

Council

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**FULL COUNCIL 23 JUNE 2021
QUESTIONS**

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	<p>Question from Simon Kail</p> <p>For Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald, representative on Combined Authority Board</p> <p>Under the section 106 agreement for the development of land at Paston Reserve dated 11th August 2017 the applicants agreed to pay a substantial contribution 'towards the provision of a bus service between the land and Peterborough city centre or such other improvement or subsidisation of public transport links to the Land approved by the Applicants'. As the Combined Authority is now responsible for public transport provision in Peterborough can the Councillor explain how they are complying with this agreement?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Simon Kail</p> <p>For Councillor Steve Allen Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p> <p>Under the section 106 agreement for the development of land at Paston Reserve dated 11th August 2017 the applicants agreed to pay a substantial contribution towards a community centre and play facilities, including an NEAP, MUGA and skateboarding facilities. Can the Councillor elaborate on how and when these contributions will be invested in the development?</p>

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Questions on notice to:

- a. The Mayor
- b. To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet
- c. To the Chair of any Committee or Sub-committee

1. **Question from Councillor Wiggin (1)**

For Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities, and Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments

What progress has been made on implementing article 4 designations (planning controls on HMOs) across Peterborough?

2. **Question from Councillor Joseph**

For Councillor Simons, Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment

I'm pleased bulky waste collections are being reintroduced as a number of opposition Councillors had requested this over the years. Could you please assist me with the following:

- 1) What will be the total gross annual cost of bulky waste collections?
- 2) Where is the money coming from?
- 3) Are any services likely to be compromised as a result of the reintroduction of bulky waste collections?
- 4) Why did it take the administration so many years to reintroduce the service?

3. **Question from Councillor Hogg (1)**

For Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities, and Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments

There has been considerable concern around the future of the City Market from across the city. Can the relevant cabinet member please outline to council why, despite the fact the Northminster development has been in the planning stage for some time, when was the decision taken that the market would not be part of that development and why are we still in the position of not knowing where the market will be relocated or even what the make-up of that new market will be?

4. **Question from Councillor Sandford**

For Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments

	<p>At Annual Council recently the leader of the council stated that no decisions have been made in respect of Peterborough United moving their ground to a site on the Embankment.</p> <p>Whilst that is true with regard to a planning decision in the Council's capacity as planning authority, the Council is also the owner of the land on the Embankment.</p> <p>So could the leader of the Council tell us what commitments have been made to Peterborough United regarding transfer of ownership of the land on the Embankment or other arrangements for the football club to use part of it? And will he publish the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the Football Club which we are told was signed last year and may be relevant these issues, so there is full openness and transparency with both councillors and the citizens of Peterborough, whatever their views on the issues.</p>
5.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz (1)</p> <p>For Councillor Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities, and Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments</p> <p>Peterborough market is an integral part of the city. It supports the local economy and livelihoods of many families rely on the market having a safe and secure home. Could you please explain where the administration will relocate the market?</p>
6.	<p>Question from Councillor Wiggin (2)</p> <p>For Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>How much has the council had to pay for hiring venues for council meetings since the virtual meetings legislation ended, and how much of this is additional spending compared to meetings held in the Council Chamber?</p>
7.	<p>Question from Councillor Shaz Nawaz (2)</p> <p>For Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>The Empower loan impairment is a disaster that was waiting to happen. I did point this out back in January 2019 and I know other members have raised concerns over the years. What I want to know is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why did the council grant a 100% loan knowing full well the extraordinary risk of doing so? 2. Why was the debt not securitised by other assets and personal guarantees? 3. Why did the council not take a tougher stance on collecting the loan when opposition members were warning the administration of the risks? 4. Who is ultimately responsible in the cabinet for having caused such a colossal black hole in the council's finances?
8.	<p>Question from Councillor Hogg (2)</p> <p>For Councillor Simons, Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment</p> <p>Election promises were made by the leader of the council regarding the provision of free bulky waste collection across the city. Can the relevant cabinet member, or indeed</p>

the leader, please confirm that this promise will be upheld and more importantly when can we expect this service to be available to residents?

Questions on notice to:

d. The Combined Authority Representatives

1,

Nil

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ALTERATION TO MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR SANDFORD

Alteration to be moved as follows:

Motion from Councillor Sandford

“Following publication of the Waste Management Plan for England in January 2021, the Government has announced that it intends to legislate for consistent collection of recyclable materials by local authorities across England and that this may include requirements for more kerbside separation of different recyclable materials. They are currently consulting on what form these new regulations may take.

In its waste management plan, Government states that its aim is get recycling rates for municipal waste up from around 45% currently to 65% by 2035. Peterborough's current recycling rate is only just over 40%.

~~Council therefore believes it would be premature for Peterborough City Council to invest further in domestic waste collection vehicles until precise Government waste collection requirements are known.—~~

~~Council also believes it is important, as part of the Council's commitment to get the city to net zero carbon by 2030, that wherever possible future investment is in electric or hybrid vehicles.—~~

Council recognises that we need to procure some new vehicles now to ensure we can meet the council's statutory duty to collect household waste but, would ask that any future purchases, beyond the CMDN that has already been approved and the additional 2 fully electric RCV's for garden waste be paused, to allow for further guidance to be published. Council also believes it is important, as part of the Council's commitment to get the city to net zero carbon by 2030, that wherever economically and operationally possible future investment is in electric or hybrid vehicles.

Council therefore requests the Cabinet to pause any further investment ~~in new waste collection vehicles beyond the approved CMDN and the 2 additional electric RCV's for garden waste~~ and requests that the Growth and Environment Scrutiny Committee ~~carry out an urgent review of collection of domestic waste, with a view to significantly increasing our recycling rates and ensuring cost effective investment in new vehicles and machinery.~~ receive an update on proposed measures to be taken to increase recycling rates.”

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ALTERATION TO MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR JONES

Alteration to be moved as follows:

Motion from Councillor Jones

“This Council notes that:

- The Covid-19 lockdowns have shown how vital technology is to keeping people connected, in particular the vulnerable in society, many of whom have been confined to their homes and unable to see loved ones.
- According to Age UK, 51% of digitally excluded people are over the age of 65, while refugees and the homeless also face worrying levels of digital exclusion. According to homeless charity C4WS, 90% of those in shelter don't have access to IT devices.

This Council believes:

- We need to embrace new ways to bridge the digital gap, as it has taken a global pandemic to show what can happen when we don't do that.
- Companies need to embrace innovative ways to upcycle their old technology rather than simply sell for scrap, which just gets shipped around the world and adds to our carbon footprint.
- Digital exclusion is particularly concerning for the most vulnerable in society, including those on low income, such as pensioners living on pension credit, refugees and those without homes.
- Along with other public bodies in local area, such as schools and universities, we have a civic duty to work together to find the most beneficial solutions to challenges we face as a local community, including digital exclusion.

The Council resolves to request that the Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation consider:

- **Donating IT equipment locally to those in need rather than scrapping it, using schemes such as the Laptops for Homeless and Vulnerable Initiative.**
- **Encouraging public bodies, council suppliers and other local businesses in Peterborough to take similar action as set out above, by use of the Council's–**
- **~~Encouraging council suppliers, together with the Council, to proactively take part in sponsoring and promoting this message to local businesses, through traditional media and social media channels and any other means appropriate.~~**”