



# **CAMBRIDGE** CITY COUNCIL

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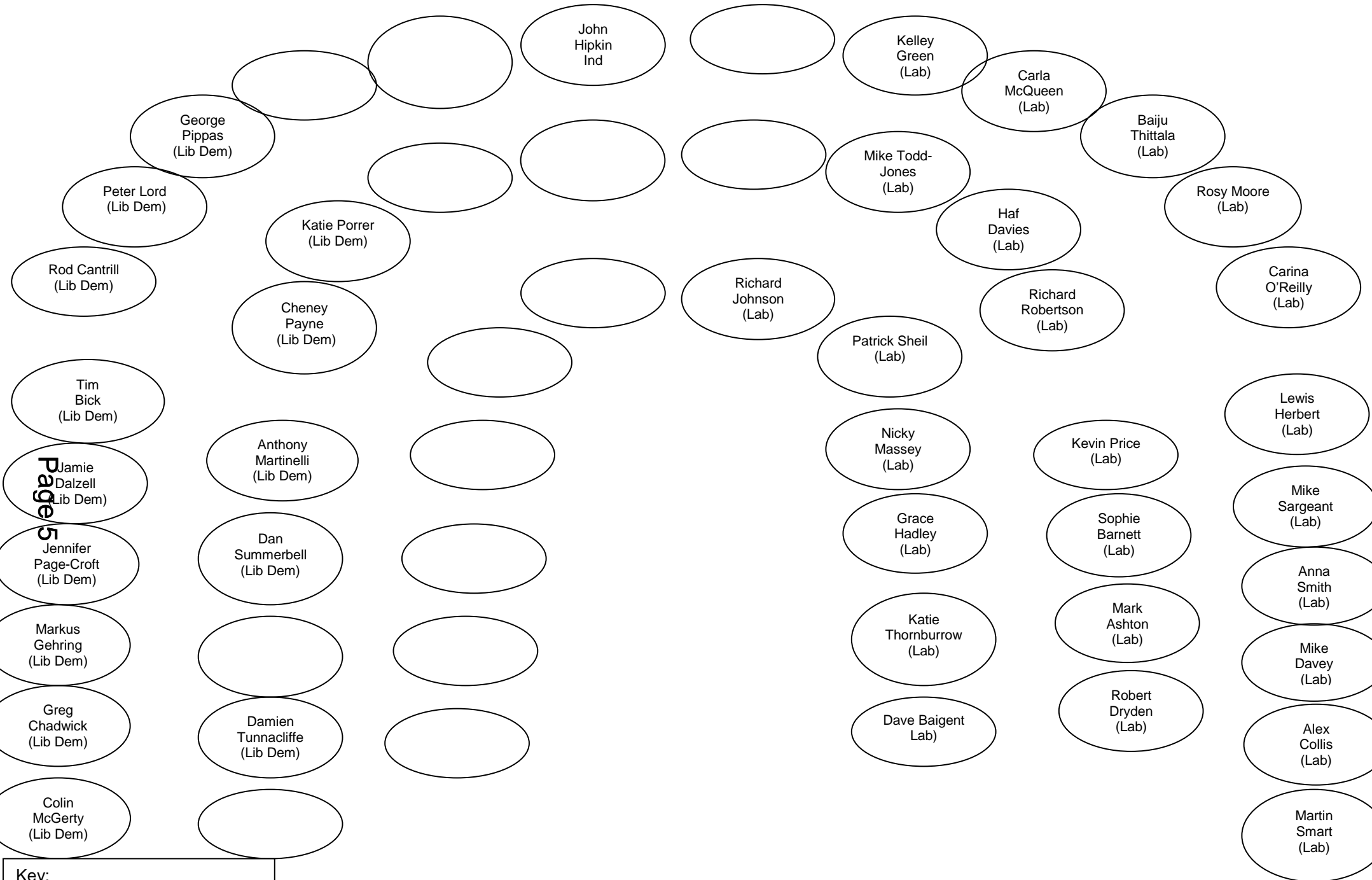
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**COUNCIL**

22 May 2019  
9.00 - 10.30 am

**Present:** Councillors Baigent, Bick, Bird, Cantrill, Collis, Dalzell, Davies, Davey, Gehring, Green, Hadley, Herbert, Hipkin, Johnson, Lord, Martinelli, Massey, McGerty, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, Nethsingha, Page-Croft, Porrer, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Summerbell, Thittala, Thornburrow and Todd-Jones

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**19/14/CNL Public questions time**

A member of the public asked a question as set out below.

