

Peterborough City Council

Appendix C- Budget Consultation Feedback

We had a total of 50 submissions to the Budget Consultation.

Below the answers to questions 1 to 10 from the survey, followed by feedback from key stakeholder groups.

Question 1

Our Sustainable Future City Council document sets out our priorities for the next three years.

To what extent do you agree with this approach?

 Strongly agree	3
 Agree	16
 Not sure	16
 Slightly disagree	8
 Strongly disagree	7



Question 2

One of the options to help us protect and invest in services is to increase Council Tax.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should increase Council Tax?

Strongly agree	7
Agree	10
Not sure	2
Slightly disagree	12
Strongly disagree	19



Question 3

We spend half our net budget on adult and children's social care services.

Children' social care services support children in the greatest need – children who are disabled, who have to be protected from harm or need to be looked after in residential or foster placements. Adult social care provides support to older people, and to adults with either physical or learning disabilities, or physical or mental illnesses.

How important is it to you that we continue to prioritise spending in these areas?



Question 4

The council works hard to recruit foster carers but with the number of children needing placements being greater than our number of carers, we have to use private fostering agencies, placing children away from the local area.

What could the council do to make fostering a more attractive offer for residents?

No	Answer
1	Don't know
2	Surely using private fostering agencies is a more expensive option? Can't this money, or a large proportion of it, be spent within the city to support carers and education of youngsters who are possibly having children they are unable to support hence the need for foster care? Direct more funding to the source of why so many foster carers are needed. If this means more funding at school sex-education levels, so be it!
3	Publicise what it means to be a fosterer
4	The process is very invasive. It's also most like you don't want people to be foster carers. I know that you have to be very careful who you place children with, but.
5	Stronger awareness. Showcase excellence delivery and why important not to be removing children's opportunities to grow up within the Peterborough community and family.
6	Find people who want to foster to help children and not just to line their pockets. Make the help and support for foster care rs more real. Reply to people who contact you to offer to foster. I know many people who have never had a reply
7	make it higher profile and a greater awareness. Make the fostering system quicker and simpler.
8	No views.
9	Provide better support.
10	You can't during the financial crisis
11	Offer great incentives such as a good allowance.
12	Increase payments.
13	Better incentives
14	GIVE MORE REALISTIC SUPPORT

15	?
16	Not sure
17	Pay them more
18	Pay more
19	Cutting back on red tape and having a good support system in place
20	Build and maintain hostels to provide care at affordable rate
21	As a foster carer I find Fostering Services very supportive of me and professional. I think they can improve their comms and community outreach, for example reaching ethnic minority communities. The concept of fostering is poorly understood in Eastern European communities, for example. Maybe taking a more targeted, intelligence-led approach, e.g., approaching sixth forms to reach parents experiencing 'empty nest syndrome', and faith communities (who are likely to be more open to fostering). With reference to the question, sometimes it is in the child's best interest to move them out of the local area!
22	Provide anonymised case studies to show people the benefits to the children supported and to the host family
23	Publicise schemes more, making clear the positive benefits to society and prospective foster carers. Send this out with every council tax demand. Suspect many people are out of the loop.
24	Decent wages as it is after all a job
25	make a more assessable to become a foster parent.
26	Sack the current executive leadership team- clearly failing at the jobs, hugely overspending, and providing little in return.
27	online fostering brochure so you know what you're getting into publish list of Kids available for fostering with what they need.
28	Better communication from social workers with foster carers, I know someone who left the LA foster career after poor communication from the social workers. More trauma informed support for children being placed with foster carers, more peer support, better pay, often private foster carers pay more.
29	I have no idea.
30	Better support, improved training,
31	Offer better money and support
32	Perhaps make it less difficult to Foster. Increase payments as regards fostering.
33	Better marketing, social media presence, attending churches and religious institutes where societal obligations are strongest, encourage people not to have children if they can't look after them, stop being as picky over who they are placed with.
34	Provide clear details on the process and benefits of becoming a foster carer, from looking at the Councils current resources, this isn't clear at all.
35	Aside from the usual financial incentives, maybe provide breaks for the foster parents to get away for a weekend or a week.

36	Advertise benefits and support to foster
37	Increase financial allowances.
38	Free parking, help with domestic bills
39	Easily accessible support for foster carers with local community groups in local centres (e.g., libraries and children's centres).
40	I'm really unclear as to what the benefits are, this could be made more clear.
41	Provide more information that is clear to the process of fostering, what's involved and the benefits.
42	As ever, provide decent incentives to encourage local people to foster children. The reason PCC so often gets things wrong is because city leaders consistently fail to understand the role of positive incentives to encourage changes in behaviour- both at individual and community level. As ever, a local timebank would be a superb idea!
43	Ensure the package is similar or better than fostering agencies offer
44	Make it easier for people who would love to foster but have no space to get housing to give them that option.
45	Show residents how it can be done, even in f/t work
46	Make it easier
47	Non
48	Is the reduction in foster carers temporary? was it precipitated by the scheme to provide homes to Ukrainian refugees? Are fosterers stopping fostering? (What do their exit interviews say? do they have enough support?) Are we being inclusive enough in engaging with potential carers e.g., LGBTQ+, single people, different communities
49	The reduction could be because of people providing homes for Ukrainian refugees? And increased training and support for fosterers, from a diverse range of backgrounds, to reflect the diverse range of kids who need fostering
50	Enhanced support through signposting to the voluntary sector partners that could support this well. Good, clear communication and smaller funding allocations to either convert to improve existing homes. Working with housing associations who have direct contact with clients and would be willing to support this Early help services for families: helping to keep children at home in a safe, loving family environment through promoting family-based physical activities [probably more can be done here by targeting our families work at at-risk families].

Question 5

National data suggests that there could be a 25% increase in the number of people at risk of becoming homeless.

Do you have ideas as to how the council could better support residents to avoid them becoming homeless?

No	Answer
1	Support people at risk of homelessness and give them somewhere
2	Be more visible & vocal about the housing crisis in Peterborough so the public have a clearer understanding of the dire situation. A society mind shift needs supporting as affordability is rarely truly considered, people financially overstretch themselves so educate more clearly. Plan more efficiently that developers MUST provide more affordable housing. Work with mortgage providers, landlords, medical services to be more aware earlier in the process maybe of someone becoming homeless?
3	Build more social housing or require it with new development....and don't back down when developers push back!!
4	Build council homes
5	Again, more awareness of help and support at the earliest stages. For some reason trying to find information isn't straightforward. Walk in residents' shoes and look at your Google profile, search engine key words to take straight to council information. More direct involvement in community, through all touch points, from officers to ward councillors' communication and surgery offering with support professionals.
6	Stop filling the city help the people already here.
7	Firstly, lets have affordable council tax so people can pay their bills as at the moment we are struggling. Bring into use housing that is not occupied and identify places that could be utilised
8	Tighten criteria for accepting household as homeless so fewer household are placed in temporary accommodation.
9	Take the salary of the highest paid and use some of that money to fund food banks/shelters
10	Stop cutting support systems for addicts and prevent companies making people redundant
11	Pay should be paid and not to be a nuisance.
12	A freeze on Council Tax for people who can prove they are financially struggling.
13	Helping them financially. Surely that is why they become homeless
14	HAVE MORE SOCIAL HOUSING BUT NOT IN HUGE ESTATES AND ALSO DO NOT ENCOURAGE PRIVATE LANDLORDS
15	Give grant aid to homeless charity "Hope into Action"

