

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR GUL NAWAZ

Present

Councillors Aitken, 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, Harper, Haynes, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howard, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lane, Lillis, Murphy, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Shaheed, Simons, Skibsted, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin and Yurgutene.

A minute's silence was held in honour of the late Councillor Janet Goodwin, Ex-councillor Pam Kreling, Ex-councillor Zahid Hussain, and community leader Brian Gascoyne.

47. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lamb and Councillor Fower.

48. Declarations of Interest

Agenda Item No. 13(2)

Councillor Bisby declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 13(2) as a result of his position as Acting Police and Crime Commissioner and would therefore leave the meeting during the consideration of this item.

Agenda Item No. 13(8)

Councillor Ayres declared a pecuniary interest relation to agenda item 13(8) and would therefore leave the meeting during the consideration of this item.

49. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9 December 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record.

COMMUNICATIONS

50. Mayor's Announcements

Councillor Hiller was invited to address the Council regarding the Civic Awards, the winners of which would be presented with their awards at a later date, once a ceremony could be safely organised.

The winners were thanked for their hard work, congratulated and announced as follows:

Community Involvement Civic Awards

- Brian Townsin
- Celseo Oliveria
- Chiltern Cold Storage Group
- City Leadership Forum
- Del Singh
- Derek Brown
- Femi Olasoko
- Interfaith Support Group
- Jack Hunt School
- Katharine Gator-Condon
- Kings School
- Mick & Jackie Coulson
- Multi Agency Forum
- Nathan Murdoch
- St John Fisher School
- Tom Brown
- Tony Forster
- Torin Gibson
- Voluntary Support Group
- Zara Robson
- Wendy Sayer

Contribution to Art and Culture Award

- Nathan Murdoch

Sports Award

- Stuart Haw

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Mandy Eddings
- Sarfraz Khan

51. Leader's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Leader.

QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

52. Questions with Notice by Members of the Public

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

1. City Tree Belt
2. Unadopted Roads
3. Hampton School Places

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

53. Petitions

(a) Presented by Members of the Public

There were no petitions presented at the meeting.

(b) Presented by Members

There were no petitions presented at the meeting.

54. Amendment to the Virtual Meetings Protocol

Council received a report in relation to the amendment to the Virtual Meetings Protocol in order to remove the requirement for questions from Members to be responded to verbally, while retaining the ability for Members to ask supplementary questions at the meeting.

Councillor Shaz Nawaz introduced the report and moved the recommendations. The Councillor

Councillor Sandford seconded the recommendation.

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

- Confusion was raised as to how members of the public would be able to understand the context of any supplementary question or response without having heard the initial answer.
- It was felt by a number of Members that it was important for the public to hear responses from Cabinet Members.
- It was noted that responses would be published in advance and that the proposal was a transparent manner by which to make meetings more efficient.

Councillor Sandford exercised his right to speak and conveyed his disappointment in the debate. It was felt to be necessary in order to allow more time for the debate of motions at virtual Council meetings.

Councillor Shaz Nawaz summed up and suggested that there had been some confusion doing the debate. The answers to questions were to be published the day before the meeting within the additional information pack. Such a process was undertaken at Cambridgeshire County Council and was considered to be very simple.

A vote was taken (27 voted in favour, 29 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) and the recommendation was **DEFEATED**.

Councillors For: Ali, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

55. 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 (a)-(d) to the Leader or Member of the Cabinet were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Stopping SARS-COV-2
2. Business Support Post-pandemic
3. COVID Marshals Rotas
4. COVID Vaccinations
5. Loss of Green Space
6. Digitising the City
7. COVID Marshals Performance
8. St Peter's Arcade
9. Action Taken on Hunting Motion
10. COVID Mental Health Inequalities
11. Hampton Section 106 Trigger

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

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

56(a). Independent Remuneration panel

Council received a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel, which set out the recommendations of the panel in relation to the Member Allowance Scheme.

Councillor Holdich thanked the Independent Remuneration panel for their work and moved a recommendation to defer consideration of the recommendations for a year, while referring the consideration of a parental leave policy to the Task and Finish Group established to promote equality and diversity amongst Councillors.