1. She was a Biologist at Nottingham University and her husband was a Professor. His work studied snails in the south pacific and it was found that some snail species had become extinct. To try and protect certain snail species a further snail was introduced to manage certain populations of snails in the area. Unfortunately the snail which was introduced consumed snail species it was not expected to consume. They set up a charity called Frozen Ark, whose purpose was to save genetic resources before they went extinct. The charity was a global charity and there were 24 institutions which were collecting DNA samples so that this could be used for breeding and future genetic studies. She noted the Motion on Biodiversity and asked whether the Council would be interested in getting involved with the Frozen Ark project.

The Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces responded:

- i. Thanked the public speaker for attending the meeting and bringing the Frozen Ark project to the council's attention. She commented that it was important that we had records of all the different species so that we can work to reduce their decline. The Council was fortunate to be able to contact such organisations for contributions.

**19/15/CNL To consider the following notices of motion, notice of which has been given by:**

**2a Councillor Martinelli: Proposed closure of Parkside Police station**

Councillor Martinelli proposed and Councillor Dalzell seconded the following motion:

Council notes the Police Constabulary's intention to move its Southern Divisional HQ out of its current site in Parkside to a location in the outskirts of Cambridge.

It resolves to hold the Police & Crime Commissioner to his public statement that community policing and a Public Contact point will remain in the the city centre. In particular the council calls on:

1. The Commissioner and the Chief Constable for the proposed city centre public contact point to take the form of a desk staffed 24/7, recognising the very high footfall in Cambridge city centre, the size of the night economy, and the high concentration of incidents to be found in any vibrant urban centre;

2. The City Council Chief Executive to explore and if possible advance the opportunity for the Police Neighbourhood Policing team to share an office facility within the city with the city council's Safer Communities team and potentially other enforcement officers of the city and county council, a model which has been pioneered in Peterborough, in order to further enhance joint working.

Councillor Massey proposed and Councillor Davies seconded the following amendment to motion (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~)

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~~It resolves to hold the Police & Crime Commissioner to his public statement that community policing and a Public Contact point will remain in the the city centre. In particular~~ The council calls on:

4. ~~The~~ The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable to retain a smaller city centre police station with parking for patrol cars, particularly for our neighbourhood policing officers to work from and to be able to walk and cycle from the station and with ~~for the proposed city centre public contact point to take the form of~~ a desk staffed 24/7, recognising the very high footfall in Cambridge city centre, the high levels of tourism in our city the size of the night economy, and the high concentration of incidents to be found in any vibrant urban centre;



~~2. The City Council Chief Executive to explore and if possible advance the opportunity for the Police Neighbourhood Policing team to share an office facility within the city with the city council's Safer Communities team and potentially other enforcement officers of the city and county council, a model which has been pioneered in Peterborough, in order to further enhance joint working.~~

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 22 votes to 11.

**Resolved** (by 33 votes to 0):

Council notes the Police Constabulary's intention to move its Southern Divisional HQ out of its current site in Parkside to a location in the outskirts of Cambridge.

The council calls on:

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable to retain a smaller city centre police station with parking for patrol cars, particularly for our neighbourhood policing officers to work from and to be able to walk and cycle from the station and with a desk staffed 24/7, recognising the very high footfall in Cambridge city centre, the high levels of tourism in our city the size of the night economy, and the high concentration of incidents to be found in any vibrant urban centre.

## **2b Councillor Cantrill: People's vote motion**

Councillor Cantrill requested the Council's consent under Council Procedure Rule 26 to alter his motion. On a show of hands the request was lost (by 11 in favour to 22 against).

Councillor Cantrill proposed and Councillor Gehring seconded the following motion:

In the 2016 Referendum on the European Union Cambridge voted over 73% in favour of remaining in the European Union. The European elections on the 23 May, provides residents with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to remaining in the European Union.

The Council believes that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a People's Vote on Brexit with the option of revoking Article 50 and remaining in the EU.

The Council calls on all political parties to commit to give Cambridge residents (including resident European citizens) a vote on whether to accept whatever Brexit deal is agreed or to retain the many benefits local residents currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.

The Council should write to our two local MPs calling on them to lobby their parties to unequivocally support a People's Vote.

Councillor Smith proposed and Councillor Moore seconded an amendment to the motion (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~)

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The Council believes that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a ~~People's Vote~~ Confirmatory Public Vote on any Brexit deal agreed, with the option of revoking Article 50 and remaining in the EU.

The Council calls on ~~all political parties~~ Parliament to commit to give Cambridge, and all UK residents (including resident European citizens) a vote on whether to accept whatever Brexit deal is agreed or to retain the many benefits local residents currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.

The Council should write to our two local MPs ~~calling on them to lobby their parties to unequivocally support a People's Vote~~ thanking them for their consistent support in campaigning for a confirmatory ballot.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 22 votes to 11.

**Resolved** (by 33 votes to 0, with Councillor Hipkin recorded as abstaining):

The Council believes that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a Confirmatory Public Vote on any Brexit deal agreed, with the option of revoking Article 50 and remaining in the EU.

The Council calls on Parliament to commit to give Cambridge, and all UK residents (including resident European citizens) a vote on whether to accept whatever Brexit deal is agreed or to retain the many benefits local residents currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.

The Council should write to our two local MPs thanking them for their consistent support in campaigning for a confirmatory ballot.

**2c Councillor Thornburrow: Declaration of a biodiversity emergency**

Councillor Thornburrow proposed and Councillor Moore seconded the following motion:

This Council notes with concern recent reports from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) on global species and habitat loss, and also that Cambridgeshire & Peterborough combined has one of the lowest percentages of land cover of priority habitats, natural green spaces and designated nature conservation sites in England, with only 6.5% of the land surface having statutory or non-statutory nature conservation designations and only approximately 8.5% being priority habitat.

We recognise the importance of a healthy and biodiverse environment that ensures our City's future prosperity and supports the wellbeing of all who live, work and study here.

We therefore pledge to provide leadership and to ensure that we work with partners and our communities to reverse the decline in biodiversity and deliver measurable biodiversity net gain within Cambridge and the wider region.

Further to this, Council:

- (1) Declares its recognition of the global biodiversity emergency and the local impact this could have on the communities and businesses we serve**
- (2) Pledges to act during the first year of Motion being accepted, to work towards future measurable biodiversity net gain for Cambridge, based on a full assessment of the scientific evidence on how best to achieve this**
- (3) Pledges to develop plans for further action, in second year of Motion and beyond, to secure further biodiversity net gain.**

In recognition of this biodiversity emergency, during first year of Motion being accepted Cambridge City Council will:

- Make the Council estate more hospitable to a wide range of plants and animals, including on our parks and open spaces.

- Publish a Parks Biodiversity Toolkit to encourage community engagement with habitat creation such as flowering meadows for pollinating insects.
- Identify how the City's open spaces function as part of a Cambridgeshire coherent ecological network and prioritise areas for protection and enhancement.
- Set measurable targets and standards for biodiversity increase, seeking to increase community engagement with habitat creation such as bee banks and ponds.
- Work to improve the City Council Nature Conservation Strategy, building on the significant work already delivered since its adoption in 2006, by embedding measurable biodiversity net gain across the authority.
- Work in partnership with institutions, schools, businesses and community groups, to raise awareness and encourage wider biodiversity action across the City by:
  - Providing a range of public engagement and awareness campaigns to provide advice to residents and businesses on how to protect and enhance habitats within their neighbourhoods.
  - Promoting the adoption of the Local Nature Partnership 'Developing with Nature Toolkit' within all new major developments to ensure biodiversity best practice is implemented and recognised
  - Continuing to safeguard and enhance the trees of our urban forest to maximise their biodiversity benefits through the implementation of the adopted Tree Strategy (2016)
  - Encouraging and supporting urban agriculture as set out in the City Council Sustainable Food Policy,
  - Continuing to support the Local Wildlife Trust through a service level agreement (SLA) to ensure our designated Local Wildlife Sites reach and retain favourable conservation status
  - Continuing to support the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Environmental Records Centre through a SLA to ensure validated, up-to-date biodiversity data is captured and available to decision makers when considering the implications of development, land management and projects.
  - Continuing to support Natural Cambridgeshire, the Local Nature Partnership (LNP), to deliver the shared vision for 'Cambridgeshire to be an exemplar for the landscape scale restoration of the natural environment'.

We further aspire to:

- Ensure the delivery of biodiversity enhancements through our planning policy and development control functions by providing guidance to

support existing biodiversity policies as part of the Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD and forthcoming Greater Cambridge Biodiversity SPD. Development of the Joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan will enable the development of a mandatory biodiversity net gain policy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, ensuring that this is a core principle for all future development across the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

- Establish a Cambridge Biodiversity Charter, calling on all organisations, businesses and individuals in the city to each establish their own Biodiversity Action Plans and to commit to enhancing their open spaces, to contribute towards a city's wide net gain
- Design new council housing for net gain of biodiversity and opportunities in the form of integral swift boxes, biodiverse green roofs and hedgehog highways etc, where viable.
- Work with the Cambridgeshire County Council, Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to promote sustainable transport by the implementation of biodiversity net gain targets
- Establish a Biodiversity recognition scheme for schools / community groups / business and individual gardens.

### **Supporting Information:**

Climate change, biodiversity and human health

<https://www.who.int/globalchange/ecosystems/biodiversity/en/>

WWF Living Planet report 2018

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Councillor Dalzell proposed and Councillor McGerty seconded the following amendment to motion (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~)

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natural green spaces and designated nature conservation sites in England, with only 6.5% of the land surface having statutory or non-statutory nature conservation designations and only approximately 8.5% being priority habitat.

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Further to this, Council:

~~(1) Declares its recognition of the global biodiversity emergency and the local impact this could have on the communities and businesses we serve~~

~~(2) Pledges to act during the first year of Motion being accepted, to work towards future measurable biodiversity net gain for Cambridge, based on a full assessment of the scientific evidence on how best to achieve this~~

~~(3) Pledges to develop plans for further action, in second year of Motion and beyond, to secure further biodiversity net gain.~~

**(1) Recognises the global biodiversity crisis, the impact this will have on our local community and its close link to the Climate Emergency declared at our last meeting.**

**(2) Renews this Council's 2006 commitment to deliver a measurable biodiversity net gain for Cambridge, based on a full assessment of the scientific evidence and consultation with local stakeholders.**

**(3) Pledges to identify actions that can be taken this year to protect and improve biodiversity in Cambridge, to bring a report to scrutiny committee in October to report on progress and develop a long-term spending plan for future budgets.**

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- Seek to eliminate unnecessary use of pesticides across the City Council estate.
- Publish a Parks Biodiversity Toolkit to encourage community engagement with habitat creation such as flowering meadows for pollinating insects.
- Identify how the City's open spaces function as part of a Cambridgeshire coherent ecological network and prioritise areas for protection and enhancement.
- Set measurable targets and standards for biodiversity increase, seeking to increase community engagement with habitat creation such as bee banks and ponds.
- Work to improve the City Council Nature Conservation Strategy, building on the significant work already delivered since its adoption in 2006, by embedding measurable biodiversity net gain across the authority.
- Work in partnership with neighbouring Councils, institutions, schools, businesses and community groups, to develop strategies raise awareness and encourage wider biodiversity action across the City by:
  - Providing a range of public engagement and awareness campaigns to provide advice to residents and businesses on how to protect and enhance habitats within their neighbourhoods.
  - Promoting the adoption of the Local Nature Partnership 'Developing with Nature Toolkit' within all new major developments to ensure biodiversity best practice is implemented and recognised.
  - Continuing to safeguard and enhance the trees of our urban forest to maximise their biodiversity benefits through the implementation of the adopted Tree Strategy (2016) and committing to increase the number of trees in Cambridge.
  - Develop a Hedge Strategy to protect and maximise the planting of high quality hedging across the city including major GCP projects and housing developments.
  - Encouraging and supporting urban agriculture as set out in the City Council Sustainable Food Policy,
  - Continuing to support the Local Wildlife Trust through a service level agreement (SLA) to ensure our designated Local Wildlife Sites reach and retain favourable conservation status.

- Continuing to support the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Environmental Records Centre through a SLA to ensure validated, up-to-date biodiversity data is captured and available to decision makers when considering the implications of development, land management and projects.
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**Resolved** (unanimously):

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**2d** Councillor Thittala: Supporting overseas nurses in developing their English proficiency

Councillors Gehring and Smith declared personal interests as being employed by Cambridge University and Cambridge Assessment respectively and they would not vote on the Motion.