16	Set a rent cap for private landlords
17	Build more council housing
18	Fund the building of more social housing. Incentivise existing social housing providers to better use their stock, e.g., moving single adults out of family homes to more appropriate properties; Incentivise existing social housing providers to move those that can clearly afford private rents to move out of social housing stock.
19	Retaining ST Michaels Gate might have helped
20	Encourage people to work reduce benefits so people will be motivated to find work
21	I think this is a national, societal trend towards an entitlement mentality and people expecting the council/government to meet their needs. The key is fostering personal responsibility, and the responsibility of families and personal social networks to support people in situations of need, rather than an expectation of recourse to the council. So stronger messaging that the council is there as a last resort. And more support for family and community initiatives - building stronger bonds between people through sport, culture, and recreational activities.
22	Fund the voluntary sector to provide advice and support prior to the council's statutory duty to resolve housing problems at a very early stage and save costs to the council and stress to individuals and families
23	Support local charities, e.g., Citizen's Advice Peterborough, to extend their debt counselling and housing support services. They have a lot of the infrastructure to do so, but not the advisors.
24	Get a better handle on sky high private sector rents. Build more social housing rather than letting developers get away with not sticking to targets for social housing. Have accommodation where people can take dogs.
25	more support with mental health
26	Charge less!!
27	Fund bespoke hostel accommodation
28	Earlier interventions, better information sharing with agencies like schools, more internal information sharing within PCC departments, often departments work in silo, there is a focus on early intervention, but departments don't work together to help prevent. Having more community support advocacy to support families prior to eviction notices.
29	Weed out the unscrupulous landlords. Empty house should be seized or an order set in place to make them available. Having houses lying empty for long periods is a disgrace. Perhaps landlords should be "encouraged" to turn them round, charge full Council Tax at all times.
30	Increase social care, health care and support addictions.

31	Don't increase bills such as council tax. Use councillors wage increases to help people in financial difficulties
32	Be more flexible and look at the cost of not making people homeless.
33	Yeah, stop raising costs for a start and wasting taxpayers money. Invest in pods for people to stay in and stop failing people in schools so they have the skills to find jobs. Build more homes so they aren't unaffordable for people. But for those who have slipped through the net, invest in training and support to get them into work and temp accommodation instead of just sustaining them living on the streets.
34	Housing Needs to be reviewed, the service needs a new fresh approach from someone that can take the service forward.
35	Cost of living and rising prices are a main contributor. Council tax can be up to 10% of a minimum wage earner outgoing. Worth bearing in mind for single persons with no children.
36	Financial education to better manage Crisis support for those most in need financially
37	Increase the availability of temporary accommodation using purpose built or acquired properties and/or hostels in appropriate locations.
38	Purchase hostel with associated services for assistance, giving support to voluntary groups to the project.
39	Address the root causes of homelessness: drug and alcohol support, support for disadvantaged families.
40	No.
41	N
42	Ensure better joined up working with local mental health services to prevent at least some people from encountering such problems. Local mental health services are truly dire, and this is a big part of the problem- overall a lack of professionalism and genuine support.
43	Early intervention encouraging those at risk of becoming homeless to ask for help asap. More small properties are required. How about modular quick build buildings as temporary accommodation?
44	More help with council tax, maintaining homes to keep alongside tenancy even when there is now less help with repairs to help keep homes to a standard.
45	Reach out to those groups at ground level - they have the intel and relationships with those most at risk
46	Sort out the houses that are empty so people could use them
47	Better provision of social housing designed as interim housing for those made homeless. These are best provided by housing associations accessing Homes England funding, but more importantly it needs Peterborough Council to identify land that can be freed up quickly on brownfield or infill land packets owned by them or commercial concerns. How many empty pubs sit empty?

48	<p>Presume this will be higher in Peterborough because at 48%, we already have the highest level of in-work Universal Credit claimants nationally and twice the comparable national rate of people being evicted from rented housing.</p> <p>Increase the provision of affordable homes (fewer big homes in the proposed mix) and ensure they are well-insulated so cheaper to run</p> <p>Increase selective licensing to all landlords (and include insulation requirements e.g., EPC level D), and support tenants with template agreements that protect them better</p>
49	<p>More cheap, affordable homes (social housing), (well insulated)</p> <p>increase selective licensing (including higher environmental EPC standards) to all landlords so safer homes and fewer forced evictions,</p> <p>higher universal credit for people (by having higher council tax etc. and redistributing money to the poorest and most in need in society),</p> <p>more mental health support,</p> <p>more skills training and higher paid jobs (new green jobs)</p>
50	<p>Working with organisations such as Living Sport (the local delivery arm of Sport England) to support health, well-being, and avoiding isolation. In turn a more proactive relationship with landlords to ensure they work positively with tenants and understand where to signpost them to in times of challenge. Working with the Active Charter for GPs surgeries and taking preventative measures to ensure that homelessness or those at risk of it are supported and engaged with positively.</p> <p>Support to understand what benefits and resource they could be accessing e.g., Citizens Advice, food banks</p> <p>Producing print and information in multiple languages to ensure wider groups are reached</p> <p>Be mindful of the important contribution of sport and physical activity to public health (another statutory role for PCC), in particular the role SPA plays in:</p> <p>obesity – high levels of obesity in Peterborough</p> <p>mental health and wellbeing extremely high</p>

Question 6

The council has launched a network of community hubs to help those who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

What services would you benefit from being able to access at these hubs?

