

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR GUL NAWAZ

Present

Councillors Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Fower, Harper, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howard, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lamb, Lane, Lillis, Murphy, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Shaheed, Simons, Skibsted, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin and Yurgutene.

The meeting opened with a minute's silence in honour of the former Mayor Audrey Chalmers, Tommy Robson, who had recently been awarded freedom of the city, and former Mayoress June Ridgeway.

19. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aitken and Goodwin.

20. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests raised.

21. Minutes of the Special and Ordinary Meetings held on 29 July 2020

The minutes of the special and ordinary meetings held on 29 July 2020 were approved as true and accurate records subject to the amendment of the sentence in the ordinary meeting minutes, 'The Mayor had received confirmation from Councillor Murphy prior to the meeting that he no longer wished to move his motion,' to, 'The Mayor had received notification that the motion would no longer be moved.'

COMMUNICATIONS

22. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor announced that £7,228 had been raised throughout 2019-2020 for his nominated charities. This would be shared equally between Little Miracles, Fiends of Peterborough Hospital, and Caring Together.

23. Leader's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Leader.

QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

24. Questions with Notice by Members of the Public

Questions from members of the public were raised in respect of the following:

1. CityFibre
2. Micro-surfacing technique
3. Proposed fence around Ken Stimpson Community College
4. Fencing off community fields in Werrington
5. Werrington field fence at Ken Stimpson School
6. Fencing off of a large section of the community field behind Ken Stimpson School
7. The Future of Leisure Services

The questions and responses are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes. Questions 6 and 7 were not asked or answered in the meeting due to the time allowed for this item and Council were advised that answers would be provided in writing and published as part of the minutes for this meeting.

25. Petitions

The Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer outlined the Council's rules of procedure and advised that anyone presenting a petition would have one minute to so and no determination as to the validity of any petition would be made at this meeting.

(a) Presented by Members of the Public

A petition was presented to Council by Mohammed Haseeb from the residents of Millfield regarding rising crime, anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, litter and a rise in HMOs in the area.

(b) Presented by Members

Councillor Ali presented a petition to Council from the residents of Millfield regarding the large number of licensed premises between Taverners Road and The Triangle, leading to anti-social behaviour and crime.

26. Questions on Notice

- (a) To the Mayor**
- (b) To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet**
- (c) To the Chair of any Committee of Sub-Committee**
- (d) To the Combined Authority Representatives**

Questions (b) to the Leader or Member of the Cabinet were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Temporary testing centre set up at Paston and Gunthorpe Community Centre
2. Decision making power in respect of local lockdowns
3. New Towns Fund Allocation
4. Location of litter bins in the Peterborough City Council area

5. Changes to the current planning system
6. Regional Pool relocation
7. Consultation with Ward Councillors on planning matters
8. Sustainable budgets
9. Cross-party Fly-tipping Task and Finish Group recommendations
10. Derelict and unused garages
11. Investment in Millfield
12. Bin Empty Services due to road works
13. Mayor's Allowances
14. Response from Secretary of State for Housing
15. FixMyStreet
16. Cycle related improvements, initiatives, street furniture and schemes

Questions (d) to the Combined Authority Representative were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Cambridgeshire Autonomous Metro (CAM) metro system

The questions and responses are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes.

At this time Councillor Sandford moved a motion without notice to amend the temporary standing order arrangements that required virtual meetings to end following three hours, and to revert this to the traditional four hours.

Councillor Shaz Nawaz seconded the motion without notice and reserved his right to speak.

Council debated the motion and the summary of points raised by Members included:

- It was noted that general guidance around video meetings recommended a limit of two hours.
- Comment was made that much of Full Council's time was taken up by unnecessary debate and that three hours was sufficient.
- It was suggested that an alternative approach would be to retain a three hour meeting length, but to add in more regular Full Council meetings.
- It was noted that with a number of Councillors working all day, regular breaks at meetings were required.

Councillor Shas Nawaz highlighted that Full Council was an important meeting for Members, and allowed them the chance to ask questions of the administration and to put forward motions. Furthermore, three hours was already over the ideal two hour meeting limit.

