

<b>SHAREHOLDER CABINET COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 4</b>
<b>15 DECEMBER 2021</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

Report of:	NPS Peterborough Ltd	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Peter Hiller - Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Commercial Strategy and Investments	
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## **NPS PETERBOROUGH 2021/22 BUSINESS PLAN**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>FROM:</b> Corporate Director Resources	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that Shareholder Cabinet Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the contents of the NPS Peterborough Ltd Business Plan 2021/22.</li> <li>2. Notes the comments on the Corporate Director Resources in respect of the future direction of the overall Property function in respect of the Council budget position.</li> </ol>	

### **1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to Shareholders Committee as part of its normal programme of works.

### **2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with the NPS Peterborough Business Plan as presented at the previous Committee meeting. The report provides the strategic plan for NPS Peterborough and considers how it will support the financial challenges ahead.

2.2 This report is for Peterborough City Council Shareholder Cabinet Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.3.2 (a), 'To monitor performance and financial delivery of the companies, partnerships and charities set out above in line with Cabinet approved business plans by means of monthly performance monitoring and scrutiny'.

2.3 The attached presentation documents how NPS Peterborough Ltd align its own strategy with the Council's long term Corporate Priorities, namely driving growth and economic regeneration; improving educational attainment and skills; and promote healthy, safe and cohesive communities.

### **3. TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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### **4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 NPS Peterborough Ltd is a 50/50 joint venture company owned by Peterborough City Council and the Norse Group (a wholly owned subsidiary of Norfolk County Council).
- 4.2 The objectives of the joint venture are to support the City Council's property aspirations through the delivery of its property estate functions and provide strategic asset management advice to support the City's growth and regeneration ambitions. The joint venture can also commission and provide other professional property services that support the Council's agenda.
- 4.3 As the joint venture has evolved and Aragon Direct Services has developed over the past two years, significant work has been undertaken to clarify the different areas of responsibility between the 2 organisations.
- 4.4 Due to the Council's overall budget position, and the complicated Property setup in the council with delivery of various aspects by NPS Peterborough, Aragon, Housing Services, Regeneration and Schools Property, the whole service area will be reviewed as part of the 2022/23 budget process.
- 4.5 The annexed presentation sets out the NPS Peterborough Business Plan for the 2021/22 financial year. In the presentation sets out how NPS:
- Manages the Council's Strategic Assets.
  - Manages the Council's Commercial and Industrial Estates.
  - Manages the Council's Rural Estate.
  - Links in with the Council's Housing function.
  - Delivers the Council's Building Management Function.

The presentation sets out the high level business plan financial deliverables, high level risks and opportunities as well as the staff Learning and Development Plan.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 None

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 6.1 It is anticipated that the annexed document will provide the Committee members with a clearer understanding of the role NPS Peterborough plays in supporting the Council's objectives and aspirations.

## **7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 The Committee are asked to note the report and associated documents and raise any queries or comments.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 The council has a complicated Property setup with delivery of various aspects by NPS Peterborough, Aragon, Housing Services, Regeneration and Schools Property. The whole service area will be reviewed as part of the 2022/23 budget process to test if the present range of delivery options are fit for purpose and can deliver the Councils requirements within the reducing resources envelope.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

- 9.1 The Council provides circa £1.8m income per annum to support the services outlined in the service level agreement and one-off projects. The business plan financial BP page sets out the costs since 2016/17. The JV has returned £676K in total over 5 years back to the Council in volume discount.

### **Legal Implications**

- 9.2 The contract is managed via the Service Deed of Agreement dated 8th July 2016.

### **Equalities Implications**

- 9.3 Referred to in the Learning and Development Plan slide in the Business Plan.

### **Rural Implications**

- 9.4 This contract manages the Councils Rural portfolio.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 Report to Shareholders Committee – 9th November 2020

## **11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Appendix 1 - Business Plan 2021/22 NPS Peterborough

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