No	Answer
1	Pet food and sanitary products as well as food.
2	Financial advice, including affordability of running a home based on bedroom size versus average city-wide salaries, and what financial support might be available to help. Mental health services. Suggestions on how to save spending on groceries (bulk-meal planning maybe?) How to look for genuine better deals on energy providers / mobile phone provider / tv packages (Sky tv isn't a necessity!) Provide clearer visibility of PCC spend so the public have a better view of where funds are being spent.
3	Not sure
4	How to budget
5	None. I am not in need.
6	People who work need help too. The hubs are all set up to help and support people who don't work. K
7	none
8	Reduce expenditure on such hubs.
9	Ones that actually help people that are not on benefits or have a tonne of children.
10	Free hot food
11	Good library facilities.
12	None
13	Just sitting there and talking to someone is no good it needs action and incentives
14	NONE
15	Library services
16	not sure
17	N/A

18	None
19	Financial advisors would be a welcome asset. Sometimes it is about budgeting not just about food and cash help
20	No
21	Support should always focus on fostering self-reliance. Too many initiatives perpetuate dependence, e.g., food banks. Community hubs funded by the council are buying food from Booker and distributing it. How is that a sustainable solution? The most appropriate support is one-to-one support such as job hunting and debt management. Job clubs and charities like Christians Against Poverty are truly empowering people to take control of their own lives and live in dignity.
22	Housing Advice Benefits Advice Debt Advice Income maximisation Help with relationship problems
23	Basic advice provision on debt, housing, food provision, relationship breakdown, domestic abuse. Assistance to apply for and secure all benefits accessible to those in need. Good links to mental health provision.
24	Social Care advice for families and older people. Provide similar to sure start centres. Meals and activities to counter lone liness
25	food and help pay gas
26	Na
27	none
28	Employment and benefit advice, universal health support, children centres, food bank and clothing, hot meals, cooking clubs on a budget.
29	Unclear
30	Food, shelter, warmth, hot drinks, activities.
31	Knowing where the hubs are
32	None at the moment.
33	None. You need to redefine the criteria for poverty - can't heat or eat, that's a problem, can't eat or heat, but can afford a nice new iPhone and sky, then it's not the taxpayers or councils' problem. Encourage better financial management.
34	Open a hub in Bridge Street.
35	Somewhere to donate house items to.
36	Warm areas Companionship

37	None
38	Food banks, support network
39	Health services. Employment services.
40	Reopen Bridge Street.
41	Why close Bridge Street? It has excluded vulnerable people from being able to access support.
42	A truly effective City Council whose officials treated me as a citizen and NOT a customer!!! Such language reflects how the 'suits' within the Town Hall truly view local people- as passive consumers of ever-worsening services and not as individuals with intelligence and insight into their personal situations.
43	Benefit and housing signposting and money saving advice concerning fuel and food whilst wasting less.
44	More help with access to food, painting/decorating supplies and help with decorators. Courses to help with ideas like bulk cooking.
45	Mental health support Support with school issues Support with rents/accommodation Get a CAB worker in each of the hubs, even if only once a week.
46	Not need this
47	No
48	Need to ensure they don't compete to maximise the funding pots they can access and are sustainable for volunteers e.g., different days of the week for hubs, keep Light Project separate for homeless. Advice on housing, energy use, healthy eating etc (as proposed in the Climate Change Consultation following the discussion) Can we make more use of libraries for these? - because they can also provide space for studying, internet access, books etc to facilitate educational attainment (otherwise children may be squeezed further down the league table) Mental health/addiction/exploitation support.
49	They could be at libraries? so that people can access the internet to do work/schoolwork/looking for jobs as well as engaging with others over a hot drink/meal. Mental health support, financial advice, healthy eating (Like at Garden House run by the Light Project) they should all be in collaboration inc the light project, so they don't take resources/money away from each other
50	Healthy active activities such as walking, engagement in physical activity,

Question 7

We are committed to helping Peterborough become a net zero carbon city over the next few years and will be launching an action plan to help us get there. We can't deliver this on our own though - everyone needs to play their part.

What ideas do you have for things you and your community can do differently to help achieve this target?

What support do you think you would need from the council?

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No	Answer
1	None
2	I can't afford to swap my older second-hand car for a newer more energy-efficient model - suggestions on how do I make my transport more carbon neutral would be great as surely with older vehicles on the roads, carbon levels will increase not decrease? Log burners - as so many of us are switching to burning fuels rather than putting expensive heating systems on, what affect is this having on carbon levels across the city?
3	Stop spending so much on facilitating car transport in the city. Redirect road funds to public transport and cycle infrastructure
4	Better bus services, e.g., not go through Queensgate to get to other side of city. I can get into town, park and be back home, by the time a one-way journey into town would take on the bus. Plus, as I get free parking due to job, the £4.50 return on the bus is way more than I spend going in the car.
5	As yet no realistic bus and transport policy in place be it through Peterborough and Cambridge Authorities. So where is this? The leader was critical of the mayor, (ask the leader November 2022) yet sitting on the combined authority. So, needs to speak up and keep doing so or you can't deliver. There is no park and ride. tram system. Yet been talked about for years.
6	Improve roads and public transport
7	Bring back free brown bin collections. Also why are teams of tree cutters sent out and only do a fraction of what needs doing. The job as a whole needs doing and in one go rather than multiple visits.
8	Make it more difficult for parents to pollute the environment by driving their children to school, often very short distances. Use buses rather than taxis for home to school transport.
9	Actually, upholding this. Not making schools based on religion instead of catchment area. Not making more houses for roads that cannot handle the volume of traffic.
10	More electric charging points that are cheaper to use. Better public transport - buses that run into the night.
11	Street lighting is not that bright.

12	Get schools, colleges, universities, and government offices to turn off all electrical equipment including lights, tv screens, monitors and printers in evening weekends and holidays.
13	Firstly, make the whole city centre pedestrian. Only delivery and Disabled Vehicles are allowed.
14	THE ONE THING THAT WE COULD ALL DO IS TO ENCOURAGE BUS TRANSPORT HOWEVER OUR VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES HAVE NO TRANSPORT THIS MAKES A MOCKERY OF TRYING TO REDUCE AS WE ALL HAVE TO USE CARS. WHEN WITH A GOOD BUS SERVICE IT IS A REALISTIC GOAL FROM YOUNG TO ELDERLY
15	Introduce a congestion charge, upgrade the cycleway network
16	Ban parking within half a mile of schools to stop parents driving children to school
17	Bring in more traffic calming
18	This is a fool's errand when we effectively have no money. Just don't do it.
19	We looked at an electric car but given where we live, we would not be able to charge the car at home opening us to charges being levied by those supplying charging points.
20	Well council needs to understand needs vs luxury net zero is an aspiration and can wait Countries like UK will have nominal impact even if we get to net zero so prioritise funds to spend on tax papers and work providing priority service in NHS and education for high payer tax papers
21	Encourage people to use shops and the city centre, rather than ordering on Amazon etc, to reduce traffic on the roads. Losing John Lewis was a massive setback for the city. Promoting retail should be a high priority, for environmental reasons, but also for social reasons (giving life to our city centre, bringing people together, making the city centre safer...)
22	Not too sure
23	Small electric buses/minibuses to link up from new estates to the city centre, to avoid car use. More electric charging points to encourage move to electric cars. More assistance for householders and private landlords to install air source heat pumps. Currently the government scheme is installer led (problematical) and only covers £5K of cost, so not a great incentive. Set up local information sessions to publicise the options.... put the idea into people's heads, currently only the proactive residents pursue options to improve their properties.
24	More recycling which may need better education leaflets about what can't go in green bin as some bins don't get emptied. More insulation in homes. Decent bus service so people don't need cars
25	information translated to different languages and work closely with local communities where is the trust
26	Give up - let's concentrate on the basics first, like a decent service which offers value for money!