In summing up, Councillor Sandford advised that he did not feel that even four hours was sufficient to debate all of the necessary Council business, including motions. If Members felt it necessary, it was suggested that a longer, 30 minute break could be factored into proceedings.

A vote was taken on a motion without notice from Councillor Sandford (26 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting).

The motion was **DEFEATED**.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

27(a). Audit Committee Recommendation – Annual Audit Committee Report

Council received a report considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 14 September 2020, in relation to the Annual Audit Committee report.

Councillor Over introduced the report and moved the recommendations. The Councillor thanked the Audit Committee for its work throughout the year. Members were advised of the importance of the committee in its role in scrutinising the financial governance of the Council, particular in current times against the backdrop of COVID-19.

Councillor Bashir seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on the recommendation (unanimous) and it was **AGREED** that the Council approved the Annual Audit Committee Report as shown at Appendix 1 to the report.

27(b). Cabinet Recommendation – University of Peterborough Project: Land Transfer and Delivery Arrangements

Council received a report following considering by the Cabinet on 21 September 2020 in relation to the amendment of the Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan to take into account the proposed land transfer to the Peterborough University special purpose joint venture vehicle.

Councillor Hiller introduced the report and moved the recommendations as amended by Councillor Sandford. He advised that the recommendation related specifically to the transfer of land and not the university itself and was a significant item for consideration following the appointment by Cabinet of Anglia Ruskin as the Council's joint venture partner. It was noted that work continued around the joint venture vehicle, to which the Council would subscribe for shareholding via the purchasing of shares.

Councillor Holdich seconded the recommendation and reserved his right to speak.

Council debated the recommendation and the summary of points raised by Members included:

- While a Members broadly supported the university proposals concern was raised about the potential for the development to encroach into the green space of the embankment.
- It was noted that embankment green space was set out in the local plan and should be safeguarded.
- Comment was made that proper engagement with the public should take place before any decision was made in relation to the embankment area.
- It was suggested that development on the embankment that was sympathetic to the green space and wildlife would be of a benefit to the city.
- It was further noted that planning permission would be required before any such development could take place.

Councillor Holdich and confirmed that the university campus would be open to the public. It was also advised that it was contained within the joint venture agreement that arrangement would be reviewed at 5 and 10 years.

In summing up, Councillor Hiller advised that the decision before Full Council was not in relation to the university masterplan and that that plan would go through the due planning processes.

A vote was taken on the recommendation as amended (unanimous) and it was **AGREED** that the Council approved the amendment of the Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan to take account of the proposed transfer of this land to the special purpose joint venture vehicle.

but required that any further transfers of land should only happen following publication of and public consultation on a masterplan for the whole embankment area.

27(c). Cabinet Recommendation – Budget Control Report July 2020

Council received a report following considering by the Cabinet on 21 September 2020 in relation to the virement of funds for the purchase of 62-68 Bridge Street, and contribution to the new access to the University development.

Councillor Seaton introduced the report and moved the recommendations. He advised that the recommendation related to the technical requirement for Full Council to sign off on the virements contained with Appendix B to the report, including the purchase of a site on Bridge Street and contribution for access to the university development, for within additional borrowing was needed.

Councillor Fitzgerald seconded the recommendation and reserved his right to speak.

Council debated the recommendation and the summary of points raised by Members included:

- Concern was raised in relation to the Towns Fund and, if this was not confirmed, why funds were being committed.
- Comment was made that the Budget Working Group should be reinvigorated.
- Members were advised that the monthly Budget Control Report was reported to Cabinet and that Council was being asked solely to consider the budget virements.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the Council's COVID-19 expenditure and it was suggestion that the decision on virements should be postponed until after the Towns Fund was confirmed.
- Members made comment in relation to the depletion of Council reserves and the level of COVID-19 expenditure that had not been covered by Government funding.
- It was noted that alternative access to the university would be in order to bypass the city centre and reduce the level of traffic there, not increase it.
- It was felt that the Council needed to look past the implications of COVID-19 and into the future.

Councillor Fitzgerald noted that the purchase of the Bridge Street site was dependent on the receipt of Towns Fund funding. It was also noted that an explanation of the reasoning behind the recommendation and the relevant business case was set out in the report. Members were advised that the Bridge Street site was intended to be a cultural hub, not a retail site.

