

FULL COUNCIL 22 FEBRUARY 2023 QUESTIONS

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	<p>Question from Mark Simlo</p> <p>Councillor Fitzgerald, Leader of the Council</p> <p>Regarding the EG1 index plate assigned to the mayor's car.</p> <p>Please could I ask for an explanation as to what benefits to the taxpaying residents of Peterborough would be lost if it were to be sold in these tough economic times?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Mr M Handford</p> <p>Councillor Simons, Cabinet Member for Waste, Environment and Street Scene</p> <p>Flytipping in this City is on the increase with the number of incidents and cost to the taxpayer rapidly increasing. What plan does the Council have to tackle this problem that is turning Peterborough into a fly tipping capital?</p>
3.	<p>Question from Steven Knight</p> <p>Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport</p> <p>How much has Peterborough City Council set aside to pay for supported bus services in 2023/24 and how much of that will be provided through income from the Combined Authority's Mayoral Bus Service Precept? Will monies raised through this Bus Services Precept by Peterborough City Council be 'ring fenced' and limited in use for Peterborough City Council supported services only or be handed over for general use by the Combined Authority?</p>
4.	<p>Question from Danette O'Hara</p> <p>Councillor Fitzgerald, Leader of the Council</p> <p>Cllr Cereste started each of the climate debates at the end of last year claiming that we, as a city, need to act now, and we need to make changes to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. One of the most impactful changes we can make is to ensure our pensions are invested for the betterment of the planet and our environment, rather than for profit at the expense of it. In fact, it has been reported that having a green pension is 21 times more effective at cutting your carbon footprint than changing energy provider, stopping flying and going veggie combined.</p>

	<p>Towards the end of last year, Cllr Day of the Green Party, with support from Cllr Wiggin of the Lib Dems, put forward a motion calling on the Cambridgeshire pension fund to divest from fossil fuels. Cllr Coles of the Conservative Party prevented this from happening when he pushed for a number of amendments; namely, removing any reference to divestment.</p> <p>At last count, the Cambridgeshire pension fund had approximately £80 million of direct investment in the fossil fuel industry. If the City Council is serious about enacting change they should join others, such as Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, and pass a motion in support of divestment of the pension fund. Cllr Fitzgerald, will you as the Leader of the local Conservative Party, call for full divestment from fossil fuels for the Cambridgeshire County Council Pension fund, and urge your colleague Cllr Coles, in his position on the committee, to advocate for divestment at committee meetings?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Steven Knight</p> <p>Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport</p> <p>What is the City Council’s strategy for a new Bus Depot for Peterborough? Does the City Council plan to own the land and infrastructure, which would any future bus franchising aspirations, and lease the site to a lead operator, or will the City Council expect an operator to fully own the land and depot infrastructure?</p>
6.	<p>Question from Mr M Handford</p> <p>Councillor Simons, Cabinet Member for Waste, Environment and Street Scene</p> <p>Along a small section of road near me which is confirmed as being Council responsibility there are at least forty plus abandoned items including large metal A frames, sandbags, cones, old diversion signs etc discarded by Highways England months and some even years ago. They are prolific offenders in our city for not collecting and cleaning up after works are completed.</p> <p>Will the council take action against Highways England to fine them the same as it says it will do for public and commercial flytipping?</p>