27	Insist on solar panels on all new builds build decent segregated cycle ways on all main roads
28	More electricity Charing points for cars throughout the city. Advice for improving homes that target everyone not just people on benefits or low-income families
29	Net zero is a myth. You need to explain to the communities exactly what you mean as I doubt many people have a clue what it is. The community on its own can do very little. Reduce emissions, how? Need mass insulation of housing. Council needs to step up and be more proactive, start knocking on doors rather than people having to go thru going to you.
30	Not a priority right no
31	No idea
32	Sensible action plan is all important.
33	Apart from planting more trees around the city don't do anything. It's an arbitrary target without any cost analysis, in the middle of an energy crisis. There's no mandate for this. People don't want to play a part, or invest in expensive electric cars, boiler systems or solar panels. Stop controlling people's lives and trying to fix everything for us.
34	Link up with local businesses to get their views and experience in this area.
35	Reinstate the bus service. Less roadworks that causes pollution.
36	Park and ride Cheaper bus fares
37	Subsidised renewable energy for homes (solar, battery energy storage etc).
38	Community refuse recycling skips, to save carbon from individual travel journeys to recycling centre to help prevent fly tipping.
39	Easier recycling scheme, like Leicester City's orange bags, especially for the pe1 area. Bus routes running up to 2300, so residents don't choose to travel by car. Bus routes which connect the city with all major shopping areas around Pboro.
40	None.
41	None.
42	As ever, encourage pro-community behaviour (e.g., such as the excellent work by Peterborough Litter Wombles) by establishing a local time bank. In this way the community and voluntary efforts of local residents will be supported and a virtuous circle of greater levels of community participation can be created. I first suggested this idea in 2007 and have been ignored ever since! Therefore, if PCC 'suits' are serious about achieving this aim it must actually listen to those on whose behalf it claims to work. Stop making empty promises- if any promises at all- and treat those who are your collective boss with greater respect. Simples!!!
43	Increase recycling by way of better education. Fix the footpaths and cycleways to encourage their use, push the CA for a working bus strategy but please lay off the punishing the private car driver. Encourage them, don't punish them.

44	More solar panels, due to errors on councils part only half the street got there's done in my area and have heard this is the case in many areas.
45	Make it mandatory that everyone recycles and uses their food caddy. We've halved our general waste by using the food caddy and better recycling.
46	Make the garden waste bin free again. Make the cycle paths more accessible so people can actually use them

Drop the ill-conceived Net zero Carbon policy. There is no peer-reviewed article in a scientific journal that documents man-made climate change after the release of CO₂. Moreover, Net Zero policy is based upon the UN IPCC AR6 Report which has the same issue, BUT the “Summary for Policymakers” is written by economists and politicians and not scientists. It does not summarise the scientific papers in the UN IPCC AR6 Report.

The climate case is based on a hypothesis that has not been tested against observations.

The climate is a chaotic system, the future climate cannot be predicted or projected. The climate models are thus projections based on scenarios. This is a game with numbers.

It is clear that natural CO₂ emissions far outweigh those from human activities and that natural emissions are caused mainly by global warming, principally due to the Sun.

Rises in global temperature lead (and cause) those natural CO₂ increases - not the other way around.

In 2020 global CO₂ levels increased by 2.5ppm - 54% up from the 60-year average of 1.6ppm and over 5,000 times the average annual UK emissions (at 1% of 3% of 1.6ppm) over 60 years to 2020.

That rise in 2020 had nothing to do with human emissions - which FELL during that year - and we will achieve little by trying to emulate King Canute.

The cost of de-carbonising the U.K. grid at £3 trillion (£120,000 per household) will be carried by us - not by the solar and wind farm owners - who have had £100s millions in taxpayer subsidies. The cost of de-carbonising transport and industry will likely take the total up to around £5 trillion, or £200,000 per household.

The cost of energy storage needed to keep the lights on - when there is little sun or wind - will be enormous. So please, do let's start dealing with the whole truth. If anyone claims that solar and wind power is cheap, then they are lying.

The resulting escalation in the cost of energy will further raise the running costs of EVs and Heat Pumps and will make our industry less competitive - leading more U.K. businesses will move overseas – causing more CO₂ emissions than before?

The cost of raw materials is already escalating and around 1,400,000,000 cars have to be produced globally. it will take many hundreds of years at the current rate, to mine the materials needed for net zero.

Before responding, please try to grasp that: I) that the sun is the primary driver of climate, II) that there is no global warming model which factors in all drivers and feedback loops III) that natural CO₂ levels follow global temperature and v) that water vapour has a bigger greenhouse impact than CO₂.

Then consider that IPCC models don't appear to allow for the following:

- a) the self-correcting feedback loop whereby increased global temperature increases global greening, which absorbs CO₂.
- b) the effect of water vapour in the atmosphere - their models assume that the atmosphere is dry air!
- c) the effect of variations in the Earth's orbit and solar activity, including warming due to solar windstorms.
- d) the fact that the GHG effect of CO₂ is not linear with the % of the gas in the atmosphere.
- e) the fact that natural CO₂ emissions follow global temperature - not the other way around.

Surely anyone can grasp that the net increase in CO₂ levels in 2020 rose by 2.5ppm - over 5,000 times the U.K.s average annual emissions over the previous 60 years - making the UK's contribution irrelevant.

In 12 days, China emits the same amount of CO₂ as the UK does in a year and UK emissions have halved since 1990. But it should be abundantly clear that that increases in natural emissions far outweighed the human contribution.

Importing oil and gas from abroad via CO₂ emitting tankers - as we drive more business overseas, where they will cause more emissions than before - is about as

dumb as it gets.

Then consider that it will take hundreds of years - at the current rate of mining - to produce the materials needed to achieve net zero.