In summing up, Councillor Seaton a noted that many of the points raised within debate were answered within the report. Members were advised that the financial year was not year over, and that extra funding may be received. A Cabinet Member Decision Notice had already been issued in relation the Bridge Street site, to which no objection has been raised.

A vote was taken on the recommendation (30 voted in favour, 26 voted against, 1 abstained from voting) and it was **AGREED** that the Council approved the Capital virements contained with Appendix B to the report, which included the purchase of 62-68 Bridge Street, and a contribution to a new access to the parkway as part of the University development which required additional borrowing to the existing capital programme.

At this point the three hour guillotine took effect, and debate ceased. The Council proceeded to move to the vote on all remaining items.

27(d). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Independent Remuneration Panel

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (54 voted in favour, 2 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) to:

1. Agree the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Independent Remuneration Panel, subject to the amendment of ,“The (IRP) shall be comprised of 3 members of the public,” to, “The (IRP) shall be comprise of at least 3 members of the public”; and
2. Agree the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Constitution and Ethics Committee.

27(e). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Member Officer Protocol

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (39 voted in favour, 15 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) to agree to amend the Member Officer Protocol in the Council’s Constitution to include a section on ‘Motions Submitted to Full Council’ as set out in the report, subject to the amendment of, “Members are expected to liaise with ...” to, “Members are encouraged to liaise with ...”.

27(f). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Standing Orders and Petitions Scheme

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (42 voted in favour, 14 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) to agree that:

1. The Standing Orders be amended as set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report, in relation to the approval of minutes.
2. The Standing Orders be amended as set out in paragraph 4.12 of the report, in relation to equality of votes.
3. The Standing Orders be amended as follows, in relation to the submission of motions to Full Council:
 - Draft Motions – 12 noon, 8 clear working days before the meeting.
 - Final Motions – 12 noon, 6 clear working days before the meeting.

27(g). Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendation – Gifts and Hospitality Policy

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (55 voted in favour, 1 voted against, 1 abstained from voting) to approve the proposed changes to the Members’ Gifts and Hospitality Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the amendment of references to ‘Chairman/woman’ to ‘Chair’.

28. Questions on the Executive Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting

As Council had moved to the vote on all remaining items, no questions were taken on this item.

29. Questions on the Combined Authority Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting

As part of the Virtual Meetings Protocol, any questions in relation to this agenda item were not taken verbally. No questions had been received in relation to this item.

COUNCIL BUSINESS TIME

30. Notices of Motion

30(1). Motion from Councillor John Fox

Councillor John Fox advised the Mayor that he did not wish to move his motion.

30(2). Motion from Councillor Wiggin

A vote was taken on an amendment from Councillor Amjad Iqbal. The amendment was **AGREED** (29 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting).

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Wiggin, as amended, in relation to the Black Lives Matter campaign. The motion was **AGREED** (29 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) as follows:

“Council notes:

- ~~The Black Lives Matter Movement was set up in 2013 after the death of Trayvon Martin and subsequent acquittal of his killer. Their aim is to end State-sanctioned violence, liberate Black people, and end white supremacy forever.~~
- October is Black History Month.
- ~~Global protests have increased following the killing of George Floyd in June 2020, for which a Minneapolis police officer has been charged with second-degree murder and three other police officers have been charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder.~~
- There are ongoing global protests about racial inequality throughout the world.
- Peaceful protests in support of Black Lives Matter have been held in Peterborough and throughout the UK., including at sporting events
- ~~BAME people are 54% more likely than white people to be fined under the new coronavirus lockdown laws in the UK~~
- Covid-19 is disproportionately impacting black and ethnic minority (BAME) communities, according to a report from Public Health England.
- Around two thirds of healthcare staff who have died as a result of COVID-19 are from a BAME background whereas they make up 20% of the overall workforce.
- Police figures on Stop and Search in Cambridgeshire show that BAME communities are disproportionality targeted.

Council believes:

- Racism in all forms, both structural and in individuals, continues to be a serious and often unseen problem in the UK.
- Peterborough has a good track record when it comes to community relations.
- Although progress has been made in combating racism, work to eradicate it entirely is far from complete.
- This Council, representing people in Peterborough, has a duty as a public leader to actively lead that work.

