simple. Peterborough is falling behind Milton Keynes every year, yet in the 80's they were pretty comparable - we have REgressed whilst they have PROgressed. Tourism should be revenue generating for the area's businesses, local people and the council, not an after thought. Quality of life should be a key driver and component of</p>	<p>Generate revenues as well as cut costs. So, charge to enter the Cathedral outside of service times (a la Winchester Cathedral visitor centre). Do not reduce our capacity to make the most of the few heritage sites we have i.e. Flag Fen and the Museum. Charge for the major attractions in the museum so that the city can have them. If we lose the capacity to gain government grants then the city just becomes a shopping centre or charity shops and nothing else - and the internet will kill that before too long. We need things to do for leisure, culture and interest. Also need much greater support for independent local businesses that help create a sense of difference to the city.</p>

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		council provision.	
	Funding from local businesses or charities maybe even education as many of the things run by Vivacity are educational and of benefit to the children in the region making history, science etc more interesting.	There should be a nominal increase per household, this money can then be shared amongst organisations that provide education as well as entertainment in the region.	
all budgets in general should be transparent for the public to see including what the tax payer pays to fund wages	again make all transparent, let the public see and judge where things can be spent elsewhere and have a vote.	council tax has been manipulated that much, know one really knows if they are paying the right amount for their property! Freeze it yes until it can be sorted out and made public/transparent for all to see. (look up blockchain technology)	tell us the full story, stop pushing random figures to the media, slashing things left right and centre, Peterborough is not getting any better.
We need our libraries! With smaller houses and shared rooms we need somewhere quiet to study - we need the study spaces and books the library provides. We need to keep art and culture alive in our city to encourage and keep our talented residents - people who through art, make all our lives richer.	See above		
No comment.	I do not have any alternatives in mind.	I agree with the frozen council tax idea.	No other suggestions.
The reduction in Library hours will have a big impact on communities for a very modest saving. This cut will impact heavily on the more disadvantaged areas of society many of whom need the libraries to access computers.	Too many senior PCC employees earn excessive salaries and I would suggest cuts in the number of senior employees and to look for ways to reduce the salary bill for the senior executives.	No I don't agree. Some of the extra money could be used to protect the art and cultural activities of the city which are important to its future success.	
	Put up council tax Cut executive pay	no I don't agree council tax should be frozen Libraries and arts and culture	
Environment/growth and regeneration is as important as services. We have to get a balance. We can't just cut things which give us a sense of well being, quality of life and happiness. If we take these things away then other problems increase. neither can we simply cut budgets to keep Peterborough looking good and offering things	I agree: senior management review; stopping connecting mums; independent birth counselling and Froglife provision but Clare Lodge funding shouldn't be cut. removal of Key User Scheme yes. members' Allowances cut; N.I agree. Community	I think we should up council tax and it should go to ensuring we deliver services for the growing elderly population, dementia and their carers and the protection of our children. We have to be really careful of putting services back into the community'. This often means that people get left with	Cuts in Council Governance etc. is important but you have to be careful of Council morale. Nobody likes dealing with officers/employees who are miserable and have to suffer cut backs. It makes them cross

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<p>which attract visitors and new businesses into the city. prosperity; education;quality of life. growth regeneration economic development. Invest in the city to ensure Peterborough is a great place to live work and visit. I agree</p>	<p>leadership agree. HR cuts yes. Definitely events and hospitality; conferences but be careful. people have to know what's going on nationally. Increase fees and charges yes and streamline customer experience. Libraries must be kept open and parks must be maintained. these are essential to well being. Reduced Arts Festival yes. fewer exhibitions for longer yes, so real show stoppers eg Andy Warhol rather than smaller touring exhibitions. City Art Gallery should be seen as a marketing tool for the city rather than increasing participation in the arts which it will never do as it is a Middle Class institution and is visited by more affluent educated people, artists and students. they need to use it a flagship for Peterborough. Arts has got to generate more income. far too many free activities which don't feed back for reinvestment and regeneration No cuts to heritage Festival and Heritage. of enormous importance to our economy and has a much higher resonance with people in the city of all ages. really important for families. Links to our pride and our identity. Great Eastern Run has to stay. Enormous importance for the sense of Pride and putting Peterborough on the map.</p>	<p>underfunded overworked paid or unpaid carers who simply can't cope. So more money to the elderly and children. Heritage work and great Eastern Run should have money. People value these things more than you think. retian library and park services as much as possible.</p>	<p>about everyone and everything else. We don't want to breed a culture of suffering.</p>
<p>Looks like a fair proposal in light of cuts and changes in central funding, to best support adult/elderly social care, children in care and</p>	<p>Do not agree with the cuts in funding to libraries and culture and leisure services. Should increase Council tax</p>	<p>No. Use funds to maintain/support existing libraries, arts and culture services.</p>	

