

Council
Decisions
18 October 2018



Agenda item	Decision
1 Minutes	Approved
To consider the recommendations from the Executive	
4a Cambridge Local Plan: Towards 2031 – Adoption (Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport)	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 37 to 0 votes)</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Adopted the Cambridge Local Plan 2018 including both Main and Additional Modifications (Appendix 4 to the Officers report); ii. Adopted the Cambridge Policies Map 2018, including Main Modifications (Appendix 5 to the Officers report); and iii. Authorised the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport, and the Chair and Spokes for the Planning Policy and Transport Scrutiny Committee, to make minor typographical amendments or updates in preparing the final version of the Adopted Local Plan and Policies Map.
4b Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 25 to 0 votes)</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved proposals for changes in existing

Strategy 2018/19 (Executive Councillor for Housing)	housing capital budgets, as introduced in Sections 6 and 7 and detailed in Appendix E of the Officer's report, with the resulting position summarised in Appendix H.
4c Treasury Management Half Yearly Update Report 2018/19 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (unanimously)</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approved the report which included the Council's estimated Prudential and Treasury Indicators 2018/19 to 2021/22. ii. Approved a £5m limit on secured bonds with local businesses subject to due diligence as highlighted in paragraph 8 of the officer's report. iii. That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy will be updated to state that no MRP will be required if this bond is secured, but to be reviewed at least annually. iv. Agreed the principle of investing up to £5m in a bond issued by Allia Limited, and delegated to the Head of Finance the final decision on the appropriateness of this investment, once detailed due diligence has been completed as set out in paragraph 8.9 of the Officer's report; v. That the counterparty limit for Barclays Bank Plc be increased by £10m to £35m; and; vi. That the Money Market Fund (MMF) counterparty limit be reduced by £10m to £5m for each fund, with a total MMF limit of £20m (and to continue using MMFs that are rated AAA).
4d General Fund Medium Term Financial Strategy October 2018 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 26 to 0 votes)</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agreed the budget strategy and timetable as outlined in Section 1 [pages 1 to 3 refer] of the MTFS document. ii. Agreed the incorporation of changed assumptions and indicative net unavoidable budget pressures identified in Section 4 [pages 15 to 18 refer]. This

provides an indication of the net savings requirements, by year for the next 5 years, and revised General Fund revenue, funding and reserves projections as shown in Section 5 [pages 19 to 20 refer] of the MTFS document.

Capital

iii. Noted the changes to the Capital Plan as set out in Section 6 [pages 21 to 27 refer] and Appendix A [pages 35 to 40 refer] of the MTFS document and agree the new proposals:

Ref.	Description / £'000s	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
	Proposals							-
SC676	Jesus Green public conveniences	25	-	-	-	-	-	25
SC680	CCTV equipment upgrade	30	-	-	-	-	-	30
SC633	Grass reinforcement at Parker's Piece	140	-	-	-	-	-	140
SC678	Crematorium - additional car park	25	325	-	-	-	-	350
SC679	Crematorium - cafe facilities	20	310	-	-	-	-	330
Misc	Local bond investment	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
	Total Proposals	5,240	635	-	-	-	-	5,875

Earmarked Reserve

iv. A new Fund was approved at Council on 19 July 2018 for a Cambridge Live Development Plan and this report includes a recommendation to approve the following remit:

Earmarked Fund - Cambridge Live Development Fund

Approved Timescale: 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020

Lead Officer: D Kaye

Remit :

To support the transformation and ongoing

	<p>development of Cambridge Live over the next two years subject to a maximum spend of £500,000 with full delegation for management of the Fund assigned to the Chief Executive.</p> <p>Reserves</p> <p>v. Agreed changes to General Fund Reserve levels, with the Prudent Minimum Balance being set at £5.504m and the target level at £6.605m as detailed in Section 7 [pages 28 to 31 refer] and Appendix B [pages 41 to 42 refer] of the Officer's report.</p>
<p>4e Council Appointments to the Conservators of the River Cam (Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces)</p>	<p>Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (unanimously)</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>i. Approved the non-councillor appointments to the Conservators of the River Cam commencing 1 January 2019:</p> <p>a. Jim Ross</p> <p>b. Kate Hurst</p> <p>c. May Block</p> <p>d. Ceridwen Salisbury</p> <p>ii. Approved the nominations of three City Councillor appointments (Councillors Massey, Sargeant and Tunnacliffe) to the Conservators of the River Cam commencing 1 January 2019.</p> <p>iii. Approved Cllr Sargeant to the vacant seat held by former Cllr Sinnott to 31 December 2018.</p>
<p>To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption</p>	
<p>5a Licensing Committee: Statement of Gambling Principles</p>	<p>Approved (unanimously) recommendations of the Licensing Committee as listed in the supplement papers.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>Approved the Statement of Gambling Principles for publication on 3rd January 2019, and for it to come into effect on 31st January 2019</p>
<p>5b Civic</p>	<p>Approved (by 24 votes to 0) recommendations of the</p>

**Affairs
Committee:
Independent
Remuneration
Panel –
Special
Responsibility
Allowance**

Civic Affairs committee as listed in the supplement papers.