Please try to be serious

48	<p>Consistency between strategies - and action plans that will actually deliver outcomes! Investment in zero carbon is investment in sustainable council finances! Budget consultation & strategy still say Net Zero by 2030 and are very weak on actions - zero carbon should drive all investment e.g., better jobs, better housing (insulation, solar panels, wind turbines), better education and health (to adopt lower meat diet and more exercise), more active transport.</p> <p>Particularly important is better infrastructure for more active transport e.g. my community need the Council to listen to the consultation responses we make and implement the PCC's own strategies e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * City Centre: removing scruffy carparks and inserting as a minimum nice public square with trees, seating, sculptures, children's play equipment - to help attract better jobs; * Lincoln Road/ Alma Road scheme should focus on cycling connectivity, not obstructing bikes with car parking; * Make bus and cycle lanes and junction priorities to create faster, safer through routes and enforce bans on cars e.g., the part of Westgate Lincoln Rd to Broadway * Residential streets e.g., Taverners Road should be made pedestrian/ cycle only, as part of one-way routes to and from Bourges Boulevard to create better safer environments to live in - and increase appallingly low rates of cycling commuting, benefitting physical and mental health too. <p>PCC's recent Climate Change debate consultation and Local Area Energy Plan (page 5) was clear that we should do all of the above - and still the earliest plausible net zero city will be 2040. And more should be done.</p>
49	<p>I'm confused because in the Local Area Energy Plan it says the earliest feasible net zero target is 2040? not 2030 as stated in the Budget Consultation?? although I think that this target should be set as early as possible in order to drive action and stop some of the worst effects of climate change The Council should listen to the Climate Change debate consultation and Local Area Energy Plan and act on it: New builds should have higher EPC ratings, insulation and solar panels/wind turbines EVs shouldn't be prioritised over public transport and active travel because of lithium in batteries, tyre particulates, energy generation etc. Instead, there should be more safe, connected cycle routes because nearly all junctions are very dangerous at the moment without proper cycling prioritisation. Currently, its particularly bad to and from the train station, so this should be fixed, and the Lincoln/Alma Road scheme should prioritise bike routes not car There should be a Park and ride scheme with a congestion zone, more pedestrianisation and fewer car parks in the city (instead green spaces/parks with benches etc.)</p>
50	<p>Reasonable targets and a range of initiatives that identify multiple outcomes at the same time e.g., planting schemes to reduce and target emissions but also to increase participation and healthy active lifestyles</p>

Question 8

What ideas do you have for how the council could reduce spending?

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No	Answer
1	Cut the mayor's car and all the councillors and MPs expenses
2	<p>Reverse the annual ward elections decision! Appalling that after public consultation recently where the public agreed less elections would save money, the Council ignored the public opinion & decided annual ward elections are value for money! Whilst we are in financial crisis as a city/country, stop frivolous spending on services such as the pop-up ice rink in cathedral square that opened then closed because the freezers didn't work, so no doubt emergency engineers & freezers were brought in at extra cost to get it actually working?! Also, the ridiculous fountains in cathedral square that have rarely worked since installation - what a waste of money! These things are nice-to-haves if in a financial position to provide, but the city & council is in financial crisis so seems baffling these decisions are being taken to waste this money that could be spent on keeping libraries open as warm hubs for vulnerable elderly & those with young children. The city can afford to put a pop-up ice rink & fountains that don't work in the city centre, yet can't provide emergency housing for rough sleepers or homeless? The financial control of the council needs investigation and accountability.</p> <p>Agency staff - apparently many departments across the council are agency or contracted staff? This is not value for money!</p> <p>Councillor salaries & expenses should be capped in line with the average annual salary for a 25yr old. How can councillors understand what pressures the average resident is experiencing when they are not subject to those same pressures?</p> <p>More efficient parking meters! It is rare for all the car parking pay stations in the city centre (not Queensgate) to be working! If they were maintained more often, maybe more people would visit the town centre and spend money in the city rather than go elsewhere?</p>
3	Cut the roads budget and just undertake maintenance only for 2 years.
4	No
5	Work with companies such and Clear Channel who have taken over bus shelters in a number of Cities. The reasons given in past when raised is its Clear Channel who make based on marketing opportunities. Offer them the whole of Peterborough City post codes and it makes it easier for them to market to companies, bigger audience figures. They also introduced bee shelters. greener and sustainability. No cost then to tax payee and clean. Repair, help fight against graffiti. Costing the council this year more than in previous years. CEO when at Barnsley was part of a campaign and simply reward scheme lending to conviction. Put in place a scheme along these lines, and as in other places, offenders have to clean up. I hope this message gets through as it's been put forward but no real feedback. Response to action.
6	Reduce the number of senior leaders, they seemingly do very little and receive the biggest pay.

7	Do the jobs that need doing right and first time. E.g. grass and shrub/tree works. Potholes.
8	Cut strategic posts and concentrate on posts that have most interaction with residents. Reduce salaries of senior management as these seem very generous when compared to the size of the authority. Do not provide any support for asylum seekers places in the area by government, let central government pick up these costs. Accept fewer household as homeless by taking a more robust approach to accepting claims.
9	Reduce the wages and "spending money" of the council to use that money in better areas. Dentists are seriously hard to come by so put money in that.
10	Stop wasting money on the city centre/business enticement schemes. Cut pay for the top earners at the council and halve councillors' expenses
11	Control on street parking.
12	Reduce social care for drug users and alcoholics.
13	Stop wasting money. You cut £50,000 from looking after Plants but spent £52,000 on a survey for the bus depot
14	REALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT SCHEMES LONG TERM ARE WORTH SPENDING ON AND STOPP SHORT TERM GAIN THINKING WHICH WASTES MONEY
15	Do not outsource services to private companies
16	Do not employ expensive consultants
17	Reduce top Executives pay
18	Immediate expenses cut for all councillors. Immediate pay reduction for all staff earning over £35K. Immediate reduction is pensions contributions to all staff earning over 35K.
19	I am sure there are lots of areas you can trim expenses within the Council. Community workers could be used more i.e., for street cleaning
20	Encourage people fine work

21	<p>Support for SEN children and children in care is extremely expensive and, in some areas, (e.g., running children's homes), it's been found that contracted companies offer terrible value for money and are a racket. Any attempt to reduce spending in this area will no doubt provoke a clamour of noise on social media, but the council needs to have the backbone to stand up to Facebook criticism.</p> <p>Public health spending isn't very effective. There's duplication with central government, charities, etc. Campaigns on obesity, smoking cessation etc are less important these days - everyone knows about these issues.</p> <p>PCC salaries could be looked at - paying high salaries to attract the best people do NOT always work. The council should aim to attract people with a passion for Peterborough, not people who are chasing a big pay check. There are some fantastic people delivering great work in the charity sector earning a fraction of some PCC staff.</p>
22	Reduce Councillors allowances and expenses
23	No new ideas, but thoroughly support the focus on recycling promotion and education.
24	Stop daft vanity projects which will go nowhere. Stop employing agency staff and consultants who cost more and don't have any real commitment to the city. Scrap mayor's car. Reduce business rates so we have no empty shops as reduced income is better than none.
25	n/a
26	Sack to top floor - clearly failed in their roles - more streamlining is needed
27	Reduce Adult Social care expenditure
28	Stop paying consultants to review things, reduce agency social workers and agency senior managers, increase staff retention. Use community payback to do jobs like cutting hedges, grass in public places.
29	<p>Carrot and stick. The new camera system proposed for traffic offences is a good start. Some means of residents in Parking zones to know which vehicles are legally parked and if not being able to submit photographic evidence for enforcement action to follow. Expand the camera system for traffic offenses. Actually, start tonight enforcement action in the city centre.</p> <p>Stop using consultants, stop spending money on frivolous projects, Stanley Park springs to mind.</p>
30	Improved processes/systems, get rid of highly paid management who do not do much.
31	<p>Stop employing consultation companies to tell you where you have spent your money.</p> <p>Stop giving councillors huge paradises</p> <p>Fix the roads properly the first time</p>
32	With 50% of the budget spent on Social Care this needs to be looked at as a 5% saving would have an impact.

