

RECOMMENDATION MONITORING REPORT 2020/21

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20 MAY 2020 – JOINT SCRUTINY	Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance	Peterborough City Council’s Response to COVID-19	The Committee recommended that Full Council meetings (virtual) should resume from July 2020 for urgent or time critical motions as agreed by Group Leaders	Full Council meetings resumed in virtual form from 29 July 2020 onwards.	Ongoing.
2 JULY 2020 – JOINT SCRUTINY	Steve Cox, Executive Director – Place and Economy Jonathan Lewis, Service Director – Education.	Peterborough City Councils Response to COVID-19 Recovery Plan	The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend that the Service Director – Education, investigates and reports back to the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the issues surrounding Period Poverty, especially over the summer holidays, noting that schools’ involvement in tackling this issue has been reduced by Coronavirus.	Response received and sent to members on 21/07/2020.	Ongoing.

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22 JULY 2020 - JOINT SCRUTINY	<p>Councillor John Holdich - Leader of the Council and Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority.</p> <p>Graham Hughes – Service Director, Highways and Transport.</p>	Peterborough City Council's Response to COVID-19	The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet requests that the Combined Authority Board provides additional funding to invest in cycling provision and bridleway improvement in Peterborough	<p>Response received from Graham Hughes on 17/09/2020 as follows:</p> <p>The Combined Authority have awarded funding to the Council through the Emergency Active Travel programme for the DfT amounting to circa £800k. In addition, the Council has allocated £500k to undertaken improvements to the Green Wheel Cycle Network. Officers are now beginning discussions with the Combined Authority to consider options for how this could be developed further and have a meeting scheduled later this month with the Mayor.</p>	Ongoing

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22 JULY 2020 - JOINT SCRUTINY	<p>Councillor Peter Hiller - Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments.</p> <p>Graham Hughes – Service Director, Highways and Transport.</p>	Peterborough City Council's Response to COVID-19	The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet investigates introducing 20mph speed limits, including in rural areas and outside schools, to encourage safer cycling.	<p>Response received from Graham Hughes on 17/09/2020 as follows:</p> <p>As part of the Emergency Active Travel programme the Council has written to all schools to ask them to take part in a programme called 'School Streets' which involves closing roads outside of schools during drop off and pick up time. So far 10 schools have expressed an interest and it is already operating very effectively at the first school, Lime Academy Parnwell. Alongside this officers are in the process of reviewing work undertaken historically in relation to 20mph zones to identify if this work can be brought forward for consideration again.</p>	Ongoing.

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GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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2019/20					
18 DECEMBER 2019 – JOINT SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGET	Cabinet Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance	4. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 - Tranche One	The Joint Scrutiny of the Budget Committee RESOLVED to recommend to Cabinet that, in reviewing the support given to Councillors' Car Parking, consideration should be given to the subsidy of public transport as an alternative option.	Recommendation consid ered by Budget Cabinet on 3 February 2020 as follows: It was agreed that the options of looking at more sustainable methods of transport for Councillors was something that could be looked into in the future it was not workable at present. No changes made to Budget.	Ongoing
18 DECEMBER 2019 – JOINT SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGE	Cabinet Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance	4. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 - Tranche One	The Joint Scrutiny of the Budget Committee RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet reconsiders the £59,000 savings proposal to increase the	Recommendation considered by Budget Cabinet on 20 December 2020 and approved as follows:	Ongoing

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			non-hazardous fly-tipping removal period.	<p>Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to recommend to Council:</p> <p>1. The Tranche One service proposals, outlined in Appendix C with the following amendments:</p> <p>A revision to the wording around the proposed saving of £59,000 a year to reduce fly-tipping, keeping the 2 day response time, with the £59,000 savings now to be identified from other sources.</p> <p>Approved by Council on 15 January 2020 as amended.</p>	
18 DECEMBER 2019 – JOINT SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGET	Cabinet	4. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 - Tranche One	The Joint Scrutiny of the Budget Committee RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet	Recommendation considered by Budget Cabinet on 20	Ongoing

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	Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance		reviews the budget to determine its effect on tackling the Climate Emergency.	December 2020 as follows: “Cabinet were already reviewing finances that were to be directed at the climate change emergency. However it was important to await the action plan when this came forward next year.” No changes made to Budget.	
8 JANUARY 2020	Councillor Marco Cereste – Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene Richard Pearn, Head of Waste, Resources and Energy	5. Portfolio Progress Report – Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment	RECOMMENDATION: The Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend that the Head of Environmental Partnerships re-establishes email notifications to alert Ward Councillors of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missed bin collections • Grass cutting and shrub cutback schedules • Ward ‘Walkabouts’ 	Sent to Officer on 09/01/2020. Response received from Head of Environmental Partnerships on 03/03/20: “As Aragon should have already been doing the below I reiterated to Kieron King following the scrutiny meeting to ensure these were put back in place to inform councillors and instigate	Ongoing

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				the ward walks again in the summer.”	
8 JANUARY 2020	Councillor Marco Cereste – Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene	6. Report of the Task and Finish Group to Inform the Development of an Air Quality Ambition Statement Action Plan	The Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to endorse the report and recommendations for submission to Cabinet on 13 January 2020.	Sent to Cabinet Member on 09/01/2020. Cabinet Meeting 13 January 2020: Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to: 1. Note the Task and Finish Group report at Appendix A. 2. Endorse the report and recommendations. 3. Request officers to continue to investigate and report back to the Climate Change Working Group: i) whether any further progress can be made in relation to reducing air pollution caused by taxis idling at the station or at ranks elsewhere. ii) The level and type of tree and hedge planting which is included on new developments in the city and the potential	Ongoing