Councillor Fitzgerald seconded the recommendation and exercised his right to speak. The Councillor felt that it was not the right time to consider such recommendations.

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to defer consideration of the recommendations of the IRP for one year, subject to the referral of its recommendation in relation to a Parental Leave Policy to the Task and Finish Group established to promote equality and diversity amongst Councillors, for that group to consider as part of its work.

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

Additional Highway Maintenance Funding

In response to a question from Councillor Hogg and Councillor Jamil, Councillor Hiller advised that a list of which roads that would be receiving additional funding should have been received and would be circulated to all Members.

Compensation Relating to Delays with a Legacy Housing Lease

In response to a question from Councillor Haynes, Councillor Allen advised that it was always unfortunate when the Council made mistakes, but it was appropriate to provide compensation when it did. Further detail on this particular instance could be provided in writing.

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

The Mayor confirmed that there had been no decisions made by the Combined Authority to report since the last meeting.

COUNCIL BUSINESS TIME

59. Notices of Motion

59(1). Motion from Councillor Qayyum

Councillor Qayyum introduced the report and moved her motion. The Councillor wished to highlight the abuse of political individuals, especially women. The motivation behind the motion had been motivated by Councillor Qayyum's own experiences and the anecdotes of others. It was considered that the perception of the abuse of women in politics was part of the barrier to participation for many women. It was noted that female candidates were disproportionately the subject of abuse, with many not having the courage to speak out. The matter was felt to be one of urgency and necessity, and would not be needed in a non-discriminatory world.

Councillor Shaz Nawaz seconded the motion.

Councillor Walsh moved her amendment to the motion. The Councillor considered the original motion to raise an important issue. The issue of abuse could affect people of all groups. Councillor Walsh relayed knowledge of male colleagues who had suffered through online harassment campaigns. The amendment to the motion sought to share the benefit of the Task and Finish Group's learnings with all Members, as the matter of abuse was not solely a female one.

Councillor Coles seconded the amendment.

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

- A number of comments were made by Members that online abuse could be directed at Members of all genders.
- Some Members considered that the proposed amendment unnecessarily brought men into a motion focused on women in politics and watered it down.
- Further comment was made that the amendment obscured the issue and assisted in deterring women from politics.
- It was noted that in 2019 up to 18 women in parliament were not seeking re-election due to abuse.

- It was considered important to recognise the bullying that took place of men and women, but that it was a predominantly female issue, for which the Council should have a zero tolerance approach.
- Comment was made that the issue of harassment was not limited to acts, but also the atmosphere created in political spheres that discouraged women from speaking up and damaged their confidence.
- A number of Members agreed that a zero tolerance approach was needed, in relation to men and women.
- A Member commented that it was easy to fall into the trap of wishing to reference all potential groups who were victims of bullying, rather than focusing on vulnerable groups, in this case, women.
- It was considered by a number that the amendment did not take anything away from the motion, but simply added to it.
- Members expressed appreciation to other Members who had spoken with passion during the debate.
- It was considered that the motion and amendment reflected the idealised version of political environments and the reality of such. The amendment was held to take into account the practicality of the environment.

Councillor Coles exercised his right to speak and commented that the debate held by Members had been interesting and important. It was acknowledged that women were disproportionately affected, but it was further considered that finding a solution that wasn't just for one part of the community was important.

Councillor Shaz Nawaz exercised his right to speak and explained that the motion can about following a conversation with Councillor Qayyum and the realisation that it was necessary to bring the matter into the spotlight. Councillor Shaz Nawaz had initially been supportive of the amendment, but had subsequently realised how the amendment changed the entire meaning of the motion. It was considered that it was important to listen to the increasing number of female Councillors who were expression concern over the behaviour directed towards them.

Councillor Qayyum, as mover of the original motion, summed up and thanked all those who had taken part in the debate. It was commented that there was no intention with the motion to claim that men were not victims of abuse, however, to agree to the additions of the amendment would be a mistake. The Council's resolution must be decisive and specific to women, who were exclusive when it came to this kind of abuse.

