

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(c)
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**PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL INDEPENDENT IMPROVEMENT AND ASSURANCE
PANEL EXTENSION AND RENEWED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Matthew Gladstone</i>	Deadline date:
<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the extension of the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel for an additional 12 months until December 2024. 2. Approves the amended Terms of Reference for the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel included at Appendix 1. 	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

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 1. The purpose of this report is to ask Council to approve the extension of the work of the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel (the Panel) for a further year and to approve the amended Terms of Reference
 2. The report is being presented to ensure that the Panel continues in its role providing constructive support and challenge to elected Members and Officers of Peterborough City Council as we continue to work collectively over the coming year on the Improvement Plan and to best serve the communities in Peterborough.

2. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The Panel have confirmed that the effort and progress made by the Council over the last two years has been commendable, but the challenges faced are still immense.

The collaborative approach across all political groups and between members and officers will need to continue and will be vital for the future of the City Council.

The input into the Council's improvement journey over the last 2 years has been invaluable to both members and officers and if lost at this stage could impact on the progress being made.

The panel has confirmed in their 4th report that they are pleased to continue in the role providing constructive support and challenge to the Council as we work over the coming year to resolve issues ahead.

Minor changes to the terms of reference have been proposed to reflect the terms and are appended to the report for approval.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Ensuring the Council continues with the PCCIIAP for a further 12 months will measure the success of delivering against the following City priority:

1. Sustainable Future City Council

And will provide the oversight and constructive support in the following City priorities:

- The Economy & Inclusive Growth
- Our Places & Communities
- Prevention, Independence & Resilience

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation has taken place with all Group Leaders.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

5.1 The financial implications of extending the Peterborough City Council Improvement and Assurance Panel for a further 12-month period is estimated to be £86k. This is based on the current level of services received. In line with the original proposal to establish the panel (Approved by Council on 16 December 2021), the cost will continue to be funded by reserves.

Legal Implications

5.2 There are no legal implications in respect of what is proposed which is a request for an extension of the work of the panel which is due to end at the end of this year. Consideration will need to be given to legal implication which may arise from proposals which may be considered from the work at the relevant time.

Equalities Implications

5.3 *No implications.*

6. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

6.1 Fourth report of the Peterborough City Council Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.

7. APPENDICES

7.1 Appendix 1 - Amended PCCIIAP Terms of Reference.