

**FULL COUNCIL, 16 OCTOBER 2024
QUESTIONS**

Questions were received under the following categories:

<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u>	
<u>Questions from members of the public</u>	
1.	<p>Question from Louise Yates</p> <p>Councillor Qayyum, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health</p> <p>Since the new budget was implemented in September 2024, the Dementia Resource Centre in Peterborough has only been open for 3 days a week rather than the usual 5. The Council have said that it will be open for 5 days a week, so who is going to run the service on the remaining 2 days, what will the service on these days look like and when will it be effective from?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Nick Sandford</p> <p>Councilor Ellis, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport</p> <p>Does the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport share my concern about the state of evening bus services in Peterborough? Bus services only run hourly in the urban area and they all leave Queensgate at different times each hour, which means that passengers making cross city journeys have to spend extended periods of time in a bus station which has little visible security presence, where the roof leaks and where the toilets are closed after 5pm</p> <p>Will the cabinet member lobby the owners of Queensgate to make improvements to the bus station and press Stagecoach and the Combined Authority to improve the frequency and connectivity of evening bus services in the City?</p>

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Questions on notice to:

- a. The Mayor
- b. To the Leader or Member of the Cabinet
- c. To the Chair of any Committee or Sub-committee

PART B	
1.	<p>Question from Cllr Ann Shaheed</p> <p>for Councillor Alison Jones, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p> <p>In July, the National Policing Statement for Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) was published. The report stated that over one million VAWG crimes were recorded during 2022/3 accounting for 20% of all police recorded crime and that police recorded VAWG had increased by 37% between 2018-23. The report calls this an 'epidemic' and a 'strategic threat'.</p> <p>Police leaders are calling for a whole system approach to bring together criminal justice partners, government bodies and industry.</p> <p>I note that PCC are working with White Ribbon UK however please can the responsible Cabinet Member explain what this will look like in practice and whether VAWG is being treated as an emergency by the Cabinet?</p>
2.	<p>Question from Cllr Hogg (1)</p> <p>for Councillor Angus Ellis, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport</p> <p>Can the relevant cabinet member please inform us what the current compliment of Pollution Control Officers is for the council and what the required establishment should be, also when was this capacity last reviewed</p>
3.	<p>Question from Cllr Hogg (2)</p> <p>For Councillor Alison Jones, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p> <p>At the time of a recent home game between Peterborough and Wrexham there were only two parking enforcement officers tasked with patrolling the city, this seems to be a woefully under resourcing given what seems to be a growing problem with antisocial and illegal parking by some. Can the relevant cabinet member please inform us on any action, if any, that is planned to redress this situation?</p>
4.	<p>Question from Cllr I Ali</p> <p>For Councillor Angus Ellis, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport</p> <p>Following the recent news and noise on Social Media about potential sewage dumping in Kings Dyke river, what is Council's responsibility with respect to looking our environment and waters? Do we have any authority to work with the Environment Agency and ensure that our waters are protected?</p>
5.	<p>Question from Cllr Allen (1)</p> <p>For Councillor Angus Ellis, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport</p> <p>The recent heavy rainfall has exacerbated a known issue with areas of highway and footpath flooding throughout the City.</p>

	<p>Can the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Highways please update Councillors on the current arrangements in place for drain flushing, and the clearly neglected task of gully sweeping and clearing, including the regularity of these processes?</p> <p>Additionally, can any locations which might appear be the responsibility of National Highways be outlined and shared with the chamber. Can we also be updated on whether in these cases Peterborough City Council have an arrangement in place for this work to be undertaken by the authority as a discharged duty?</p>
6.	<p>Question from Cllr Allen (2)</p> <p>For Councillor Dennis Jones – Leader of the Council</p> <p>Can I ask the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Communications whether they agree with many in the City who believe that issuing Press Releases and Social Media posts implying ‘Christmas would be cancelled’ in the city unless sponsorship was forthcoming for the Christmas Tree and Lights Switch-On this year was a bad idea?</p> <p>I am sure that across this chamber there is an understanding of the financial challenges the Authority is facing.</p> <p>However, many businesses in the city are also facing difficult trading conditions; so, it must be accepted that threatening events will not happen is a commercially naive approach to achieving financial participation and support for an event that engenders such excellent goodwill and is seen as a popular well attended kick-start start to the festive season.</p>
7.	<p>Question From Cllr Stevenson</p> <p>For Councillor Qayyum, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health</p> <p>Would the relevant cabinet member please provide an update regarding the relocation of the Dementia Resource Centre (where, when and how will it be funded going forward)?</p>
8.	<p>Question from Cllr M Farooq</p> <p>For Councillor Nick Thulbourn – Cabinet Member for Regeneration To be answered by the Leader of the Council</p> <p>A vibrant city centre is often a measure/contributor of successful economy of city. At the beginning of the year Peterborough First administration funded for a business case to be done on the regeneration of Guild Hall and the Cathedral Square further funding to come from CA and other grants to conduct the regeneration. We also had all the partners such as Cathedral, Queensgate, NPT etc.. onboard.</p> <p>Can the cabinet member please brief the council what progress if any has been made in this regard?</p>
9.	<p>Question from Councillor Farid</p> <p>For Councillor Alison Jones – Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p>

	<p>Why has the decision regarding the mandatory licensing of CCTV cameras in taxis been deferred and delayed when the report was supposed to come to this full council meeting?</p>
10.	<p>Question from Councillor Ray</p> <p>For Councillor Mohammed Jamil – Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Governance.</p> <p>I am aware that given the current situation of the councils finances a large proportion of the farm/rural estate is being sold off. Please could the relevant cabinet member provide council with an update regarding these sales and outline what consultation is taking place with current tenants of the land?</p>

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