

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

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR MARCO CERESTE

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

[Public Pack, Council, 24 July 2024](#)

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Present:

Councillors: Ahmed, Z. Ali, Allen, Antunes, Ayres, Bi, Bisby, Blakemore-Creedon, A. Bond, S. Bond, Boyce, Cereste, Cole, Day, Dowson, Ellis, Elsey, Farid, M. Farooq, S. Farooq, Fitzgerald, Judy Fox, John Fox, Geraghty, Harper, Hemraj, Hiller, Hillier, Hogg, A. Iqbal, N. Iqbal, Jamil, Jenkins, A. Jones, D. Jones, Khan, Knight, Mahmood, Ormston, Perkins, Qayyum, Rafiq, Ray, Rush, Sabir, Seager, Ann Shaheed, Asif Shaheed, Skibsted, Strangward, Walsh, and Warren.

12. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: I Ali, Howard, McNally, Rangzeb, Thulbourn and Wiggin.

12. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

14. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

COMMUNICATIONS

15. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor confirmed he had no announcements.

Leader's Announcements

The Leader made several announcements and Group Leaders were able to respond.

Topics included welcoming the new Monitoring Officer and Interim Director of Public Health to the Council, three Peterborough Parks that had retained green flag status and the Council's role as a Corporate Parent.

QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

16. Questions from members of the public

Two questions were received from members of the public in respect of Werrington Fields

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

17. 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.

18. 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. Grounds maintenance and clearing litter
- 2. The key priorities of Town Fund Board meetings
- 3. City centre toilet facility improvements
- 4. The Cabinet meeting held on 16 July 2024
- 5. The regional pool
- 6. The Dementia Resource Centre
- 7. The Dementia Resource Centre
- 8. Youth Service Provision
- 9. Housing Waiting Lists

The questions and responses are attached at Appendix A to these minutes.

19. Executive and Committee Recommendations to Council – Cabinet Recommendation - Peterborough Housing Strategy 2024-2029

RESOLVED THAT:

Council approve the Peterborough Housing Strategy 2024-2029 for adoption.

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

Councillor Jones introduced the report, which outlined the record of Executive decisions made since the March 2024 meeting of Full Council.

Members asked questions on the following Executive Decisions:

- Sale of 441 Lincoln Road – MAR24/CAB/102
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP) Inter Authority Agreement – JUNE24/CMDN/05.
- Citizens Advice Peterborough Grant 2024/25 – JUN24/CMDN/06

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

There were none.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

22. Motions on Notice

22(1) Motion from Christian Hogg – Displaying of Food Hygiene Ratings

Councillor Hogg moved his motion.

Councillor Mohammed Farooq seconded the amended motion and reserved his right to speak.

Council debated the motion; Councillor Farooq exercised his right to speak, and Councillor Hogg summed up.

A vote was taken on the amended motion and the motion was **UNANIMOUSLY** carried.

23. Reports to Council

23(a) Report of the Peterborough City Council Independent Assurance Panel

It was proposed by the Mayor to suspend standing orders, seconded by Cllr Hogg.

The recommendations moved by Councillor Denis Jones and seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald were **UNANIMOUSLY** agreed as follows:

1. Requests the Cabinet to consider this report and respond with any action it wishes to take, including the recommended internal audit review on Peterborough Limited.
2. Requests the Growth, Resources, and Communities Scrutiny Committee to review this report, the Cabinet's response to it and the progress being made with the delivery of the Improvement Plan.

23 (b) Update of the Children's Improvement Board.

The Mayor invited the Cabinet Member for Children Services, Councillor Katy Coles to update Council on the work of the Children's Improvement Board.

The Mayor
6.00pm - 8.00pm
16 October 2024