

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR SANDFORD

To be read in conjunction with the agenda and additional information pack for the meeting.

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Present:

Councillors Ahmed, Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Asif, Ayres, Barkham, Bi, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Casey, Cereste, Cole, Coles, Day, Dowson, Elsey, M Farooq, S Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, D Jones, Khan, Mahmood, Nawaz, Over, Perkins, Qayyum, Ray, Sabir, Sainsbury, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Strangward, Thulbourn, Warren and Wiggin

74. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fenner, A Jones, Lane, Seager, Stevenson, Trust and Tyler.

75. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

76. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.

COMMUNICATIONS

77. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor introduced his announcement report, which outlined the recent civic events attended by the Mayoral Party. The full report can be found in the agenda pack.

The Mayor invited Chair of the Constitution and Ethics Committee address Council and they announced the winners of the Civic Awards.

78. Leader's Announcements

The Leader made a number of announcements and Group Leaders were able to respond.

Topics included the Growth Prospectus, Phase 3 of the University, the Net Zero Strategy, the end of the Serco contract, the Customer Service teams' notification of excellence accreditation and Holocaust Memorial Day.

QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

79. Questions from Members of the Public

Two questions were received from members of the public in respect to financing the building of Fletton Quays and the £50 million loan the Council agreed to take out earlier this financial year.

The questions and responses are attached in **APPENDIX A** to these minutes and are available on the Council's website.

80. Petitions

(a) Presented by Members of the Public

There were no petitions presented by Members of the public at the meeting.

(b) Presented by Members

There were no petitions presented by Members at the meeting.

81. Questions on Notice

(a) To the Mayor

(b) To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet

(c) To the Chair of any Committee of Sub-Committee

(d) To the Combined Authority Representatives

Questions in relation to (a) to (d) were raised and taken as read in respect of the following:

1. Keeping Peterborough road verges clear of litter and debris.
2. Maintenance of the Regional Pool
3. The disposal of the former Woolworth's building
4. Future swimming provisions within Peterborough
5. Money loaned and interest paid respect of the Hilton Garden Hotel development
6. Plans for the gravel car park in front of the London Road site
7. Location of third changing places toilet
8. Increasing the uptake of the MMR vaccination
9. Banning meat and dairy products from Council catering arrangements
10. How much money Empower was bringing into the Council
11. How many streetlights were not working and how many had been broken for over a year.

12. Alleged poor financial decision making by the former Conservative administration.
13. Purchase and sale of Peterborough City Football Ground
14. Consultancies with disability access expertise had been involved in the plans for the Station Quarter.

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82. Petition for Debate - PCC to keep open Eye Youth Centre and Library Building

The lead Petitioner addressed Council and detailed why he had submitted the petition.

Councillor Howard proposed and Councillor Mohammed Farooq seconded, a motion in response to the petition. Councillor Farooq reserved his right to speak, and Council moved to debate.

After debate, Councillor Mohammed Farooq exercised his right to speak, and Councillor Howard summed up.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion (53 voting in favour, 0 voting against, 0 abstaining from voting.) The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED** as follows:

Council acknowledges the petition from Mr McKean, and propose that the petition is referred to the February Cabinet meeting when the next steps in respect of the Eye Community Centre and Library will be considered and Cabinet will be able to take into account the petition and the comments made by members this evening as part of the consideration of the next steps. This will be in line with the work that is being done on the asset review. In the meantime, the communities and property teams, and myself as the Cabinet member responsible, will continue with the high level of engagement with Mr McKean to discuss the site and ensure when a decision is made it is suitable for the Eye community.

Council adjourned at 19:56

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

83. Executive and Committee Recommendations to Council

There were no items to consider.

84. Questions on the Executive Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting

Councillor Farooq introduced the report, which outlined the record of Executive decisions made since the last meeting.

Members asked questions on the following Executive Decisions:

- Termination of Contract DEC23/CMDN/67
- Compensation for Upheld Complaint (Housing Needs) DEC23/CMDN/72

85. Questions on the Combined Authority Decisions Made Since the Last Meeting

There were no items to consider.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

86. Motions on Notice

86(1) Motion from Councillor Rangzeb – Peterborough Ceasefire

Councillor Rangzeb moved his motion, as amended in the additional information pack.

Councillor Day seconded the amended motion and reserved her right to speak.

Council debated the motion; Councillor Day exercised her right to speak, and Councillor Rangzeb summed up.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion (44 voting in favour, 0 voting against, 9 abstaining from voting.) The motion was **CARRIED**.

Councillors For: Councillors Ahmed, Asif, Barkham, Bi, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Cereste, Cole, Day, Dowson, Elsey, M Farooq, S Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Hemraj, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, D Jones, Khan, Knight, Mahmood, Nawaz, Qayyum, Rangzeb, Rush, Sabir, Sandford, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Strangward, Thulbourn, Warren and Wiggin.

Councillors Against: None.

Councillors Abstaining: Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Casey, Coles, Over, Perkins, Ray and Sainsbury

87. Reports to Council

87(a) Leaders Scheme of Delegations

The recommendations moved by Councillor Mohammed Farooq and seconded by Councillor Howard were **UNANIMOUSLY** agreed as follows:

That Council note the changes made by the Leader of the Council to the members of the Cabinet as set out in Appendix 1.

87(b) Members Appointments and Constitution Updates

The recommendations moved by Councillor Howard and seconded by Councillor Mohammed Farooq were **UNANIMOUSLY** agreed as follows:

It is recommended that Council:

1. Approves the appointment of the Chairs of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee and Licensing Committee and changes to the appointments to committees and other authorities as listed in Appendix 1.
2. Notes the consequential changes to the Constitution made by the Monitoring Officer as set out in Appendices 2,3 and 4.

The Mayor
6.00pm - 8.58pm
24 January 2024

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