Council resolves:

- To restate its condemnation of all forms of racism and hate in all its manifestations
- To restate its aim, to oppose racism and hate against all communities, in keeping with our commitment to eradicate all acts of hatred on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sex or sexual orientation
- **To reaffirm the Council’s support for the annual events in Peterborough celebrating Black History month**

- That the relevant scrutiny committee convenes a Task and Finish group to review barriers to equality on grounds of race, which will include BAME issues to:

- Reviewing and examining the City Council structure to ensure ethnic minorities are not disadvantaged. Understand specifically how many BAME we employ, where are they working, what barriers, if any exist to their career progression and whether a “name blind” recruitment process would aid in the recruitment of more BAME staff. Reviewing the evidence, provide recommendations to Council and devise a set of KPIs and a challenging outturn for us to achieve this.
- BAME access to housing and to homelessness and welfare support are important parts of the council remit. Group to review and recommend concrete actions on how we adopt an actively anti-racist outlook within areas where we have influence by reviewing our corporate policies so that anti-racism is explicit and not implied; by routinely calling for transparent reporting and continuous monitoring of the impact on the BAME community: and if any other meaningful statistics that can be monitored regularly can be produced.
- Review council Equality policies and recommend if any amendments are required
- Review progress on recommendations produced by this group
- Encourage Peterborough schools to include BAME history and culture in lessons, including providing further historical context for events normally only seen through the lens of white British history.

- ~~To conduct an audit of street names and any public monuments or other buildings this Council is responsible for which name individuals or organisations, to review any that have racist links. Upon completion, the relevant scrutiny committee to convene a task and finish group to review this list and produce a set of recommendations back to Council on any actions that should be taken.~~
- ~~Ensure Peterborough schools include BAME history and culture in lessons, including providing further historical context for events normally only seen through the lens of white British history.~~
- ~~Ask the Combined Authority to produce a toolkit for businesses to help broaden their understanding of race inequality in the workplace, including but not limited to materials, signposts to relevant local groups and training that can be provided for staff, and links to relevant networks.~~
- ~~Write to our MPs to ask that, rather than spending money on another race inequality review, that the Government implements recommendations of previous reviews – for example the Lammy and Windrush recommendations.”~~

30(3). Motion from Councillor Walsh

A vote was taken on an amendment from Councillor Wiggin. The amendment was **DEFEATED** (27 voted in favour, 30 voted against, 0 abstained from voting).

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Walsh in relation to the BAME Peterborough residents. The motion was **AGREED** (48 voted in favour, 9 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) as follows:

“Council notes that:

- Peterborough City Council Members, Officers and Staff have worked proactively, over many years, with all of our communities to develop a clear understanding of their unique characteristics and to ensure they are able to access services and information in ways that make most sense to them, and to provide opportunities to learn, develop, achieve and celebrate their heritages in our city.
- Over the years, many areas across the UK have drawn on our experience and expertise. We have been recognised as leaders in this field by many different organisations, including the Government (such as our status as one of just five **Integration Areas**), national faith leaders, and Oxford University (as one of six cities originally chosen to form part of the **Inclusive Cities** network).
- Peterborough City Council is therefore concerned by the findings of recent reports which suggest ways in which certain groups are at greater risk of exclusion and harm than others.
- The recent Public Health England report, '*Disparities in Risks and Outcomes of COVID-19*' (PHE) describes increased mortality rates amongst older people, men, those in certain professions and people living in more deprived areas. Perhaps most notable though, the report also describes increased mortality rates amongst Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities.
- A second report, published by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, '*Adult Social Care: Shaping a Better Future*', reflects that fundamental change is needed in this service area to address inequalities experienced by groups including BAME communities, many of whom are employed in this field of work.

Peterborough City Council is committed to ensuring all of our residents, regardless of their background, heritage or nationality, enjoy equal and meaningful access to services, support, information, and opportunities provided by it directly, or through partnerships.

We recognise the opportunity we now have to reaffirm our existing commitment to ensure that our staff and residents are not excluded, disadvantaged, or abused as a result of their nationality, heritage or background.

