

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
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EXECUTIVE REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS

1. STREETS, SQUARES AND SPACES STRATEGY

- 1.1 Following a referral from the Community Development Scrutiny Panel Cabinet at its meeting on 15 September 2008 considered the Streets, Squares and Spaces Strategy (previously known as the Public Realm Strategy).
- 1.2 The strategy examines the background and context to the city centre’s public realm; sets out strategic aims and objectives; identifies different character areas and the design principles that should apply to each one; establishes principles for the use of materials and detailing; and makes proposals for management and maintenance.
- 1.3 If agreed by Council the strategy will form part of the Council’s Major Policy Framework as a strategy to improve/redevelop an area of the city.
- 1.4 There are 10 principles underlying the strategy:
- The re-attachment of the railway station to the historic core
 - The re-attachment of the river to the city centre
 - A fine grain - small units and many doors
 - A vibrant place in the evening as well as in the day
 - Residents in the city centre
 - A city centre designed for cyclists and walkers
 - Places to sit and places to eat
 - Public spaces as informal arenas
 - Public spaces as arenas for festivals and events
 - A public realm that is distinctively Peterborough
- 1.5 The strategy will take into account the issue of accessibility which was raised by a number of consultees during the consultation process, and a foreword will be added to the strategy to make reference to this. There will also be references added to the strategy regarding the importance of recognising and preserving the historic core of the city centre.
- 1.6 Cabinet has approved the strategy prior to its submission to Council.
- 1.7 The Cabinet report is attached as Appendix A to this report. Copies of the associated annexes (A – C) to the Cabinet report have already been made available to Members, however further copies can be obtained upon request.**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council:

- (i) Agrees the Streets, Squares and Spaces Strategy as the Authority’s overall strategy for improvements to the public realm of Peterborough city centre
- (ii) Agrees that the Street, Squares and Spaces Strategy form part of the Council’s Major Policy Framework.

2. REFRESHED CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (JMWMS)

- 2.1 Cabinet at its meeting on 15 September 2008 considered the refreshed Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The original strategy was agreed by Council in 2002. The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) guidance, on Municipal Waste Strategies states that strategies should be reviewed and refreshed every five years so that they reflect national, regional and local policies, legislation and targets.
- 2.2 The refreshed strategy will see partner authorities working towards the following voluntary targets:-
- 45 - 50% of waste by 2010/11
 - 50 - 55% of waste by 2015/16
 - 55 – 60% of waste by 2020/21
- (it should be noted that Peterborough is striving for 65% plus in this target year).
- 2.3 The revised document combines and builds on the original principles of the 2002 document and incorporates new themes that have emerged over the last five years. Two extensive public consultations in 2005 and 2007 have informed these. The nine key themes are:
- Underlying Strategic Principles for the Waste Strategy;
 - Joint Working, Partnership;
 - Climate Change;
 - Environmental Protection;
 - Waste Prevention & Reuse;
 - Recycling & composting;
 - Management of Residual Waste;
 - Wider Waste Role; and
 - Stakeholder Engagement.
- 2.4 Cabinet has endorsed the strategy, prior to its submission to full Council.
- 2.5 **The Cabinet report is attached as Appendix B to this report. The refreshed Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy document has been available in all Group Rooms since Cabinet papers were published on 5 September 2008 and a copy of the document can be made available to Members upon request.**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council:

- (i) Adopts the refreshed Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy