

Council
Decisions
21 February 2019



Agenda item	Decision
1 To elect a Mayor for remainder of the Municipal Year 2018/19, to elect a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of Municipal Year 2018/19 and to pay tribute to Former Mayor and Councillor Nigel Gawthrope.	Mayor: Councillor Gerri Bird Deputy Mayor : Councillor Russ McPherson Tributes were paid to former Mayor and Councillor Nigel Gawthrope and Honorary Councillor John Durrant.
4. Petition	Please see the motion agreed and detailed in section 10a of the decision sheet.
6. To consider the recommendations from the Executive	
6a Executive Councillor for Housing: HRA Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2019/20	Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 25 to 0 votes).
6b Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources: Treasury Management Strategy Statement Report 2019/20 to 2022/23.	Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (unanimously).
To consider Budget Recommendations of the Executive for Adoption	
7a Budget Setting Report (General Fund) 2019/20 to 2022/23	Approved recommendation of the Executive as per agenda (by 25 votes to 0 with 11 abstentions).
7b Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to the Executive Budget	The Liberal Democrat Amendment was lost (by 13 votes to 24).

Recommendations	<p>Recorded votes were taken on the following budget items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B0001 – Shopmobility (p358 of agenda pack) 13 votes to 24 • B0008 – Children’s Tree Scheme (p359 of agenda pack) 13 votes to 24 • B0009 & S0001 Period Poverty (p359/360 of agenda pack) 13 votes to 24 • B0010 Planning Changes (p359 of agenda pack) 13 votes to 24 • C0004, S0004, S0005 – Housing Project (p360, 361 of the agenda pack) 13 votes to 24. • C0001 CCTV camera (p361 of agenda pack) 13 votes to 24.
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To consider the recommendations of Committees for adoption

8a Civic Affairs: Pay Policy Statement 2019/20	Approved recommendations of the Committee as per agenda (unanimously).
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8b Planning Committee Report concerning Local Government Ombudsman complaint	The report was noted.
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10. Notices of Motion

10a Councillor Cantrill: Declaring a Climate Emergency	<p>An amendment was proposed by Councillor Moore which was approved by 25 votes to 13.</p> <p>The vote on the motion as amended, was approved unanimously and the approved motion is detailed below:</p> <p>This council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human activities are changing our planet and the need for everyone to take action on climate change is more urgent and immediate than ever. • According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) Special Report in 2018, human activities are estimated to have caused approximately 1°C of global warming above preindustrial levels, with a likely range
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of 0.8°C to 1.2°C.

- The Paris Agreement sets out a global action plan to put the world on track to avoid dangerous climate change by “limiting global warming to well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C”.
- In order to prevent further global warming of more than 1.5°C, the IPCC states that this would require global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) to fall by about 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching ‘net zero’ around 2050 and that they would need to peak within 12 years (by 2030) to increase the chances of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.
- Cambridge City Council set an aspiration in its Climate Change Strategy 2016-21 for Cambridge to achieve zero carbon status by 2050.
- The latest statistics produced by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) shows total emissions in Cambridge have declined steadily over the last 11 years. From 2005-2016, total emissions from the city have reduced by almost 30%.
- Emission reductions in the UK, including Cambridge, since 2012 have primarily come from the decarbonisation of electricity generation in the power sector at a national level, which is shifting progressively from fossil fuels to low carbon and renewable generation.
- To maintain the current rate of emissions reduction and reach zero carbon by 2050, further changes to national policy and infrastructure would be required in all sectors, including industry and commercial, transport and domestic sources.
- Emissions would need to reduce much more rapidly to reach net zero carbon by an earlier date, requiring rapid and widescale changes

in energy production, supply and usage at the national level.