Councillor Thittala amended his motion under Council Procedure Rule 26 and Councillor McQueen seconded the following motion (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~):

Along with other UK cities, Cambridge is suffering a severe shortage of trained nurses and nursing staff in the NHS, and of care staff locally. Problems of recruitment and retention are made far worse by the setting of English language standards not always appropriate to ~~the~~ roles, and inadequate supplementary English classes following the recruitment of staff from overseas, or for potential staff already in the UK.

The Council asks the Leader of the Council to write to:

- 1.The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) asking them to step in and address this unfair practice and requesting that they conduct a consultation to reduce the required English proficiency score. ~~so.~~ The NMC requires a score of 7 out of 9, which is about 78%, but the consultation should consider reducing it to requesting to conduct a consultation to reduce it to 6.5, which is still a 72% pass mark, for those nurses who worked and are settled in the United Kingdom and have worked in the UK health sector for more than 4 years;
- 2.The NMC requesting they conduct an immediate consultation on improving recruitment and addressing the barriers to people where English is their second language;
- 3.~~CUHS and Addenbrookes~~ Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust asking them to review their overseas recruitment policy, including of staff ~~where their~~ whose English can be improved while in work;
- 4.The Secretary of State for Health calling for Government intervention to address the national shortage of nurses in our NHS, and in Cambridge.

**Resolved** (by 30 votes to 0)

Along with other UK cities, Cambridge is suffering a severe shortage of trained nurses and nursing staff in the NHS, and of care staff locally. Problems of recruitment and retention are made far worse by the setting of English language standards not always appropriate to roles, and inadequate

supplementary English classes following the recruitment of staff from overseas, or for potential staff already in the UK.

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- 2.The NMC requesting they conduct an immediate consultation on improving recruitment and addressing the barriers to people where English is their second language;
- 3.Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust asking them to review their overseas recruitment policy, including of staff whose English can be improved while in work;
- 4.The Secretary of State for Health calling for Government intervention to address the national shortage of nurses in our NHS, and in Cambridge.

### **19/16/CNL Written questions**

Members were asked to note the written questions and answers that had been placed in the information pack circulated around the Chamber.

The meeting ended at 10.30 am

**MAYOR**

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**COUNCIL**

22 May 2019  
11.00 - 11.05 am

**Present:** Councillors Baigent, Bick, Bird, Cantrill, Collis, Dalzell, Davies, Davey, Gehring, Green, Hadley, Herbert, Hipkin, Johnson, Lord, Martinelli, Massey, McGerty, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, Nethsingha, Page-Croft, Porrer, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Summerbell, Thittala, Thornburrow and Todd-Jones

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**19/17/CNL To consider the following recommendation of the Civic Affairs Meeting held on 13 May 2019: Appointment of Honorary Councillors**

**Resolved (unanimously):**

- i. To appoint former Councillor Caroline Hart as an Honorary Councillor.

The meeting ended at 11.05 am

**MAYOR**

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**COUNCIL**

22 May 2019  
11.05 am - 12.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors Baigent, Bick, Bird, Cantrill, Collis, Dalzell, Davies, Davey, Gehring, Green, Hadley, Herbert, Hipkin, Johnson, Lord, Martinelli, Massey, McGerty, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, Nethsingha, Page-Croft, Porrer, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Summerbell, Thittala, Thornburrow and Todd-Jones

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**19/18/CNL To elect a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20**

(The Deputy Mayor in the Chair)

Councillor Smith proposed and Councillor Cantrill seconded the nomination of Councillor Gerri Bird as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

**Resolved** (unanimously) that:

- i. Councillor Gerri Bird be elected for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Councillor Bird then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the Office of Mayor.

**19/19/CNL To elect a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20**

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Moore seconded the nomination of Councillor Russ McPherson as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

**Resolved** that:

- i. Councillor Russ McPherson be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Councillor McPherson then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the Office of Deputy Mayor.

**19/20/CNL To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 21 February 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 February 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

**19/21/CNL To note the Returning Officer's Report that the following have been elected to the office of Councillor**

It was noted the following had been elected to the Office of Councillor:

- Abbey: Haf Davies
- Arbury: Carina O'Reilly
- Castle: Greg Chadwick
- Cherry Hinton: Mark Ashton
- Coleridge: Grace Hadley
- East Chesterton: Gerri Bird
- King's Hedges: Alex Collis and Kevin Price
- Market: Katie Porrer
- Newnham: Markus Gehring
- Petersfield: Mike Davey
- Queen Edith's: George Pippas
- Romsey: Anna Smith
- Trumpington: Peter Lord and Dan Summerbell
- West Chesterton: Damien Tunnacliffe

**19/22/CNL To note the appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year**

The Council noted the appointment of Deacon Ian Murray as the Mayor's Chaplain for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

**19/23/CNL To pass a Resolution of Thanks to former Mayor Nigel Gawthroe and Jenny Wood**

**Resolved** (unanimously), on the proposal of Councillor Price, seconded by Councillor Bick that:

i. The Council expresses its appreciation of the manner in which the duties of Mayor and Mayoress were discharged by Nigel Gawthroe and Jenny Wood. (The Common Seal was affixed to a copy of this resolution and presented to Jenny Wood at the meeting).