A vote was taken on an amendment from Councillor Walsh. The amendment was **AGREED** (28 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting, the Mayor exercising his casting vote in favour of the amendment).

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

Mayor's Casting Vote: For

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Qayyum as amended. The amended motion was **AGREED** (40 voted in favour, 16 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) as follows:

“The Council notes that:

- Online abuse, bullying and harassment against women in politics is an issue which is increasingly growing in visibility.
- The LGA are aware that an increasing number of councillors and candidates are being subjected to abuse, threats and public intimidation, undermining the principles of free speech, democratic engagement and debate. The growth of social media has provided an additional and largely anonymous route for individuals and groups to engage in such activity. This abuse is more prevalent towards females
- While debate and having different views is all part of a healthy democracy; abuse, public intimidation and threats are designed to undermine democratic decision making by generating fear in those who represent it. The LGA further goes on to state that, ***“Councillors, and in particular female Councillors, are unfortunately increasingly the subject of online abuse, bullying and harassment on social media.”***

The Council resolves to refer this matter to the current Task and Finish Group to promote equality and diversity among Councillors to:

- **Consider how to best assist Councillors in relation to online abuse, bullying and harassment, particularly but not exclusively against female Councillors, with a view to report back to the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting on 2 March 2021 with appropriate recommendations.**
- **Share any learning, training or any other opportunities that may arise from the work of the Task and Finish Group with all Councillors.**

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Barkham, Bashir, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Day Dowson, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haynes, Hiller, Hogg, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Lillis, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Sandford, Seaton, Shaheed, Simons, Walsh, Warren, Wiggin

Councillors Against: Ali, Ellis, Hemraj, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Skibsted, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

59(2) Motion from Councillor Ali

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Ali. The motion was **AGREED** (28 voted in favour, 27 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) as follows:

“Council notes the budget concerns of the police service in Cambridgeshire which is one of the fastest growing areas of England, with Peterborough’s population rising in

particular when police funding has not been rising accordingly. The Chief Constable has proposed a reduction in Police Staff including reducing PCSOs to a fraction of the previous level.

Council believes that this is not the correct time during a pandemic to be cutting established staff who know their communities and in particular have been able to help engage with the public and educate on public health covid matters and the rules. This is the time for security and continuity rather than the insecurity of cutting these staff.

Council believes that the Chief Constable should seek additional funding for the additional Coronavirus work the Constabulary is and has been undertaking and not progress any plans to cut these Police Staff who play such a significant role in protection our communities here in Peterborough.

Council resolves that a letter be sent from the Chief Executive to the Chief Constable outlining the above and asking the consideration to be given to these points within budget proposals.”

Councillors For: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

59(3) Motion from Councillor Jamil

A vote was taken on an amendment from Councillor Allen. The amendment was **AGREED** (28 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting, the Mayor exercising his casting vote in favour of the amendment).

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Jamil as amended. The amended motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“Council believes:

- Everyone ~~has a right to~~ should have a home.
- Current emergency measures put in place during the pandemic may need to be extended beyond the crisis response to support people who become homeless, or resort to rough sleeping, through no fault of their own

- The government ~~should~~ recognises the impending challenge faced by households that are ineligible for support from the housing service or have no recourse to public funds
- The current crisis has caused thousands of people in privately rented accommodation to be in possible danger of losing their homes through eviction.

Council recognises:

- It is unacceptable that we have homelessness and rough sleeping in modern day Britain.
- After the emergency measures introduced during the coronavirus pandemic come to an end, many people ~~will~~ could be left without a safety net, resulting in ~~This could lead to an increase in rough sleepers. due to less support being available.~~
- Many renters have been unable to work or lost their jobs due to the pandemic and currently the situation is worsening due to rising infection and death rates. Citizens Advice says half a million renters are now in arrears, owing an average of £750. More than half (56%) of those struggling to make payments had no previous history of arrears before the start of the COVID-19 outbreak last Spring. This could result in eviction.