Decision

- i. To approve that each of the roles detailed in the table below should receive an SRA in the following percentages of Basic Allowance and that these allowances be back-dated to the start of the Municipal Year.
- ii. Given the evolving nature of the partnership bodies and of the roles undertaken by Councillor members, the IRP recommended that these allowances should be reviewed in 2020 to take account of any further changes in roles and responsibilities. At that time there should be more evidence about the approaches being taken to SRAs in the other constituent councils of the Combined Authority and Greater Cambridge Partnership.
- iii. Clarified when travel costs to city council meetings could be claimed and the policy be amended as follows:

For Cambridge City Council meetings only, you can only claim travel costs **from outside** Cambridge if your absence from Cambridge was unavoidable or if a meeting is called at short notice, and you have to make a journey which you would not otherwise have made. The exception to this rule is attending Planning or Licensing Committee meetings, as these take place more frequently than other meetings.

If a claim is made and an officer is unclear whether or not the travel expense should be reimbursed, the officer shall consult the political group leaders prior to approving payment. If any claim remains unresolved, it is the responsibility of the Chief Executive to determine.

	Role Title	Percentage of Basic Allowance	
	Combined Authority: Cabinet Member (1)	100%	
	Combined Authority: Members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (2)	25%	
	Combined Authority: Member on the Audit and Governance Committee (1)	10%	
	Greater Cambridge Partnership: Assembly Members (3)	15%	
	Police and Crime Panel Member (1)	15%	
5c Civic Affairs: Process for scrutiny of the Council's budget	<p>Approved (by 25 votes to 13) recommendations of the Civic Affairs committee as listed in the supplement papers.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> To change the Council's budget and policy framework procedure (part 4c) and Council Procedure Rules appendix 2 budget recommendations and amendments (part 4a) as set out in the adoption minute contained in the Information Pack.</p> <p>(These changes reflect option A, as amended by Committee, described in the report)</p>		
To consider notice of Motions			
7a Councillor	Resolved (unanimously)		

**Johnson –
Abolition of
Section 21 of
the Housing
Act 1988**

This Council:

- Notes that with many people unable to afford to buy a home, the number of households nationally who are renting privately has almost doubled over the last 20 years, and it is estimated that one-third of households in Cambridge are renting privately;
- Further notes that in July of this year the Government consulted on changes to the length of fixed-term tenancies from six months to three years, whilst still permitting a tenant to end a tenancy early if they wish. The Council supports these changes as it provides greater security and peace of mind for tenants, and allows them a certain degree of flexibility in case their circumstances change;
- Regrets that the Government did not consult on reforming or abolishing Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988, which permits landlords to evict tenants at the end of a fixed-term tenancy without providing them with a reason. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation and University of Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research recently estimated that 80 percent of all evictions since 2015 occurred under the provisions of Section 21 and is a major cause of homelessness in Cambridge and elsewhere;
- Acknowledges that the threat of a “no-fault eviction” causes insecurity and stress for those who rent privately and can discourage tenants from complaining about substandard housing;
- Recognises that the City Council, along with other registered social landlords, support tenants as much as possible, with eviction used always as a last resort;
- Resolves for the Leader to write to the Secretary

	<p>of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, asking him to abolish Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 and to speedily implement the Government's other proposal to extend fixed-term tenancies as the first steps to end insecurity and unfairness in the private rental sector.</p>
<p>7b Councillor Cantrill – People's vote motion</p>	<p>Amendment proposed by Councillor Smith was approved (by 22 votes to 12)</p> <p>The motion as amended was approved (by 23 votes to 0).</p> <p>The Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Governor of the Bank of England has stated that the average household income in Britain is now £900 lower than that anticipated if the decision to leave the EU had not been taken. (ii) There are a large number of non-UK EU nationals resident in Cambridge whose life, and that of their UK-national families, has been destabilised by uncertainty. Apart from the social impacts, this has resulted in the loss of staff by local businesses and the NHS. (iii) Due to uncertainty about whether the deal that will be agreed with the EU will achieve a Parliamentary majority, 'no deal' appears a very credible outcome. This has been described by Chancellor Hammond as having "large fiscal consequences" and by independent observers as "overwhelmingly negative". (iv) All avenues currently being considered by the Government impose increasing delays for goods at our international frontiers and no facilitation would be provided for trade in services which form a major element in the local economy. (v) Recent opinion poll evidence has suggested an overall trend in public opinion away from support