**19/24/CNL Mayor's announcements**

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ashton, Barnett, Dryden, Chadwick, O'Reilly, Payne, Pippas and Tunnacliffe.

**Civic Church Service**

The Mott Sermon would be preached at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, 26 May at 9.30 a.m.

**Proclamation of Midsummer Fair**

The Proclamation of Midsummer Fair was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19 June, and details had been circulated.

**Mayor's Day Out**

The Mayor confirmed that the Mayor's Day Out would take place on Tuesday 13 August and asked that if anyone would like to help to let Penny Jackson know.

**19/25/CNL To elect from among the Members of the Council four Bailiffs of the City for the Municipal Year 2019/20**

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

Appoint Councillors Massey, Thornburrow, Pippas and Page-Croft Bailiffs of the City for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

**19/26/CNL To consider the recommendations of Committees for adoption**

**9a Civic Affairs: Nominations for Committees for the Municipal Year 2019/20**

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

- i. Agree the number and size of committees, depart from proportionality on the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee and to note the nominations listed in the agenda and in the information pack, set out below in full:

Ordinary Committee

<b>Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee 8 (5 Labour + 3 Lib Dem)</b>
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Smart, Barnett, Hadley, Collis, Davies

Summerbell, Martinelli, Payne

Alternates – O'Reilly, Sheil, Page-Croft

**Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee** 9 (5 Labour + 3 Lib Dem + 1 Independent)

Smart, Sheil, Hadley, Green, Baigent

Bick, McGerty, Chadwick

Hipkin

Alternates – McQueen, Bird, Lord

**Housing Scrutiny Committee** 8 (5 Labour + 3 Lib Dem)

Todd-Jones, Bird, Collis, Sheil

Cantrill, Lord, Porrer

Alternates – Barnett, O'Reilly, McGerty

**Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee** 5 (3 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

Davey, Todd-Jones, Green

Bick, Dalzell

Alternates – Davies, O'Reilly, Cantrill

**Civic Affairs Committee** 6 (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

McPherson, Sargeant, Davey, Thornburrow

Dalzell, Chadwick

Alternate – Moore, Martinelli

**Employment (Senior Officer) Committee** 6 (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

Sargeant, Thornburrow, Herbert, Sheil

Bick, Nethsingha

<b>Licensing Committee 11 (7 Labour+ 4 Lib Dem)</b>
Bird, Thittala, McQueen, Massey, Moore, McPherson, Sargeant
Pippas, Gehring, Porrer, Summerbell
Alternates – Johnson, Page-Croft

<b>Planning Committee 8 (5 Labour+ 3 Lib Dem)</b>
Smart, McQueen, Green, Baigent, Sargeant
Tunnacliffe, Lord, Page-Croft
Alternates – Thornburrow, Herbert, Nethsingha

<b>Cambridge City Joint Area Committee (with County Council) 6 (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem )</b>
Sargeant, Smart, Massey, Robertson
Payne, Martinelli
Alternates – Bird, Lord

<b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - 1 seat</b>
Herbert
Alternate - Sargeant

<b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 Labour + 1 Lib Dem</b>
Price, Gehring
Alternates – Davey, Summerbell

<b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Audit and Governance Committee</b>
1 Labour + one alternate
Davey
Alternate – Price

**Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 3 (2 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)**

Davey, Massey, Bick

**Joint Development Control Committee - Cambridge Fringes 6 (4 Labour+ 2 Lib Dem)**

Thornburrow, Baigent, Sargeant, Smart

Tunnacliffe, Page-Croft

Alternates- Price, Moore, Porrer, Lord

**9b Civic Affairs: Nominations for Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs Municipal Year 2019/20**
**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

Approve the Nominations for Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs for Municipal Year 2019/20.