33	Start with the appalling road repair/improvement management. Do you ever do a cost analysis on how much the traffic hurts our city from poor planning on roadway improvements? People gridlocked, the CO2 being pumped into air from cars stuck in traffic because you closed 3 major roads for repairs at the SAME TIME and it takes people hours to get home. That bridge near the hospital for instance why not just put in a metal one that's quicker to install, or even better - don't replace it because there's already like 2-3 other bridges on that stretch and maybe question why it takes 6 months to do when every time, I drive past there's no workmen about. Maybe incentive them to complete faster by punishing delays with less money. Maybe think about all the work that needs doing to minimise disruption instead of shutting the same roads every 6 month. Stop spending £12m on pointless fountains that are rarely ever on and add nothing to the city. Stop overcharging business council rates so they leave, the high street is dying because of you. Maybe use your brains and think, should a small block of toilets in a car park really cost £500k when you could build a house for less.
34	Continue with essential spending only that is carefully monitored.
35	Look at all non-Essential costs within actual council service, do we need certain positions to provide a service as opposed to a tick box exercise. Get rid of all the red tape, free up workers to do things smarter.
36	Stop spending on leisure items and invest in what is really needed. Peterborough has enough for now. A year of cuts on this front would mitigate significant council tax increases and assist the deficit
37	None - just ensure that all services deliver value for money and ensure that the Council is able to demonstrate this through the publication of relevant performance indicators and financial benchmarking/comparative data.
38	Using cooperation with voluntary groups to support council services
39	?
40	Stop wasting money on all things that are non-essential.
41	Stop wasting money and focus on statutory services and the services that matter the most, Street cleaning, litter management and fly tipping.
42	Stop paying senior PCC executives utterly unsustainable salaries! Again, another idea I've suggested many times which is never taken on board!
43	Show that you understand the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis residents are suffering and reduce councillors' allowances across the board by 10% and resist any recommendation for an increase by the independent panel. Stop lending any money until the budget position is looking healthier.
44	Better bus routes that are more reliable rather than spending money on a service that doesn't work
45	Too many chiefs and not enough Indians! Far too many people still working from home, not doing what they should be doing, whilst front facing workers are drowning.

46	<p>Not give themselves a pay rise Look at the buses four number 2 buses you see together Look at how you actually waste in the council office</p>
47	<p>Consider how realistic it is to have £7.3m cash reserve. Review printing costs, are all leaflets being distributed really necessary? Review all non-statutory required services and prioritise those that are truly necessary.</p>
48	<p>Invest in zero carbon. Disingenuous to say climate targets are costly (strategy page 2) - investment in non-car infrastructure and affordable energy facilitates financial sustainability too! Focus effort on acquiring grants for widely beneficial zero carbon initiatives, especially in active transport (not £22m on a footbridge to Fletton Quays). Installing insulation and renewables will reduce long term spending.</p> <p>Don't continue to hire consultants to devise plans for the football stadium on the embankment that will reduce green space, remove public sports facilities, block the view of the Cathedral and deliver huge pollution, congestion, disruption and distraction to the city - not even POSH want it!</p> <p>Don't cut adult or child social care/ services, don't cut preventive measures.</p> <p>Fundamentally, generate income instead of focusing on reducing spending that's already pared down.</p>
49	<p>Invest more in preventative health and social care so less emergency large spending in the long term E.g., banning fast food advertising in the city, cycle routes etc. But they shouldn't cut spending to any key essential services (adult/ child social care services etc.) because they're very important and preventative Don't build a new football stadium - it will destroy green space, cost lots of money and release lots of greenhouse gases (congestion etc) - and isn't needed or wanted!</p>
50	<p>Focusing on multi-agency collaboration, an important element of saving money is the contribution of the council in the role of their convening discussions/relationships. Accepting and enabling organisations working local may be better placed to secure better value for money and achieve better outcomes from the available resources</p>

Question 9

What ideas do you have for how the council could generate income?

No	Answer
1	Auctions online, fun activities in every area,
2	The city centre is not comparable for shopping to our neighbours Milton Keynes & Cambridge - Queensgate has not been an attractive shopping centre for years. The rest of the city centre shopping is run down & not an attractive place to visit. Closing Peterborough Showground for events/concerts seems counter-intuitive as only the New Theatre with large capacity, yet that side of town is very unattractive & parking is appalling. Blue-chip corporations do not seem to invest in bringing staff to Pboro, there are only a few on business parks on the fringes. I think investment should be sought from those who have the finance available, not from city residents who are already struggling financially with what are basic needs. Reduce councillor salaries & expenses. Maintain car parking meters & the car parks - many have ridiculous potholes!
3	Put up car park charges and require dog owners to get a £20 annual per dog license with the revenue used to fund bin collections and environmental enhancements
4	Fining cyclists for cycling on pavements etc. Fine for litter dropping. Fine for spitting in the city centre. More fines for bad parking.
5	The Council in the past, keeps talking about Tourism, yet no evidence or real data shown. Footfalls are based on the car parks being full.... never seen any data Footfalls have increased sales. Where is the marketing platform for tourism? The city has still a number of fine examples, yet the story isn't told through and no one communicating with merchants to be part off. The City Christmas is dreadful, tick box, supply, and no storytelling to make it destination. Everyone not working together and create a unique Peterborough storyline for everyone in business to join in.
6	Get the people on benefits to do street cleaning and cleaning of communal areas. Save on the wage bill. Reduce spend on top level managers within council. Multi use council spaces across the area to create income.
7	ENFORCEMENT! Illegal car parking all through the city centre plus cowgate etc Fining fly tippers (it's become the fly tipping capital) Invest in a proper city market not just a row of a few wooden huts as there is no character or market feel at all.
8	Charge for translating.
9	As above, take money away from the councillors who have definitively not earned the money they are earning!

10	Increase business rates/rents
11	Council doesn't need to make more income.
12	Ensure parking charges are paid for the weekly car meet.
13	Sponsorship!! Get more sponsors. EG. The Christmas tree could have sponsors around the green board.
14	SENSIBLE PLANNING AND SPENDING
15	Lobby central government more vigorously for funding
16	Don't know
17	No idea
18	Working place parking levy.
19	I would like to see us go back to marshals fining people for cycling offences, electric scooter offenses etc. It seems you start these schemes and when people continue to break the rules you change the rules to accommodate them. Cutting back on immigrant support would also help. Peterborough does more than enough in that area.
20	Increase charges for social housing
21	Don't sell off the family silver. Promote Peterborough as a destination for leisure, culture, sport, etc. Strengthening the brand will have both short and long-term benefits. But who can deliver this? Vivacity and City Culture are barely fit for purpose.
22	Sell land, farmland and buildings including the Town Hall
23	Partner with the larger business organisations located in and around the city to form consultation on this. This could generate some good ideas.
24	As above re business rates. If there were a vibrant shopping offer people would come into the city more. If there were a better cultural offer people would be attracted to the city. You need a physical tourist info shop in the city centre. Peterborough should celebrate what it has with better publicity.
25	n/a
26	It gets enough income revenue- spend it better!
27	Create a 'voluntary fund' for free school meals and cycle way provision
28	Increase annual street permit costs, attract more big events to the city increasing more being spent in the area.
29	See above
30	Engaging with community, especially SEN. More cost effectiveness needed. Increase capacity at city college 16+ provision to include Level3 qualifications, tech suite and provide education for intelligent young people with SEND.
31	Too late you have sold almost everything off

32	Maybe run a lottery for Peterborough only.
33	Maybe charge for people to access stopping smoking, or losing weight schemes, why should the taxpayers pay for someone making poor life choices. It's not the council's job to fix that. Materials and help are available through the NHS. Maybe analyse how much money could be made if everyone used their brown bins and if you offered that for free. Stop paying your senior staff obscene amounts. Stop thinking that building a school (TDA) for £48million improved education - spoilers, it hasn't, it got worse. Or spending many millions on a hospital building that's barely staffed improves the cities health.
34	Closer scrutiny/oversight by experienced Council Officers of collection and debt management functions provided by Serco, ensuring that the Council are getting the best service from them.
35	Instead of selling all the flats being built, rent them out, long term income and easy win. Lower business rates to attract new and better investment in the high street. Think like a business, employ a proper successful businessperson to identify areas and services that can be sold for revenue.
36	None
37	Sale of surplus assets, increase fees and charges (parking charges, brown bins etc), improve debt recovery.
38	Owning property/flats to rent to students for further education/university. Peterborough city discount card/app subscription for services, retail/travel/hospitality
39	Markets and events at the city centre are fab. They should occur often.
40	Rather than increase Council Tax, do more to collect it and pursue those that don't pay - there's millions outstanding.
41	tackle those that don't pay or need more support as opposed to just increasing taxes for people that do!!!!
42	Go back to Whitehall and put forward a plan for relaxation of the current and ridiculous - laws on illegal drugs. Request that Peterborough becomes a pilot area for this project, thereby - and hopefully - generating additional tax revenue that may then be re-invested locally. Again, this is a very sensible idea - therefore it will doubtlessly be ignored. If the 'drugs idea' doesn't work then propose a new tax on wealth rather than income or abolish Council Tax and replace it and National Insurance with a new tax, - called 'Community Insurance'. This could be both collected and re-distributed by a new - and very large - HMRC office in Peterborough, thereby creating new employment opportunities and finally scrapping the ridiculous Council Tax and saving PCC money.
43	Growth, but not at the expense of principles. Respect the local plan/s. Build an anaerobic plant well away from residential properties that has good road links to generate our own gas and electric using brown bin as well as food waste.
44	Better larger waste collection. People will pay however for many items it's unavailable.
45	More traffic wardens around schools. You'd make so much money!
46	Make Peterborough a better place for people to come to the town is disgusting it looks like a rubbish dump in some places

47	No
48	<p>Increase Council tax - 4.99% only delivers £4.6m, so increase to cover the current £2.6m shortfall. Hold a referendum as required to do this, say suggesting 8% total increase.</p> <p>Create a congestion charging zone to fund better bus routes, implement park and ride.</p> <p>Increase the charges for Selective Licencing (whilst widening the scheme to all landlords)</p> <p>Increase car park charging - automation is a good idea for better collection already in the plan (page 15)</p>
49	<p>Raise more council tax to effectively redistribute the money to the poorest in society.</p> <p>Implement a congestion zone to charge pollution cars in the city centre, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution, while raising money. Higher car parking charges.</p> <p>Selective licencing for all landlords (see above)</p>
50	<p>Industrial Strategy and approach - measure and harness economic impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ People at the centre of growth, creating more an inclusive economy in the city ■ Go beyond traditional income measurements - measuring the impact on 'well-being', <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Wealth Building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Understanding and harnessing existing wealth for the benefit of local economies and communities ■ Be at the forefront of progressive procurement policy and practice ■ Achieve greater economic, social and environmental benefits for local places and people ■ Further embed social value focused contract management - robust delivery ■ LA's role as a place shaper - Thinking beyond narrow definitions of Social Value ■ Role of anchor institutions in harnessing community wealth ● Community-led commissioning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Builds on emerging evidence from democratic models led directly by people bringing better outcomes

Question 10

Do you have any other comments to make about the council's priorities or any other aspect of the council's spending, service delivery or this Budget Consultation?

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No	Answer
1	No
2	Focus on providing the basics for residents first as value for money before looking at the more attractive wider picture. That annual ward elections are considered value for money is unbelievable yet highlights the vast gap between the average working person in the city and those in these elected positions. The council should put current residents, and staff, as the priority with housing, education, employment opportunities. Fix the basics to retain people and their spending, then it will attract investment from others.
3	Should have put up Council tax several years ago rather than keeping increases down. Don't make the same mistake again
4	no
5	The CEO said in meeting about improvement of KPIs across all settings. Shocking not been doing for years. Every quarter...everything should be on the table and in public domain of performance, targeting and how to do better.
6	The council social services teams are an absolute joke. Having contacted them about issues little to nothing is ever done. They put the onus back on to members of the public and the police. Having met a few local social workers, I worry about those needing help. Most social workers appear to need a social worker themselves.
7	Maintain the city's trees as they are in areas an almighty mess. Wistow Way in particular
8	The greatest priority should be to retain Council Tax at current levels and not overburden residents with additional taxes when we are experiencing a cost-of-living crisis.
9	To be honest, you won't listen to the Peterborough public, you never do so I will be super surprised if you even take any of this feedback on board.
10	The council needs to be honest and admit the current situation is of its own making and stop punishing residents for its mistakes.
11	Continue to provide good facilities, public conveniences, great plans for a new library are going to happen.
12	N
13	Really is get your act together: I know you will all disagree; But show the city that we are united. Take the first step and have a 10% Pay cut to show the city that we are all in this together,

14	PUT THOUGHT INTO SCHEMES TO MAKE PETERBOROUGH ATTRACTIVE AGAIN TO SHOPPERAS AT THE MOMENT IT ATTRACTS VERY FEW YET OTHER CITIES STILL HAVE VIBRANT SHOPPPING CENTRES
15	Do not agree with proposals to stop planting in parks and green spaces Attempt to stop closure of Beales Department Store in city centre by reducing rates bill
16	Do not close any libraries or leisure centres
17	Get rid of Tory councillors and replace with Labour or Lib Dems
18	Your fixation with "sustainability" whilst laudable to some extent is a folly when we are facing budgetary issues. Your priority should be to ensure that services are available not to become a "net zero carbon city" as this is frankly laughable. Sure, there is plenty you could do such as encouraging use of public transport by making journeys faster through bus lanes and getting Stagecoach to run more routes with fewer stops but you're so blind to these "lo hanging fruit" solutions that nothing will ever happen.
19	Care has to take priority especially were getting patients back home from hospital to free up beds for those that need them. The NHS is in crisis and needs all the support it can get as do the people caught up in it.
20	Due to current cost of living crisis council need to learn to work within budget. Increasing council tax is an easy option to take but it will have domino effect and fires back many struggling to food on table and pay for bills now increasing tax will end up more people coming up for benefits so increase not going to help
21	Core to preventative work is taking a community and hyper-local focus. Work closely with community groups and parish councils who generally have a genuine passion for their community and can deliver (but also have stricter monitoring in place to ensure impact - there's also a lot of unprofessionalism in some community orgs). More focus on building a sense of place - increasing events and cultural offers that genuinely interest Peterborians - involving ethnic minorities but also ordinary, lower-income white British people who can feel left behind. Bring back the Willow Festival! And supporting events like the Great Eastern Run - ironing out the many problems that affected this year! Improve sports facilities! Non-vital activities such as culture, sport and events are NOT expendable - they create a mood and environment of people appreciating Peterborough, maybe appreciating PCC a bit more (seeing that it's not just there to collect the rubbish but it does fun things too), and maybe more inclined to pay their council tax!
22	All make sense in the current climate
23	Good proposal, quite refreshing in many ways. Not sure that I saw much evidence of how PCC will partner with ARU for growth and educational provision etc.
24	I would like to see greater cooperation between the political parties on the council. I think the leader of the council should consult more rather than just deciding.

25	n/a
26	Defo the worst performing council I have known.
27	Improve road maintenance Fund school meals for all kids in full time education
28	Reduce the number of leisure centres, get schools to take on responsibility for leisure centres themselves which are attached to them or close them .
29	No
30	City College 16+ provision could be revenue generator for city council. Open new building/extend old one within 3 years and provide additional capacity for L3 qualifications for those with SEN who can't cope at PRC/sixth form. Real gap in market here.
31	As above
32	The Council need to make everybody feel included. I contribute £185 per month and feel everything is concentrated on Social Care and all I get is the bins emptied.
33	Yes. Stop wasting money. Stop rushing to Net Zero in the middle of an economic and energy crisis. Recognise it's not your responsibility to fix EVERYTHING. Stop spending obscene amounts on things that can be done way cheaper. Stop ripping off constituents by charging them more every year for a crappier service because of your financial mismanagement.
34	With the current cost of living situation, whilst a council are facing increased financial pressures and an increase in Council Tax is needed, now is not the right time to just increase Council Tax to the maximum threshold, any increase should be fair, balanced, and proportionate and also reflects the financial difficulties that people/families are having to deal with.
35	Provide the basic services the residents want and pay for. Anything else can be chargeable. Speed up the council administration, for instance a 6 week wait for a reply to emails from certain departments is just not value for money.
36	Just remember cost of living impacts the middle earners to who get no support.
37	Invest more in revitalisation of the town centre (reduce the number of homeless people and beggars, improved street cleaning, reduce empty retail premises etc). Seek to develop and improve the local economy through the attraction of businesses that provide high skilled, high paid jobs for young people instead of the current low skilled, low paid jobs that predominate in Peterborough.
38	Request the government to increase its budget to the council for increase in inflation costs. Giving more help to voluntary groups both financial and commercial services. Purchase property and run care homes/adult social service rather than agency. This will free up beds in hospitals in joint venture with NHS/partners.
39	Areas around the city centre (Lincoln Road, outside the library) feels unkempt, dirty, and unsafe. This needs to be addressed.

40	If Fenland Council are able to freeze Council Tax for a fifth year, it's beggars' belief that PCC want to increase it by the maximum amount despite all the financial pressures that people are experiencing during this cost-of-living crisis.
41	No.
42	I have many things I could say but what would be the point?
43	No
44	Buses aren't efficient enough, yet prices are going up, I've had appointments missed and often end up late taking kids to school/nursery just because they always get cancelled on busiest routes.
45	Stop paying out on consultancy and start using the workforce you've invested in. Really look at roles - cut dead wood.
46	Not give yourselves a pay rise
47	No
48	Equality Impact Assessment and Carbon Impact Assessment are mentioned in principle (page 9) - but where are they? what do they say? Much net zero and cheaper homes to run could be delivered by raising standards rather than spending Council money e.g., planning requirements for low carbon housing - we can't afford to be in a race to the bottom on volumes of low skilled jobs (retail, call centre, warehousing) with low wages and providing poor housing quality
49	Focus on the net zero target and reducing carbon emissions and increasing quality of life in Peterborough - these drives everything else from reducing poverty, increasing health, reducing greenhouse gas emissions etc. And it is affordable e.g., insulation/solar panels pay for themselves in the long run What are the results of the equality impact assessment and carbon impact assessment? They should be published, and action should be taken based on them. And actually, take action!
50	Transparency of decision making, bold that moves beyond politics and the safety of "seats"

Feedback from key stakeholder groups

Interfaith Support Group

- Like the others, I really enjoyed reading the consultation document as it shows a great understanding of the challenges and also the opportunities Peterborough faces. I wear (at least) three hats – as an individual I've already made an online submission. As a member of a faith community (Oundle Road Baptist) I'll promote this and encourage other members to contribute. And as an employee of Living Sport, we plan to make an organisational submission on the place of sport and physical activity in future plans for Peterborough.
- Very happy that you mentioned school transport as an issue needing fixing – aside from the cost to the council of using taxis, there's also the issue that almost the entire fleet of Peterborough's taxis becomes tied up morning and afternoon during the school run, which can create a gross inconvenience to other people who use taxis. For example, I don't drive and yesterday I nearly got stranded in Bretton with my foster-son after his dentist's appointment. A colleague of mine whose husband is visually impaired and doesn't drive also said it's extremely difficult for him to get around at certain times of day. So great news that this issue is on the council's radar.
- Slight concern that the council plans to 'stop non-vital services or charge more' – maybe inevitable, but also the value of non-vital things like events (e.g., Christmas lights switch-on), sports, festivals, flowerbeds, etc needs to be recognised – to make Peterborough the kind of place people are happy to live in and visit, and to win hearts and minds of council taxpayers so they are more inclined to pay their tax and collaborate with the council (rather than rant on Facebook!), etc.

Joint Mosques Group

- We are pleased to note a much better position than last year with a balancing Budget.
- We will be grateful if you will look at the public health surplus and reassure us that enough is being spent on addressing health inequalities issues that we have been flagging for a number of years.
- We also hope that you are able to effectively look at social care issues to ensure that it is functional and able to relieve the hospital pressures.
- Your aim to look at corporate services to ensure smarter working and drilling efficiencies is commendable.