	<p>for leaving the EU and in favour of a vote on the conditions of any departure. A vote on the terms of withdrawal with the option to remain would ensure that we leave, should we do so, with wholehearted support for the actual conditions of withdrawal.</p> <p>(vi) The anticipated rapidly deteriorating economic situation if Brexit proceeds is likely to accelerate austerity, which has already caused acute problems in providing local authority services and has severely affected local residents, in particular those in social housing or in receipt of benefits.</p> <p>(vii) Evidence of illegal overspending has been presented (and accepted by the Electoral Commission) and court challenges on the constitutional position are still continuing. A vote on the withdrawal terms would ensure that any decision is accepted as sound by both sides of the argument rather than being fought out in the courts.</p> <p>(viii) Cambridge voted overwhelmingly to remain in the European Union, but this was not reflected across the whole of the UK.</p> <p>(ix) No-one was voting for fewer rights, economic chaos, or risks to jobs, and the Brexit deal being pursued by Theresa May is a threat to jobs, freedom of movement, peace in Northern Ireland, and the NHS. It is also a threat to Cambridge and our residents, the city's Universities, health and social care locally, and our jobs and community.</p> <p>(x) Non-UK EU citizens who moved to the UK and are long settled in Cambridge have not yet received the full assurances they need. Similarly, the rights of Cambridge residents now living and working elsewhere in the EU need the same</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">protections they have now.</p> <p>(xi) A “no deal Brexit” should be rejected as a viable option by Parliament.</p> <p>This council supports the actions of the Leader of the Opposition Jeremy Corbyn MP, and will continue to campaign, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should Parliament vote down a Tory Brexit or the talks end in no-deal, this would constitute a loss of confidence in the government, and that an immediate General Election should follow. • If a general election does not follow, all options remain on the table, including the option of a public vote. If the government is confident in negotiating a deal that working people, our economy and communities will benefit from, they should not be afraid to put that deal to the public, so that all options are on the table including the option to remain in the European Union.”
<p>7c Councillor Payne: Ask for Angela</p>	<p>An amendment was proposed by Councillor Massey and was approved (by 20 votes to 11)</p> <p>The motion as amended was approved (by 30 votes to 0).</p> <p>Council welcomes the “Ask for Angela” campaign, launched in Cambridgeshire last year by the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership and the Police Constabulary as a strategy to aid both women and men in pubs and bars whose date goes seriously wrong. In particular it recognises with thanks the work done in Cambridge by Cambridge Business Against Crime and Pubwatch to engage and train staff of venues in the city, and the work of council officers in promoting and encouraging the campaign in partnership with CAMBAC and the Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Council notes that for the campaign to be successful there needs to be clear awareness of it amongst its target audience. It further notes that this target</p>

	<p>audience includes sixth form, college and university students, as well as other local residents and workers. Council notes that officers are already in talks with partners to explore means of promoting this campaign in ways which do not undermine the need for discretion which is fundamental to the campaign, and gives its full support to this approach. It also calls upon local bars and clubs not already signed up to this excellent initiative to give serious consideration to doing so.</p>
<p>7d Councillor Smith: Motion on EU Negotiations</p>	<p>This motion was withdrawn under Council Procedure Rule 27, which provides that a motion may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder and of the Council which shall be signified without discussion.</p>
<p>7e Councillor Bick: Councillors who break their connection with their council area</p>	<p>An amendment was proposed by Councillor Herbert and was approved (by 20 votes to 11)</p> <p>The motion as amended was approved (unanimously).</p> <p>Noting the current experience of an elected member continuing in office despite neither living nor working in the city, Council calls for a change in national legislation so that any councillor who during his or her term of office ceases to meet the minimum qualifying conditions required for initially standing for election, excluding continued service as a councillor, but then moving to live more than a normal maximum commuting distance of 50 miles from the boundary of their council area would after 6 months be considered to have vacated their seat, allowing a by-election to be called. Council requests the Leader to write to the Secretary of State and Local Government Association seeking their support for this change.</p>
<p>7f Councillor Gillespie: Fur Free Market motion</p>	<p>An amendment was proposed by Councillor Moore and was approved (unanimously)</p> <p>The motion as amended was approved (unanimously).</p> <p>This Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Kingdom has outlawed the farming of animals for their fur on ethical grounds since 2000 and that the use of one of the most common traps used to catch animals for their fur has been illegal

	<p>for many years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonetheless fur products are imported from overseas nations, where such bans do not operate and where there is virtually no animal welfare legislation in force. • Real fur comes from animals raised in deplorable conditions or trapped in the wild and killed inhumanely. • Regrettably these products are often found for sale on public markets in the UK and customers can inadvertently buy them thinking them to be made of imitation fur. <p>Accordingly Council resolves to ask the executive councillor to investigate the legalities of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibiting the sale of any product wholly or partially made with real animal fur on Council owned land and at Council run or Council leased markets. This ban to cover such items as fur coats, vintage fur, fur shawls, garments with fur trim, fur pompom hats, and fur accessories and trinkets. <p>And to look into</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the Fur Free Markets campaign of the animal welfare charity, Respect for Animals, the UK's leading anti-fur organisation, and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Becoming a signatory to the initiative.
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