This Council believes that:

- A tenant should not be evicted from their home without good reason;
- Tenants should have more stability, avoiding the need to make frequent moves at short notice and enabling them to put down roots and plan for the future;
- Abolishing Section 21 no-fault evictions would help to make renting more secure and communities more stable, improve standards and increase tenant confidence;
- Landlords should be able to regain their property should they wish to sell it or move into it themselves;
- Tackling homelessness, ~~which~~ should be a priority for government at all levels; and,
- The Government should bring forward its legislative proposals as soon as practicably possible.

Council resolves:

- ~~To write to the government to ask for stronger measures to help with the housing crisis and specifically:~~ To write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to reiterate its support for these reforms and urge him to respond to the consultation and introduce legislation in this Parliamentary session.
- To review the priority need categories, ~~which currently support only the most vulnerable single people, to include anyone who finds themselves to be homeless and rough sleeping.~~
- To review eviction laws and offer better protection to tenants, starting with an ~~immediate~~ widening of the ban of evictions under Section 21 of the Housing Act 1998. ~~which since January 11th 2021 allows eviction of renters with just 6 months of rent arrears.~~
- ~~Follow through~~ Reinforce with their ambitions to end rough sleeping by increasing reassessing funding to local authorities and ~~providing longer term~~ funding for rough sleeping initiatives so that services are better fully resourced and equipped to deal with individual circumstances. ~~on a case-by-case scenario."~~

59(4) Motion from Councillor Casey

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Casey. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“Council recognises that:

- Access to IT hardware and good broadband connections have become essential tools in:
 - enabling children to continue with their studies remotely
 - enabling adults to work effectively from home, as well as access services and businesses, including supermarkets
- There are families within the Peterborough local authority area who are not equipped adequately with IT tools as a result of their being on low incomes or having more than one child who are sharing equipment. This affects the short and long-term outcomes for school-aged children and also opportunities for adults
- There are also families who may not have the necessary digital skills, including parents and carers, which is inhibiting the potential for them to take full advantage of IT tools

Therefore, Council resolves to:

- **Support the survey that is being conducted at Peterborough’s schools which aims to identify those children who are most in need of support with technology, and request that government support to be extended at pace.**
- **Request that the Council’s administration writes to government with a view to providing access to broadband services to families on low incomes.**
- **Request that Members and officers work together to ensure equality of access for all pupils in a coordinated and safe way.**
- **Request that the Council’s adult skills service, City College Peterborough, to work with skills providers across Peterborough to ensure the necessary training opportunities are in place to support parents and carers to support their children.”**

59(5) Motion from Councillor Sandford

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Sandford. The motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“Council notes that:

1. The Paston Reserve/Manor Drive housing development was started in 2011 and has now grown into an estate with more than 1000 new homes, with further extensions planned, including new nursery, primary and secondary schools.
2. Nearly ten years after the start of the housing development, the estate still has no bus service (even though bus stops and a turning circle were put in at an early stage), no shops, no other amenities and not even a post box. The nearest bus service is in Gunthorpe Ridings but to get from there to the estate involves crossing a footbridge over the A15, which has very poor lighting , and

walking along a long passage way with high fences on either side. This has forced many Manor Drive residents to try to cross the A15 at ground level, which is a highly dangerous procedure.

Council strongly believes that the Combined Authority should as a matter of urgency address the lack of a bus service in this area.

Council asks our Council Leader to raise the matter with the Mayor and the relevant committee of the Combined Authority at the earliest opportunity.

Council also asks the Executive Director of Place to ensure that, where appropriate, viable and having factored in competing infrastructure demands, the Council uses its planning powers so that for all future large housing developments financial contributions are sought from developers to ensure that public transport and other important amenities are included at the start of a development and not left until years afterwards”

59(6) Motion from Councillor Sandford

A vote was taken on the amended motion from Councillor Sandford. The amended motion was **AGREED** (unanimous) as follows:

“Council notes that:

1. Initial work by the Council's Climate Change Member working group has identified that carbon emissions from domestic dwellings are one of the top three sources of carbon emissions in Peterborough.
2. The Peterborough Local Plan sets planning policies for new development in Peterborough and there is a lot of new housing proposed, so any changes to the policies within the Local Plan could potentially have a large impact on carbon emissions over coming years and decades.
3. There are also other parts of the Local Plan which have major impacts on carbon emissions and climate change, including the policies on transport, renewable energy generation and the natural environment.
4. The current Peterborough Local Plan was produced before the Council declared its climate emergency and target for reaching net zero carbon as a city by 2030.