This Council therefore resolves:

- **to set up a cross-Party task and finish group of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee, to:**
- **develop a clear understanding of the findings of these reports as they relate to our own BAME communities, to ensure this disproportionality is not experienced in other factors that may affect the health, wellbeing and social mobility of our BAME residents**
- **examine ways in which council services are accessed by, and made available to, all of our residents, to ensure that our BAME residents are not disadvantaged or prevented from accessing those services**
- **examine key council service data to build an understanding of the ways in which BAME residents are impacted, positively or negatively, by council services**
- **examine the opportunities for our residents provided by the council for improving social mobility, to ensure that our BAME residents enjoy the same levels of access as others."**

30(4). Motion from Councillor Coles

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Coles in relation to car cruising. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“For some time, Councillors representing wards across Peterborough have received several complaints from residents about the anti-social behaviour of car cruisers, drift racers and drivers performing stunts and tricks on local roads and in car parks.

The council appreciates that static car meets are a popular event and many local residents enjoy showing off their cars to fellow enthusiasts. However, most of these meets are not organised with prior notice to the landowner - the organisers of these events do not seek or obtain authority to hold these events on Council owned or private land, they often occupy central locations in the middle of residential areas and there are no controls on who attends.

A small number of people participating take part in dangerous or reckless use of their car, which can lead to criminal damage of roads, other vehicles and surrounding property. Some drivers also risk injuring themselves, other road users, cyclists and pedestrians as they do not have full control of their vehicles. Driving in this way can also be used as a form of intimidation, either to other road users or the community. Loud noise from engines and music, and deliberately creating large amounts of exhaust or tyre smoke can also take place and continue through to the early hours, disturbing residents' rest.

Many councils around the country have taken action to ban car cruising, racing and stunt driving. There are many good examples showing how to initiate city-wide action that prevents these anti-social incursions into quiet residential areas.

Therefore this council resolves to instruct the relevant scrutiny committee to form a cross-party Task and Finish group to investigate these matters with terms of reference that include:

- **Inviting Cambridgeshire Constabulary to appoint a representative to join the group.**
- **Ensuring that all available powers are utilised to prevent unauthorised, anti-social, dangerous car meets from taking place or continuing,**
- **Exploring what other legislative powers may be obtained to help address this issue,**
- **Working with organisers to facilitate, where possible, safe events for static car meets that are lawful and non-disruptive to our residents,**
- **Providing advice and support to private landowners in the defence and protection of their property.”**

30(5). Motion from Councillor Murphy

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Murphy in relation to North-West Anglia Foundation NHS Trust. The motion was **AGREED** (28 voted in favour, 26 voted against, 1 abstained from voting) as follows:

“Council notes that North-West Anglia Foundation NHS Trust which covers Peterborough and other areas has placed out to private tender a number of patient services that are currently performed in house by NHS employed staff. The trust has also announced that Hinchingsbrooke Hospital would admit patients from the other trust hospitals for elective services, such as knee and hip replacements, increasing the number of patients from Peterborough being denied good quality fresh food during their

stay. Concerns about consultation have been raised, as the full business case was not published or disclosed prior to the tendering being instigated, and as such unions registered a dispute in order to pause the tendering process to allow for meaningful consultation.

Council believes that there should be disclosure of any business case and this be reviewed appropriately before any tendering decision is or is not pursued. While other hospitals are bringing services in house to improve quality, reduce costs and give patients the best food they can to aid recovery it is unclear why the NWAFT would choose to do the opposite during a global pandemic and as such they should have published any business case for this.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of the North-West Anglia Foundation NHS Trust, expressing the Council's support for calls for the full disclosure of the businesses case prior to entering the tendering process in order that full discussions take place, including amongst Councillors, to ensure decisions made are the best for patient care and that good staff morale and employment practices are maintained."

30(6). Motion from Councillor Sandford

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Sandford in relation to Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Combined Authority Business Board meetings. The motion was **DEFEATED** (28 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting, the Mayor exercising his casting vote against the motion).

