

<b>COUNCIL</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
<b>25 JANUARY 2023</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 Burbage**

“During 2022, Bretton Ward Councillors worked with Peterborough City Council, to install an Autism Communication Board in a play area in Bretton Park. This has been enthusiastically welcomed in Bretton by autistic children and by children who do not necessarily use English as a first language.

This Council notes:

Peterborough's first Autism Communication Board was installed at Longthorpe Park in November 2021, with a further board being installed in Fletton and Stanground in July 2022. The boards have several images and symbols which allow children who are non-verbal to communicate how they are feeling and express by pointing at a symbol anything they want to do. The boards have been a great success in raising awareness amongst park users, helping people communicate in different ways and making the parks more accessible and Peterborough autism friendly.

**This Council resolves to request that the Cabinet Member:**

**Works with all education providers to ensure that information on how to access and install Autism Communications Boards are shared, so that all children can gain awareness and communicate with non-verbal children in an inclusive way, as well as helping communication with students that struggle with English as a first language.”**

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

“The residents of Werrington have recently been close to getting a purpose-built sports complex, which included a swimming pool; something the residents of Werrington were promised nearly fifty years ago by the council.

It was planned to be built by the same contractors that were going to build the replacement leisure complex before the closure of the regional swimming pool.

The importance of this sports complex was reinforced by the lack of public sports facilities in the north of our city, and now that Market Deeping leisure centre has been closed the need is even greater. This has been compounded with the reduction of services at the Werrington Sports Centre.

The reason provided for not progressing with the delivery of this facility was financial. However, given that leisure/pool facilities are now under review it is vital to ensure that the needs of all communities are at the forefront of any decisions, especially the ward councillors for the relevant areas concerned.

**The Council resolves to request that the Leader of the Council:**

1. **Confirms that if/when a replacement for the Regional Pool is planned, that this will consider the needs of the whole city and in particular the provision of a pool facility in Werrington.**
2. **Ensures that an open and transparent consultation takes place with all councillors representing affected wards, to reassure them that the best interests of the residents living in those wards are taken into account before any decision takes place for either facility.”**

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

“The superb take-up from Blue Badge Holders using the parking bays in St. Peters Road at the rear of the Town Hall on a regular basis clearly shows it has been a very successful move by the council.

These bays are nearly always full during the day and clear at around 5-6pm most evenings, which shows just how successful they are in providing much needed parking spaces for those with limited mobility.

There is a dire need of bays adjacent to the Town Hall for the use of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles, thereby making it much safer for the wellbeing of users of such vehicles.

The Council resolves to request that the Cabinet Member support the implementation of the following facilities for Blue Badge Holders and Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles in the following ways:

1. Adapt all bays in St. Peters Road for Blue Badge Holders, with the same restrictions as already in force.
2. To ensure that all disabled bays comply with best practice and current legislative guidance for Blue Badge parking standards.
3. To install two bays adjacent to the Town Hall to facilitate the use of larger Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.”