



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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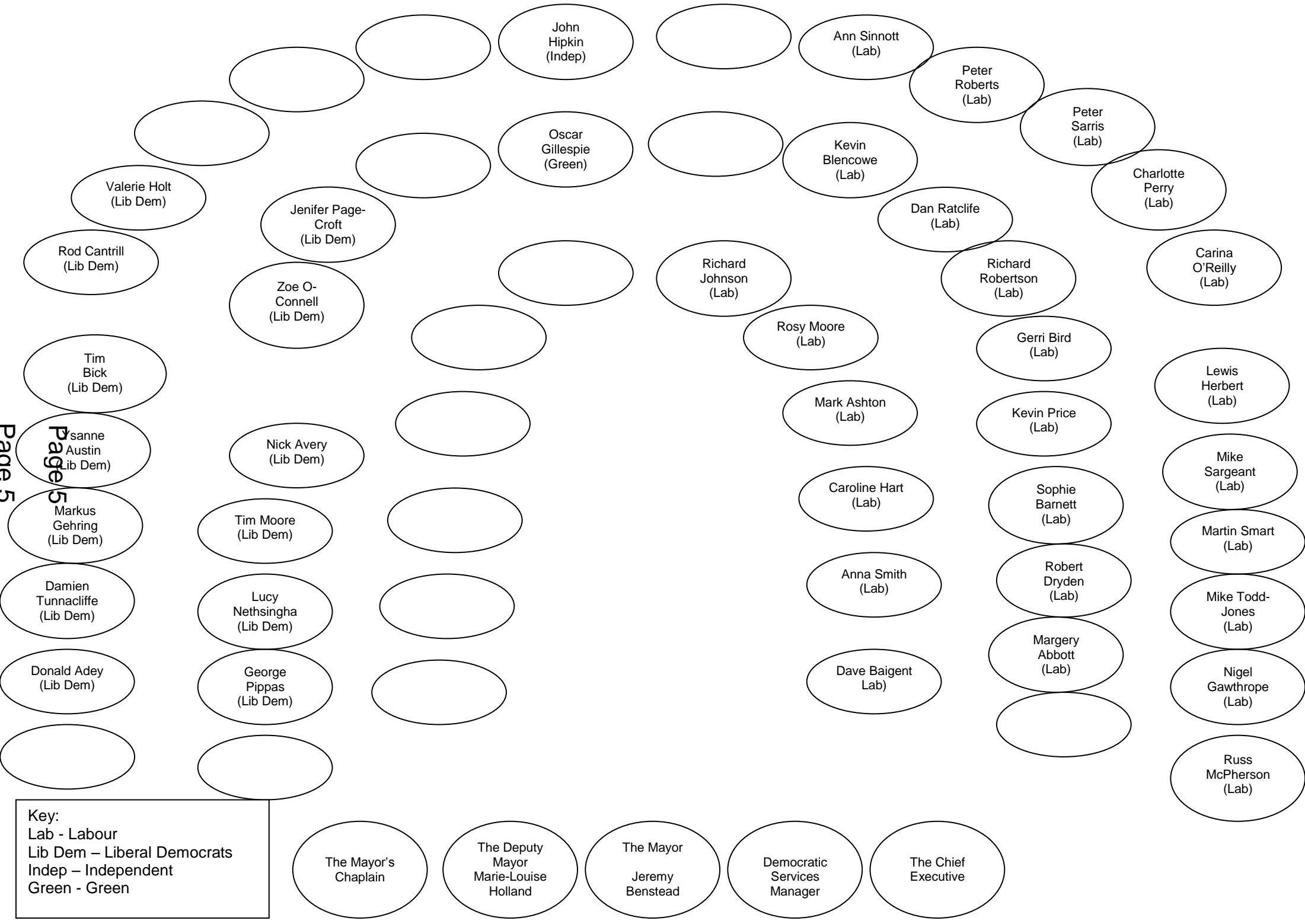
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Liberal Democrat Amendment to Item 4 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Devolution (Deleted text struck through, additional text underlined):