Council therefore asks our planning policy officers to investigate whether a revision to our local plan, an addition to it or production of a supplementary planning document on climate change be of significant benefit in helping us reach our climate emergency targets and to report their findings, including budget implications of the options investigated, to the Cross Party Working Group on Climate Change and to the Growth and Environment Scrutiny Committee.”

59(7) Motion from Councillor Day

A vote was taken on the motion from Councillor Day (28 voted in favour, 28 voted against, 0 abstained from voting, the Mayor exercising his casting vote against the motion). The motion was therefore **DEFEATED**.

Councillors For: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis,

Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Against: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

Mayor's Casting Vote: Against

59(8) Motion from Councillor Murphy

A vote was taken on the altered motion from Councillor Murphy, on behalf of Cllr Amjad Iqbal. The amended motion was **AGREED** (31 voted in favour, 25 voted against, 0 abstained from voting) as follows:

“Council notes that Saint Peter’s Arcade access has been closed for some time now, a decision that wasn’t taken with great transparency or consultation. An alternative route for disabled people is to use Bridge Street round a narrower entrance on a pavement where the width has been restricted due to building works. It has been commented that two wheelchair users can’t use this at the same time.

Council believes that a number of people and residents, particularly those who use wheelchairs, would wish to see Saint Peters Arcade opened as an access route into the town centre and that both routes could have been used to reduce possible COVID-19 risks with a one-way advisory in place.

Council believes that as and when Covid risks reduce Saint Peter's Arcade should be reopened.

Council resolves to request that the Cabinet Member consider, when appropriate, the reopening of Saint Peter’s Arcade to allow for and enhanced access for disabled people into the city centre, along with the potential for registering it as a public right-of-way.”

Councillors For: Ali, Ash, Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Dowson, Ellis, John Fox, Judy Fox, Haynes, Hemraj, Hogg, Howell, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lane, Lillis, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Sandford, Shaheed, Skibsted, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Against: Aitken Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Abstaining: Nil

60(a) Political Balance and Allocation of Committee Seats

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to:

1. Note that there were 109 seats on committees.
2. Agree the allocation of seats on those committees subject to political balance arrangements (Appendix 1 to the report).

3. Agree the allocation of seats on those committees not subject to political balance arrangements (Appendix 2 to the report).

60(b) Chair and Vice-Chair of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (45 voted in favour, 0 voted against, 11 abstained from voting) to appoint Councillor David Over as Chair of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

Councillors For: Ali, Allen, Ash, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Dowson, Ellis, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hemraj, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Azher Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Lane, Murphy, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Qayyum, Robinson, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Skibsted, Warren, Walsh, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Against: Nil

Councillors Abstaining: Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Haynes, Hogg, Howell, Lillis, Sandford, Shaheed, Wiggin

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (28 voted in favour, 17 voted against, 11 abstained from voting) to appoint Councillor Andy Coles as the Vice-Chair of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

Councillors For: Aitken, Allen, Ayres, Bashir, Bisby, Brown, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Hiller, Holdich, Howard, Azher Iqbal, Lane, Nadeem, Gul Nawaz, Over, Rush, Seaton, Simons, Walsh, Warren

Councillors Against: Ali, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Hemraj, Hussain, Amjad Iqbal, Jamil, Jones, Joseph, Murphy, Shaz Nawaz, Qayyum, Robinson, Skibsted, Yasin, Yurgutene

Councillors Abstaining: Barkham, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Day, Haynes, Hogg, Howell, Lillis, Sandford, Shaheed, Wiggin

60(c) Draft Programme of Meetings 2020/21

A vote was taken and Council **RESOLVED** (unanimous) to approve, in principle, the draft programme of meetings for 2021/22 (attached at Appendix 1 to the report).

The Mayor
6.00pm – 10.45pm
27 January 2021
Town Hall
Bridge Street
Peterborough

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