- The latest statistics for the source of Cambridge's carbon dioxide emissions are for 2016 and are; 49% from industry and commercial, 31% from domestic sources and 20% from transport.
- Anglia Ruskin University and Cambridge University have also set targets to be zero carbon by 2050.
- We welcome the new building control regulations requiring all new buildings to be nearly zero carbon from 31 December 2020 but note the damage done by scrapping Labour's original 2016 deadline.
- Through the Council's Carbon Management Plan 2016-21 we have taken action to reduce our own emissions, which account for just 1.2% of the city's overall emissions. We have already achieved the target of reducing council emissions by 15% by March 2021, and we are on the way to achieving the aspirational target of reducing them by 20% by that date.

We welcome the petition we have received and thank the over two thousand Cambridge residents who signed it, calling on us to declare a climate emergency.

We are proud that hundreds of local children and young people also marched through Cambridge last Friday as part of "Youth Strike 4 Climate" calling for urgent action to protect the environment from destruction and to halt climate change.

This council declares a climate emergency and we:

- Will continue to reduce the council's building and fleet emissions through developing and investing in carbon reduction projects and we will update our Carbon Management Plan regularly.

- Will continue to support residents and businesses in Cambridge to reduce their emissions using the powers and funding currently available to the council.
- Will establish a Cambridge Climate Charter calling on all organisations, businesses and individuals in the city to each establish their own Carbon Management Plans and to commit to reducing their carbon emissions which will enable us to achieve our city's net carbon-zero aspiration.
- Will continue to work with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to promote sustainable transport.
- Will establish a Clean Air Zone in Cambridge.

We want and we need to be doing more to tackle this climate emergency, and know that with Government leadership (that is currently absent) we could be achieving zero carbon far sooner.

We join the young people of Cambridge and Britain in “demand(ing) that the Government finally declare a climate emergency, and immediately begin to prioritise the protection of future life on Earth, taking active steps to achieve climate justice, reduce plastic and cut carbon emissions and in demand(ing) that the Government recognises that (the young)...have the biggest stake in the future (and)... will be the most affected by their inaction.”

To enable Cambridge and the rest of the UK to reach net zero carbon by 2030, we call on government, industry and regulators to implement the necessary changes with funding, transformed national infrastructure, policy, new technologies and legislation, including:

- Invest in clean, efficient renewable energy and end CO2 emissions from electricity

	<p>generation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban fracking. • Invest in energy-efficient public transport across the country, including the introduction of electric buses. • End the sale of all new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2030 and make cleaner vehicles more affordable and accessible. • Establish a long-term nationwide Warm Homes strategy with adequate investment for energy-saving and energy-efficiency measures. • Support a sustainable food revolution ensuring sustainable, fresh food for all whilst reducing food waste. • Develop a strategy for all UK businesses to be net zero carbon by 2030. <p>This will reduce the damage caused by climate change and will also create a strong green economy with new jobs, less waste and with sustainable growth, creating a safer, green, clean and healthy world for our children and grandchildren to inherit.</p>
<p>10b Councillor McGerty: Cambridge Live</p>	<p>An amendment was proposed by Councillor Smith which was approved by 21 votes to 12.</p> <p>The vote on the motion as amended, was approved by 32 votes to 0 the approved motion is detailed below:</p> <p>Council welcomes the emergency protection provided to the Cambridge Live programme and its customers, given the projected financial losses which jeopardised its future solvency, by returning it in-house to the council. It appreciates the cross-party work of all those involved in implementing the decision and particularly wishes to acknowledge the work of the current Cambridge Live Board.</p> <p>Council recognises the substantial potential public</p>

	<p>cost of this rescue, and the role of the Council as founding sponsor and major customer. It is therefore important to understand how far the Council could have done anything differently, either in setup or relationship management, and what key learning points arise.</p> <p>We therefore request officers to recommend to the June meeting of the Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee terms of reference for an independent review of these issues to report back to a subsequent scrutiny committee.</p>
10c. Councillor Moore: Tackling the Climate emergency	Councillor Moore withdrew Motion 10C with the consent of the seconder and the Council under Council Procedure Rule 27 which shall be signified without discussion
11a Record of Special Urgent Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Communities: Outcome of Cambridge Live Review	The Special Urgent Decision was noted.
12. Written Questions	Contained in the Information Pack – published on the Website.

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