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schools. From the Phase 2 Budget proposals document: 'The council maintains its unerring focus on three big issues for the people of Peterborough " prosperity, education and quality of life. These issues are at the heart of everything the council does and in particular how we make increasingly difficult decisions about where to spend the money we have available to provide services.' As the libraries, arts and culture services are a key aspect of 'Quality of Life' you should try and maintain the existing level of support.	by 2% and uses extra £500K to support these.		
The is too much changing of variables (ie capitalisation) rather than real savings from the council - smoke and mirrors is the phrase that comes to mind.	There needs to be a complete review of ALL council staffing levels with a view to cutting staff levels considerably. As a Peterborough resident and a local business owner I have to change my staff levels accordingly dependant upon business incomes. The council should should do this too. URGENTLY!	Yes I agree.	Do more to incentivise local businesses to grow - and thereby employ more people.
Social care and education are the most important. The museum, libraries and culture - the wonderful events organised by Vivacity.	Please do not cut funding to Vivacity too much - the city would starve if the museum, libraries and events organised by Vivacity were cut. We must feed the minds of not only our children but our adults so that they can pass on their enthusiasm to the children who in turn will flourish!	Not necessarily. Maybe for a relatively small increase overall a few budget cuts could be avoided.	Spend money on safer cycling in Peterborough. More safe parking for bikes in the city centre.
The arts / heritage / sports / environment sectors are what enriches our lives and take it from the mundane, opens minds and opportunities and builds Peterborough's reputation locally & nationally. There have been such great & exciting things happening in the arts / heritage sector in recent years that have brought life, interest, visitors, publicity & kudos to our city that it is heart-breaking to think that this will be reduced. I feel	Use a small increase in the council tax.	To put money in to cultural / arts / heritage / sports / environment projects which add so much to the quality of our lives it could be used as match funding for local projects preferably chosen by members of the community, involving local people directly.	I'd like to thank the council for making this information available and involving the community in this way some very hard decisions to make. I sincerely hope that opinions and suggestions are used to shape the decisions.

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Peterborough needs cultural events & opportunities for participation as part of its growing identity & future.			
<p>I think culture and the arts are seen as an 'easy target' for budget cuts, and the long-term impact is not being considered. A strong and varied cultural offering is essential to a positive city. With such a diverse population in the city this is even more essential. These services also play a huge and vital role for economic success in terms of helping attract employers and employees here and in terms of driving footfall and spend (particularly in the city centre). Free or subsidised activities (lifelines in many cases) for children, vulnerable children and adults, and older people which are at risk. If these are taken away, the result is a double the blow for health and social care.</p>	<p>I would suggest re-looking at the budget and keeping in mind that people really value arts, culture and heritage above other things. Look to make savings elsewhere. In terms of suggestions: - Pay cuts for senior council officers of at least 10% for anyone earning more than £60,000 who need to take some accountability for budget problems and issues with services provided - I would also expect wasteful projects like the solar panel proposals (great idea, badly executed leading to wasted funds) and the toxic waste found by roads to be eliminated. These cost more than the cuts being proposed to essential services - I would like PCC to have an honest review of staff to get rid of dead-wood - it's about time, you're carrying a lot of inefficient people - Don't cut organisations like Vivacity that are bringing extra money into the city and spotting opportunities to work efficiently and commercialise - it makes no sense to rip the rug out from under their progress when they are aiming to become self-sufficient and making good headway towards this. By removing funding you are actually shooting yourselves in the foot by stopping progress towards self-sustainability in the future - Your central bid unit was rubbish previously</p>	<p>I do NOT agree. Invest the funds into arts, heritage and culture. It's a short-sighted, unambitious council that freezes council tax and the impact is only felt by the people who really need the cut. Council tax is already below average in the city and people who are happy to pay for services already feel they are not provided for</p>	<p>I don't think this consultation is very accessible. In fact I feel the council has deliberately used smoke and mirrors to hide the real facts about the proposed cuts and their understanding of the impacts</p>