Proposed by Councillor Bick

~~2.1 It is recommended that Council considers whether it wishes to:~~

- ~~(i) consent to the Secretary of State making an Order to establish the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (Appendix A);~~
- ~~(ii) consent to the Council being a constituent member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority with effect from the commencement date determined by the final Order;~~
- ~~(iii) authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to consent to the final draft Order and associated documents, specifically:
 - ~~— to agree minor drafting amendments to the Combined Authority Order to be laid before Parliament;~~
 - ~~— to consent to the Council being included within the draft Parliamentary Order thereby reflecting this Council's decision~~~~
- ~~(iv) authorise the Combined Authority to have a power to issue a levy to the constituent Councils in respect of any financial year. (This will be subject to the inclusion of a unanimity clause in the Combined Authority constitution on this specific matter).~~
- ~~(v) recommend to the Combined Authority that the costs of establishing the Combined Authority, holding the elections in May 2017 and running the Combined Authority (including Mayoral Office) for 2016/17 and 2017/18 are funded from the gain share grant provided by Government (as outlined in para 10.11)~~

- ~~(vi) appoint the Leader of Council to act as Council's appointee to the Shadow Combined Authority and once established, to the Combined Authority;~~
- ~~(vii) appoint Councillor Price to act as the substitute to the above (ref 2.1 (vi));~~
- ~~(viii) note the outcome of the public consultation on the establishment of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 and Appendices 2A-2D;~~
- ~~(ix) note the timetable for the implementation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough devolution Order as summarised in paragraph 7.1;~~
- ~~(x) note the Government's response to the outline business case for Housing capital investment funds secured as part of the devolution deal as set out in Appendix 3.~~
- ~~(xi) note that a report will come to Civic Affairs committee on 15 February 2017 making proposals for City Council scrutiny of its representative on the Combined Authority, as requested by Council on 27 June 2016, and to confirm detailed arrangements for the Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny and Audit Committee.~~
- ~~(xii) note that in the interim period the Leader will report to Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and to full Council on progress made with setting up the Combined Authority and the devolution deal.~~

~~To the Leader of the Council~~

~~2.2 Following Council's deliberations on i) – xii) in 2.1 above, the Leader of the Council is recommended to:~~

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Council notes:

- the lack of democratic legitimacy in Cambridge for the changes to governance within our area which are inherent in the current Devolution Deal, especially its proposal for an extra layer of government in the form of an elected mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough;
- that no other predominantly non-metropolitan area has so far accepted this model of "Devolution" and that several other councils of various political complexions have already rejected it to negotiate a different deal;
- that there is no necessary relationship between the incentives offered by the government to accept this deal and the creation of an elected mayor and many have proven achievable elsewhere without acceptance of an elected mayor.

Council remains committed to:

- bringing powers closer to communities of shared interest and substantial interdependence;
- working with neighbours to confront challenges, share benefits, co-ordinate planning and to gain economies of scale for the delivery of selected services;

- achieving decision making structures which promote simplicity, joined-up policy, transparency and clear democratic accountability.

Council therefore resolves to withhold acceptance of the proposed deal at this time and calls on the Leader to:

- establish an immediate dialogue with government to deliver on its welcome willingness to fund new council housebuilding in Cambridge in recognition of the need which they have now accepted;
- in the meantime take action, which his colleagues are currently withholding, to improve and expand the supply of council homes in the city with powers and resources they already have;
- re-engage in discussions with surrounding councils and the government to secure devolved powers which may be operated on a shared basis without an elected mayor and for such an agreement to be legally enforceable;
- couple this with building agreement to reduce the current two tiers of council, providing in our own area for a unitary council focused on the economic sub region of Greater Cambridge
- seek endorsement of the resulting package through a local referendum.

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Key Dates (from Mid Term Financial Strategy) for budget timetable

The Council agenda includes the budget timetables for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and General Fund Mid Term Financial Strategy. So that it is clear as regards publishing agendas for the next Scrutiny Committee cycle:

- the HRA BSR will be published on Friday 16th December (this then allows time for any opposition HRA budget amendment on a similar timescale to last year)
- The General Fund BSR **and** the Housing (minus the HRA BSR)/Environment/Community Services/S&R Scrutiny Committee full agendas will **all** be published on Thursday 5th January 2017.

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