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				<p>use of 'living walls' to combat pollution.</p> <p>iii) whether greater use could be made of the city's river through, for example, the use of water taxis for commuting</p> <p>Update report provided at 28 September 2020 Committee meeting.</p>	
24 FEBRUARY 2020 – JOINT SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGET	Cabinet Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance	8. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) 2020/21 - 2022/23 – TRANCHE TWO PROPOSALS	The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet takes the reduction in CO2 emissions in the City more seriously, especially by ensuring properties acquired by the Council are energy efficient and CO2 neutral, including temporary accommodation for homeless people.	<p>Recommendation considered by Budget Cabinet on 25 February 2020 as follows:</p> <p>Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to note the recommendations and take no further actions for the following reasons:</p> <p>That the Council did take the reduction of</p>	Ongoing

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				CO2 emissions in the city seriously and that properties acquired or built by the Council were maintained to a high standard. In many cases it would be impractical or would have a significant cost implication to ensure properties were CO2 neutral.	
24 FEBRUARY 2020 – JOINT SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGET	Cabinet Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance	8. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) 2020/21 - 2022/23 – TRANCHE TWO PROPOSALS	The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet should reconsider the proposed increase in parking charges as this may reduce footfall in the town centre. Cabinet should instead consider making improvements to public transport to reduce the pressure on city centre car parking, increase town centre footfall and tackle climate change.	Recommendation considered by Budget Cabinet on 25 February 2020 as follows: Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to note the recommendations and take no further actions for the following reasons: That to remove the increased parking	Ongoing

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				charges from the budget would result in the loss of approximately £300,000 of savings, with no alternative provided. Any improvements to public transport were the responsibility of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.	
24 FEBRUARY 2020 – JOINT SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGET	Cabinet Councillor Seaton, Cabinet Member for Finance	8. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) 2020/21 - 2022/23 – TRANCHE TWO PROPOSALS	3. The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet considers deferring the capital expenditure on the replacement of refuse collection vehicles so that models that are better value and more eco-friendly may be acquired in the future.	Recommendation considered by Budget Cabinet on 25 February 2020 as follows: Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to note the recommendations and take no further actions for the following reasons: That should the expenditure for the replacement of refuse	Ongoing

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				collection vehicles not be achieved in the 20/21 financial year, this would automatically be deferred to the following year.	

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2018/19					
7 NOVEMBER 2018	Cllr Hiller, Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development	AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED AND DELIVERY	RECOMMENDATION The Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet examines the viability of setting up a Housing Revenue Account (HRA).	Please see below.	Ongoing.

Initial response from Cabinet Member:

“I’d be happy to recommend to Cabinet that we examine the viability of setting up a Housing Revenue Account (HRA)”.

A further update has been provided in June 2019 from the Acting Corporate Director of Resources and may be accessed via the following link:

https://cccandpcc-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/paulina_ford_peterborough_gov_uk/EVh0dYTjnBhdEvpX2900Q-EB9kEpaX2e2ywq6Vxd1u6MyQ?e=dGA3Ac

Cabinet Meeting – 23 September 2019

Agenda Item 8. Peterborough Housing Strategy

Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to:

- Note that the Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Recreation had commissioned an updated Housing Strategy for Peterborough.
- Approve an application being immediately sent to the Government to set up a Housing Revenue Account as part of the Council’s Housing Strategy to tackle homelessness in the City.

Update provided on 09/03/20

Following the Cabinet agreement on 23rd September 2019 to restart a Housing Revenue account within PCC and the Growth Scrutiny recommendation, delays have occurred that have set back the start date of the project.

The original business case was predicated upon borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board as a worst case scenario at a borrowing rate of around 1.8%. This would have provided funding for the introduction of a viable affordable housing service within the Council. The PWLB raised its interest rates by 1% on 9th October 2019, increasing the borrowing rate to 2.8%. This meant that the outline business case, which is over a 25 year period, has needed to be re-evaluated.

There remains the option of grant funding and to this end PCC met with Homes England, who are the funding body for grants for affordable housing outside of London. The meeting, on 9th January 2020, was positive and PCC were encouraged to put forward their proposals. There has been a range of grant options available. However, they are all coming to the end of their cycle and Homes England made us aware that the new administration is working on a revised set of initiatives for housing funding.

While they were not yet aware of the details of these initiatives, the information they have is that there is likely to be funding available.

We are therefore awaiting the publication of the details of any new government housing funding plans.

Decision added to Forward Plan - Decision to re-establish a Housing Revenue Account - KEY/16NOV20/03

Currently scheduled for 11 January 2021 Cabinet meeting.

13 MARCH 2019	Cllr John Holdich – Leader of the Council and Deputy Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	5. Corporate Strategy 2019-2021	The Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to endorse the proposed Corporate Strategy 2019-2021 to be approved by Cabinet in June 2019 and Full Council in July 2019.	Please see below.	Ongoing.
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Recommendations sent to Cllr Holdich, Cllr Fitzgerald and Amanda Askham on 18/03/2019.

Update from the Director of Business Improvement and Development on 04/03/20.

“During 2019/20, the Council has been working to the draft Corporate Strategy as recommended by Cabinet and endorsed by The Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee. In response to the Council’s current budget challenges and as part of the Financial Improvement Programme (FIP), the Corporate Strategy will be reviewed and refreshed following March ’20 Full Council where budget and priorities will be agreed. Any amendments will go through Cabinet and Scrutiny prior to approval at Full Council.”

It was noted at the 11 March 2020 Committee meeting that the Corporate Strategy was still under development but would not approved until the next municipal year. The Strategy would return to Scrutiny before being approved.