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	so your track-record in this as a council is poor - leave it to the people who can and give them support In tough times, it isn't the arts, culture and heritage that should go - we need them more than ever.		
The Council's priorities include 'quality of life' and 'pursuing the environment capital agenda' - and yet it is these areas that you have identified for cuts, for last year and this. Peterborough is fast becoming the UK's 'litter capital'.	1. Drop any 'prestige' projects, stick to the basics. Cathedral Square hardly looks any different after several years' disruption and hundreds of thousands of pounds invested. 2. Increase Council Tax.	Invest in Peterborough's parks, sports grounds and open spaces - they contribute most to the 'quality of life' that residents enjoy.	Consider taking services back 'in house', rather than helping profit-motivated companies at the expense of good services.
I am incredibly nervous about the negative implications of reducing funding to cultural services - in particular damaging the prosperity of the city. A reduced cultural offer WILL result in a decline of investment into the city from; businesses, education (universities), home buyers, and as a result will damage growth.	The cultural offer is starting to become really dynamic, varied and there appears to be a great deal of work in growing that over the past couple of years - surely a period of increased investment into the arts and culture will result in exponential income in the relative short term... allow things to embed - there never seems to be the allowance for consolidation and establishment - this is really noticeable to the people of the city, and unsettling.	No - investment should be made into things that people enjoy. Things that will make people invest in.	
I don't see why you're cutting Arts and Heritage when they bring money into the city - for every pound put in by PCC there's three brought back into local businesses through visitors to the city. Surely therefore business rates should pay for these? Given that all benefits all have to be applied for online, how can we be cutting libraries in some of the most deprived areas when people depend on these facilities?	Cut some of the vanity projects, such as the small fortune spent on the current marketing on what the council does, as well as some of the vast salaries paid to PCC senior managers	No. Use some of the income to stop the cuts.	
My contract requires me to have a car to carry out my job. I would love to decrease my personnel	If i was paid as much as yourselves i would help you resolve this problem,		

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budget by coming to work on the bus. For you to charge me an additional charge every month for doing my job according to my contract is beyomd belief to me.	but this is what you are paid for, and you had no problem giving out life changing bonuses.		
Peterborough has a bad reputation (undeserved) and by cutting back on the arts it would only enhance that reputation. Peterborough needs good employers, having a vibrant City that people want to live in will encourage them to come and remain here. Be a forward thinking positive council!		Raise council tax.	
		No	Yes, do not waste my money on outside consultants.Cut back on council wages, expenses and net-working, meetings, consultations and various "jollies".
RE: 1-"Amey contract inflation There is an annual contractual review of inflation levels which is built into all council contracts. This proposal relates to the Amey contract. " most wages are not going up with inflation I do not see the need to add £150k per year to their contract, or any other contractor, with no extra services being provided. Will this increase be passed on to their employees? 2-"Peterborough highway services This partnership with Skanska, the councils highway contractor, is responsible for maintaining and improving our roads and street lights, gritting roads in the winter, planning the future of transport in Peterborough and its surrounding villages, and for public transport" So a private, profit based operation is planning roads for the futurte, will their decisions based on generating more work for themselves or to improve accessibility for citizens? Based on the oversight with toxic material found on the dual carriage way, in which the culpability seems to be with the taxpayer rather than the contractor I am not	1-tell Central Government you do not accept their cuts. Tell Central Government you cannot run the city with their proposed measures. You do not have to accept their offer. You are allowed and able to tell them this, do not accept the Government Grant reduction. 2-Amazon have a large presence in the city, yet pay astonishingly little tax.....if they paid their tax we would not be facing this reduction. Tell Amazon to either pay the tax, or leave the city, time to be bold, we cannot have them sat there paying below Living Wage and getting away with poor employment treatment and paying no tax whilst we have to bear the brunt as they Hoover the profits up. Tell Amazon To Pay Up!!!! 3-approx 180,000 population, £25 million shortfall: £25mil / 180,000	1-Pay everyone a Living Wage, outlaw Zero-hour contracts and Workfare in Peterborough so people can afford a Tax rise..... 2- as mentioned above but will repeat here: approx 180,000 population, £25 million shortfall: £25mil / 180,000 =£138.88 per person, (over 2 years??) £138.88 / 12mths =£11.57 a month, 24mths =£5.78 extra on council tax (In know this is isn't the full population, not accounting for children JSA etc..) so a Council Tax rise, perhaps explained clearly, or even offered as a voluntary thing, and even presented as a big hike for 2 years and then back down to a lower level after wards.....? Do not accept Central Governments Threshold, you need to go to Central Government and tell them you do not accept their nonsense!! They cannot cut so deeply and withdraw the means for redress. A Tax rise might well be unpopular, but explained thoroughly, as in-	I disagree entirely with the proposed cuts to Vivacity. PCC had a contract which they have gone back on. If this was another contractor, e.g. Amey, you would not have done this. It is very poor play indeed. And further a year or 2 more and they would be essentially self sufficient. Poor timing indeed. I would maintain robust investment in them but with a view to them perhaps taking on other aspects of PCC delivery e.g. Youth Services such as youth clubs,maybe even nursery or pre-school services, Adult Social Care. My point is that if Vivacity were allowed to grow to it's full strength they would then be in a position to deliver some

