

RECOMMENDATION MONITORING REPORT 2020/21

Meeting date Recommendations Made	Portfolio Holder / Directorate Responsible	Agenda Item Title	Recommendation Made	Action Taken	Progress Status
11 NOVEMBER 2021	Cllr Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment James Collingridge – Head of Environmental Partnerships Richard Pearn – Head of Waste, Resources and Energy	MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2021/22 TO 2023/24 PHASE ONE	The Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees RESOLVED to recommend that the proposals for the increase in fees for the brown bin waste collection be reviewed and a cost benefit analysis be completed with a view to removing the fees altogether, the outcome of which to be provided to the Committee.	Waste slide deck received on 4 December 2020 and sent out to Committee on 4 December by D Beauchamp	Ongoing

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RECOMMENDATION MONITORING REPORT 2018/19

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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	Please see below.	Ongoing.

			setting up a Housing Revenue Account (HRA).		
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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-EB9kEpaX2e2ywg6Vxd1u6MyQ?e=dGA3Ac

Cabinet Meeting – 23 September 2019

Agenda Item 8. Peterborough Housing Strategy

Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to:

1. Note that the Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Recreation had commissioned an updated Housing Strategy for Peterborough.
2. 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 15 March 2021 Cabinet meeting.

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