30(7). Motion from Councillor Sandford

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Sandford in relation to Cross Party Working Group on Climate Change. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

"Council notes that:

1. an increase in tree planting was one of the measures proposed in the motion declaring a climate emergency that was agreed in July 2019, as a means of helping the City Council and the City as a whole get to net zero carbon by 2030
2. many councils have adopted ambitious tree planting targets, whereas the Peterborough City Council Carbon Management Plan, adopted in March 2020, proposes that the Council will plant only 400 new trees on its land each year until 2030.
3. Friends of the Earth are advocating that there should be a doubling of tree canopy cover across the country by 2045 to help tackle both the climate and biodiversity emergencies.
4. Peterborough City Council is a partner in the Forest for Peterborough Project, which has a target of planting 230,000 trees (one for every resident in the city) between 2010 and 2030, of which around 120,000 still remain to be planted.

Council therefore instructs the cross party working group on Climate Change and relevant officers to:

1. **Carry out an audit of council owned land in the city to identify possible planting opportunities**
2. **research and recommend much more ambitious tree planting targets for planting on Council land and to submit to Full Council not later than March 2021 amendments to the Trees and Woodland Strategy and the Carbon Management Plan to include the proposed new targets.”**

30(8). Motion from Councillor Day

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Day in relation to Cycle Infrastructure. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“The Department for Transport has announced £2 billion of new funding for cycling and walking and has outlined its strategy in, 'Gear Change – a bold vision for cycling and walking'. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-plan-for-england> A key tool for delivering the strategy will be 'Local Transport Note 1/20 (LTN 1/20) Cycle Infrastructure Design'.

LTN 1/20 states that cycling “must no longer be treated as marginal, or an afterthought. It must not be seen as mainly part of the leisure industry, but as a means of everyday transport. It must be placed at the heart of the transport network, with the capital spending, road space and traffic planners’ attention befitting that role”.

LTN 1/20 calls on local authorities to boost their design standards and improve safety. It reflects current best practice, standards and legal requirements. Inclusive cycling is an underlying theme throughout so that cyclists of all ages and abilities are considered, and notes that “too much cycling infrastructure is substandard ... some is actually worse than nothing” and “poor cycling infrastructure discourages cycling and wastes public money”.

LTN 1/20 makes a clear link between compliance with standards and funding: “It will be a condition of any future Government funding for new cycle infrastructure that it is designed in a way that is consistent with this national guidance... schemes which do not follow this guidance will not be funded”.

Council resolves to ensure that:

The design of all new cycle infrastructure in Peterborough shall comply with the standards set out in LTN 1/20, 'Cycle Infrastructure Design', published by the Department for Transport. If the standards laid out in LTN 1/20 cannot be met the scheme will not proceed without the agreement from group leaders and key stakeholders.

A program shall be implemented, in line with our developing Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan to improve existing cycle infrastructure so that it meets the standards set out in LTN 1/20.

The Cross Party Working Group will:

- **Engage the Combined Authority to accelerate the sign off of Peterborough’s Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.**
- **At the earliest opportunity, update our planning guidance and explore whether LTN1/20 could be appended to a Supplementary Planning**

Document and ensure that local developers are aware of and adhere to it.

- **Engage the Combined Authority to ensure they understand our future plans for infrastructure delivery; in preparation for the next funding announcement from the Department for Transport."**

30(9). Motion from Councillor Hogg

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Hogg in relation to task and finish groups and working groups. The motion was **AGREED** (29 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) as follows:

"Council believes that as a public body spending tens of millions of pounds of public funds, as much as possible of the democratic processes of the City Council should be carried out at meetings which are accessible to members of the public.

Council notes that currently task and finish groups and working groups set up by the Peterborough City Council cabinet or its scrutiny committees meet exclusively in private, whereas in many other councils evidence gathering sessions of such groups happen in public and that is also the practice adopted by Parliamentary select committees.

Council instructs the Monitoring Officer to prepare and submit to Council amendments to the Constitution so that by default meetings of task and finish groups and working groups should be held in public, unless it can be demonstrated that there is a clear reason for them to be held in camera. The Monitoring Officer is asked to consult with the Constitution and Ethics Committee in drawing up such amendments."

31(a). Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Committee

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (39 voted in favour, 7 voted against, 17 abstained from voting) to appoint Councillor Stephen Lane as Vice-Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee.

The Mayor
7.00pm – 9:44pm
21 October 2020
Town Hall
Bridge Street
Peterborough

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