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<p>sure they are best suited. 3-further to the above..."Living wage Currently 28 members of council staff earn below the living wage of £7.85 an hour. This proposal looks to raise the salary of these staff so that they earn the equivalent of the living wage. " can you assure us that every single employer who works for our contracted services, Serco, Stagecoach etc, ALL receive a Living Wage.</p>	<p>=£138.88 per person, (over 2 years??) £138.88 / 12mths =£11.57 a month, 24mths =£5.78 extra on council tax (In know this is isn't the full population but roll with it..) so a Council Tax rise, perhaps explained clearly, or even offered voluntarily, and even as a big hike for 2 years and then back down to a lower level after wards.....? 4-Tax Loops and Laws: My main focus on this issue of cuts is Tax Evasion and worse the Tax Laws which make some of this legal-ish, you must use your power and position to tell Government that you will not implement their cuts whilst such vast, obscene amounts of tax is being siphoned offshore, I say make no cuts and pay for everything, it is Central Governments responsibility to balance their books and provide us with the money it costs to run a modern city. Pay for everything and send them the bill.</p>	<p>Adult Social Care will continue, Arts Development will continue, Youth Care, from support for the vulnerable to normal Youth Club provision will continue, SureStart will reopen, then maybe it might work, but a C Tax rise must go hand in hand with a rise in real wages, and not a rise in Exec Officer wages. Ban Zero Hour contracts in the city, and spend more time on monitoring landlords who are pricing way too high and offering their tenants or the communities their properties are in anything in return.</p>	<p>of the frontline services you feel the need to cut. I certainly feel this is premature as given a couple of years to flourish they will bring millions into this city, including a raft of skilled people that would either move to the city or native talent that would stay rather than leave. They are doing an excellent job of up skilling people in the city as well as building a strong foundation and infrastructure for future growth in the cultural and entertainment sector. The Arts Festival has be ruined by being moved from Central Park. - further it is my experience that third sector orgs, such as Vivacity, Green Backyard, Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services and Metal have a great skill and tenacity at bringing in thousands and millions of pounds, given the right size and framework they can acess ESF and other funidng that you and other orgs can't, though of course it takes a few years to get the funding investors into the swing of delivery etc, but these groups have all risen and just started to thrive in recent years. NOt to mention they all want the best for Peterborough, they are trying t improve the city!! If we want</p>

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			more money, activity, skills and wages to slosh around this rapidly growing city then these are the kinds of orgs that will deliver that, because of a lot of the money they bring into the city stays in the city, look at what PECT have achieved, in 20 years. So my suggestion is support these groups, bring them in nourish them, and help them to help PCC deliver city services....if they flourish and thrive so will the rest of the city..
Yes - it is clear that a small Unitary authority is not cost effective.	Synergistic savings can be made by merging with, say, Cambs. CC	No	
Yes - I understand the pressure to make savings but feel cutting arts funding is a backward step	I would like to spend less on 1) Local Internal drainage boards, farmers should not get this subsidy; 2) Grass cutting, verges in particular; 3) Lighting, particularly on parkways. I would also welcome charges on empty buildings; shops wasting heat through open doors; rush hour drivers who fail to car share	No - I think council tax should be increased by the full two per cent. I would like to see all of that £500,000 invested in Vivacity.	A lively arts scene helps make Peterborough a better, more attractive place to live, and this would have dividends in terms of social cohesion, bringing businesses to the city, encouraging people to spend money in the city. Spending on Vivacity generates far more money (European funds and so on) for the city than it costs.
	Senior officers to take a pay cut of 10% Councillor allowances to be dependent on attendance and likewise to be cut by 10%	No by artificially freezing Council tax a bad situation has already been made worse	
No		No: I would be happy to pay more council tax if there were better mental health care for young people and those with dementia. Currently the care is poor for those in the community - I think there needs to be a lot of thought put in to how dementia care is	

