

<b>COUNCIL</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
<b>10 NOVEMBER 2021</b>	PUBLIC REPORT

## **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

The following notice of motion has been received in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:

### **1. Motion from Councillor Murphy**

**“Council notes the development in policy around the licensing of sex establishments by Bristol City Council and requests that the Licensing Committee considers the formulation of a policy for Peterborough of nil establishments, with any recommendations to return to Full Council for adoption.”**

### **2. Motion from Councillor John Fox**

“On recent visits to Peterborough City Hospital, it has been noticed that when police officers bring a patient into Accident and Emergency, who is in custody, they are treated the same as any other member of the public.

This may seem to some as equality and the right thing to do, however is ill-logical and not cost effective to the tax-payers of Peterborough.

Most people in custody will be escorted by two warranted officers and there will be a vehicle parked in the car park.

As the waiting time during the busy periods can be in excess of six hours, this is not only taking two full-time officers and a car off the streets of Peterborough but is also totally impracticable. It would benefit all parties if people in custody were seen urgently so the officers can get back on the road serving the general public.

**Therefore Council resolves:**

- 1. For the Director of Public Health to liaise with the Clinical Commissioning Group to determine if a system can be implemented whereby a room is set aside from the public for this purpose so the public are not in any fear or intimidation from the person in custody. Also, with regards to the person in custody's identity being restricted, as they maybe in handcuffs but not possibly at this stage charged with any offences and a crowded reception area is equally not ideal for the persons anonymity.**
- 2. For the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health, and Public Health to write to our two Members of Parliament, setting out the above as areas of concern.”**

### **3. Motion from Councillor Murphy**

Peterborough City Council:

- i. acknowledges the conscientious efforts made by most users who enjoy firework displays in a

- responsible manner
- ii. recognises that fireworks are used for a variety of motives for reasonable enjoyment
- iii. further recognises that some users misuse fireworks and cause considerable irritation to residents, pets and the city as a whole
- iv. believes that action needs to be taken to raise awareness about the use of fireworks by doing the following:
  - a) Educating people on the use of fireworks, endorse and promote the Office of Product Safety and Standards national firework campaign, using both literature provided, and the council's social media platforms to maximise the effectiveness of the campaign.
  - b) Collating data of firework related disturbance and misuse made to the council and partner agencies to enable the council to provide evidence backed submissions of their impact on communities to national firework related policy reviews.
  - c) Engaging with secondary schools through the Council's Education Department to raise awareness among children and circulate freely available material to support the correct use of fireworks
  - d) Promoting awareness amongst community associations and networks so that they can help spread the message.
  - e) Joining the Fire and Rescue Service in their campaign on fireworks
  - f) Writing to government to encourage a revision of firework standards to reduce maximum decibel levels to 90db, from 120db, thereby reducing noise nuisance, and the harm to pets and animals.
  - g) Collating and gathering supporting evidence over the next 12 months in relation to the use of fireworks including complaints and misuse. The data will be used to present a case to government to ask for legislative change to prevent category F3 fireworks which are intended for large open space areas being sold other than to event organisers, thereby reducing noise nuisance, and the harm to pets and animals.'

**Council resolves to do all it can to help reduce misuse of fireworks by working cross-agency and cross-community throughout the city.”**

#### **4. Motion with Major Implications from Councillor Murphy**

“In Peterborough many residents have expressed concern about the situation concerning Palestine with hundreds of residents attending rallies held in Cathedral Square.

This Council resolves to write to the County Pension Fund (part of the Local Government Pension Scheme) urging that they adopt policies requiring them to divest from all companies active in Israeli settlements in Palestine and all arms companies which supply weapons to Israel.”

#### **Briefing Note from Corporate Director of Resources:**

"The Council has requested information from the Cambridgeshire Pension Fund and can confirm that it has holdings in Israeli companies within particularly the passive funds (amounting to approx. £3m out of £950m) as well an isolated holding of Booking within one of our other managers. However, it does not have the information to identify if these investments, or indeed other investments in the fund, are directly linked to the items in the motion.