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		<p>offered, and to directing people to private sources of care, not just telling them there is nothing available in early dementia, as I was told. More and more people will spend more time in early dementia because of the tablets available, and the information provided as to how to find appropriate help was poor.</p>	
<p>Voluntary Arts is part of the Creative People & Places (CPP) consortium in Peterborough - a three year initiative, currently funded by Arts Council England - led by Vivacity. We are pleased to see that Supporting Peterboroughs culture and leisure trust, Vivacity, to continue to deliver arts and culture is a priority of the budget but are concerned that the proposed funding cuts to will affect their ability to effectively deliver on their expected outcomes of this consortium activity, as well as potentially endanger this and future money leveraged in by the core support the Council currently puts into the Trust. As CPP is short term research based project cutting costs now could result in there is the very real danger that there will be gaps in actual engagement when it ends. And this could prove to be a false economy as the issues that arts and cultural engagement were helping with, particularly in a preventative manner, could simply arise within another budget area of the council “ often in a more critical and costly form. We are also aware that increasing charges can be a way to put people off using the very facilities that the CPP project is trying to get them to take part in using. Even if there are lower charge levels for those less well off, sometimes the perception of higher fees can put people off rather than the actual amount.</p>	<p>Look more holistically at how arts and cultural activities and venues can play a part in delivering other parts of the councils areas of responsibilities “ particularly where preventative spend could result in a saving in social care for example.</p>	<p>If the decision was taken to raise the council tax then we believe that supporting the remit of Vivacity would be a beneficial area of spend and return the investment in leverage and social return.</p>	<p>We commend the Council on working to ensure its entire staff will be paid the living wage level. We would suggest a next step to consider will be to look at how staff delivering work for the council in the contracted out agencies are also covered by this aspiration.</p>
<p>I am very concerned re threats to the city's cultural life. We have a very good museum but it needs the</p>	<p>Some of the 'cosmetic' improvements eg the Bourges Boulevard thing ought</p>	<p>I would be happy to pay more council tax if I thought it was being used to benefit</p>	

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<p>'footfall' from temporary exhibitions and family activities, both of which appear to be threatened. It will be a tragedy if the Heritage Festival cannot happen. Flag Fen and Longthorpe Tower are internationally important but need continued funding. Special events at libraries appear threatened and a library without specialised staff is unthinkable. Education does not stop at school gates and we need better provision, not worse. And how can we aspire to be a university city without a thriving museum, fully functioning libraries, a good theatre and well maintained heritage sites.</p>	<p>to have been held over until things improve financially. Use both sides of A4 and similar small economies. Those of us brought up during rationing could tell you a thing or two about using resources to their utmost.</p>	<p>everyone in the city. There are so many areas that could improve - you are supposed to be the experts!</p>	
<p>As part of my role as an Intensive Personal Adviser we are expected to have a car available to do home visits, outreach, taking young people to interviews, college and a range of important interviews. This means that across a week I am in and out of the office at various points, this can mean that I would have to park in different car parks which can sometimes cause an issue as there are often no spaces at busy times of the day.</p> <p>It feels like once again as a member of staff we are being penalised for using a car in our jobs, we have not had a pay rise for a number of years and the introduction of paying for key user status will mean that this will have a direct impact on my income and will once again leave me out of pocket. As I am already paying for the wear and tear to my vehicle which I feel is not covered by the 45p per mile that I am paid.</p> <p>I also live outside of Peterborough so need to bring my car to get to work. I would be able to use public transport to get me to and from work which would be cheaper after paying out mileage, wear and tear and the proposed introduction of parking charges</p>			

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<p>however this would have a direct impact on my availability throughout the day as it would take me longer to get across the city and see young people which would cost the council more money as longer time would be spent travelling.</p>			