The fund has a Statement of Investment Principles which set out how it invests funds and these are refreshed on a periodic basis. It is the responsibility of the fund to make the best return possible within those investment principles. This is especially important for the Council given the present Pension Fund deficit (as per Note 7 in the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts) is £321m and this has to be recouped.

Any changes must be made through the Pension Committee **but members must be minded that they have an onus to maximise returns within those Investment Principles** as this is a significant yearly

revenue cost to the Council given the deficit position."

## **5. Motion from Councillor Sandford**

"That Peterborough City Council:

(i) Acknowledges the efforts that this Council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy, in furtherance of its aim to get the Council and the City to net zero carbon by 2030.

(ii) Further recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished, and
- that revenues received by such local companies, community groups or councils that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;

(iii) Notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;

(iv) Accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 264 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and

(v) Further resolves to ask officers to inform the local media of this decision and write to our local MPs urging them to support the Bill in Parliament."

## **6. Motion from Councillor Day**

"The impacts of climate change in the UK and around the world are clear and demand urgent action. We are already witnessing changes that impact lives and livelihoods and reshape landscapes and communities. 2020 was the first time that heat, rain and cloudless periods all ranked in the top 10 years since accurate records began. Total rainfall from extremely wet days has increased by around 17% over 2008- 2017, for the UK overall, so as well as increased rainfall overall, intense rainfall poses additional problems. The rate of change is increasing, and causing alarm to scientists, as reported by the IPCC earlier this year.

We are experiencing warmer & wetter winters, hotter & drier summers, with high variability, increases in average & extreme temperatures, changes to rainfall patterns, leading to flooding in some places, & water scarcity in others, increased frequency & intensity of wildfire. As we reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero, we must also adapt and build resilience to current and future changes to our climate.

Peterborough experienced extreme rainfall in July 2020 with direct impacts on residents and local infrastructure. Bourges Boulevard was again flooded causing vehicles and ambulances to come to a standstill. Flooding caused significant tailbacks on the Fletton Parkway heading into Eye, with cars left abandoned on the roadside. The recently opened Aldi store at PE1 Retail Park was flooded and Queensgate bus station had to be closed due to water levels and the Car Haven was flooded. Other

streets around Dogsthorpe and Welland were flooded.

This council agrees to:

- Ask the Executive Director of Place and Economy to produce a costed proposal, including funding streams to the Cabinet Member for the development of a climate change adaptation action plan.
- Ask the Cabinet Member to consider the above proposal once funding has been identified.
- The following climate change adaptation action plan specification:
  - The action plan should assess past and future risks to residents, organisations and the council from extreme weather events or hazards arising from a changing climate, including the impact of:
    - Surface water flooding from extreme rainfall
    - Extreme heat and cold in homes especially at night
    - Extreme temperatures in workplaces
    - Extreme wind, hail, rainfall and drought
  - The action plan should include estimated costings for the adaptation and resilience measures that are required to protect Peterborough from the disruption caused by extreme weather events.
  - The action plan should identify methods of funding this work.
  - The action plan should be produced in consultation with the Combined Authority and national government along with local organisations and residents.
- Ask the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to consider the action plan for recommendation to Cabinet.”

## **7. Motion from Councillor Hogg**

“Council notes that:

Currently, when dealing with planning applications, applications to carry out work on Protected Trees, and applications for advertisement consent, listed building consent and conservation area consent, the decisions are delegated to officers, via the Executive Director of Place and Economy, apart from a list of exceptions which are then heard by the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee.

One such exception is applications known to be submitted by or on behalf of a Councillor, Director or Head of Service of the authority (or their spouse/partner). This is to give greater transparency to these decisions for the general public.

**Council resolves to:**

**Ask the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee to consider adding to this list of exceptions any planning applications to carry out work on Protected Trees, applications for advertisement consent, and listed building consent which relate to properties and/or protected trees that are owned by the council. This will allow for greater transparency to these decisions for the general public.”**