	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
Environment and Community Services	Smart	Barnett
Planning and Transport	Smart	Sheil
Housing	Todd-Jones	Bird (nb. Tenant/Leaseholder is Chair of Part 1 of the meeting)
Strategy & Resources	Davey	Todd-Jones
Civic Affairs	McPherson	Sargeant
Licensing	Bird	Thittala
Planning	Smart	McQueen
JDCC	Thornburrow as Lead Cllr	

**9c Civic Affairs: Constitutional Updates**

The Leader of the Council informed the Council of changes to Executive portfolios, set out in the Council Agenda pages 39-59.

**Resolved** (unanimously) to:

Approve the changes to the Constitution as set out below:

## **SECTION 6: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

The Council shall have the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Their role and functions are set out in Article 6 of Part 2 of this Constitution and their procedure is governed by the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

### **Environment and Community (Scrutiny) Committee**

Terms of Reference
Overview and scrutiny of the functions for which the Executive Councillors for (i) Communities (ii) CLIMATE CHANGE, Environment <del>at Services</del> and City Centre are responsible for and; (iii) the community safety responsibilities of the EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY <del>Streets and Open Spaces</del> are responsible
As required by Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 to be the crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made by the Council or by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

### **Planning and Transport (Scrutiny) Committee**

Terms of Reference
Overview and scrutiny of the functions for which the Executive Councillor for (i) Planning Policy and OPEN SPACES <del>Transport</del> is responsible for and (ii) the transport responsibilities of the EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

## **19/27/CNL Annual Statements**

Councillor Herbert spoke to a written Annual Statement on the Labour Group's priorities for the forthcoming Municipal Year, which had been appended to the agenda for the meeting. It was note a typographical error on page 61 second line of the Agenda which should read ' Four commitments to deliver....'

Councillor Bick spoke to a written Annual Statement on the Liberal Democrat Group's priorities for the forthcoming Municipal Year, which had been appended to the information pack for the meeting.

### **19/28/CNL Adoption of Policies and Procedures**

**Resolved** (by 23 votes to 0) that:

- i. The Annual Statement of the Labour Group, as appended to the agenda, be adopted as Council policy for 2019/20.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

**MAYOR**



## **Council Meeting: Oral Questions in Order for Council**

**18 July 2019**

### **Primary Questions**

#### **1) Councillor Collis to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

Can the Executive Councillor update us on the progress of the anti-poverty strategy?

#### **2) Councillor Gehring to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces**

Reducing single use plastics is a key part of all carbon neutrality strategies- does the Executive Councillor agree that it is therefore of vital importance that water fountains are installed and functional in public parks?

#### **3) Councillor Cantrill Executive Councillor for Housing**

Does the Executive Councillor believe that the city council is doing everything possible to address the issue of rough sleeping in Cambridge?

#### **4) Councillor Bick to the Executive Councillor for Housing**

Does he regard the proposed expansion of Housing First as representing an additional option in the mix for helping rough sleepers into mainstream housing - or a replacement for the hostel system?

#### **5) Councillor Price to the Executive Councillor for Housing**

How much has Cambridge Street Aid raised so far, and how many grants have been distributed?

**6) Councillor Dalzell to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre**

Does the Council have data regarding the level of recycling at much enjoyed events held on our parks and open spaces this summer compared to previous years?

**7) Councillor Davis to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

What is the Executive Councillor's response to the cuts announced this week by the Clinical Commissioning Group?

**8) Councillor Thittala to the Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety**

Can you update the Council on Cambridgeshire police plans for a new Milton Police station, and the council's commitment on retaining a fully effective city centre police station?

**9) Councillor Davey to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre**

Does she support future Car Free Days for Cambridge city centre?

**10) Councillor Pippas to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces**

Following a request in early May from the young residents of Queen Edith's for the Council to install an additional rubbish bin in the children's play area at Gunhild Close recreation park, Can the Executive Councillor tell us when is the anticipated day of installation for the new rubbish bin please?

**11) Councillor McPherson to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

Can the Executive Councillor update us on the preparations for the Cambridge Folk Festival?

**12) Councillor O'Reilly to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

What activities are being planned for children and young people over the summer?

**13) Councillor Todd-Jones to the Executive Councillor for Housing**

Given that the Government is projecting that it will spend a total of £29 billion of housing funding on its 'Help to Buy' scheme, what has been the benefit or not of this scheme for Cambridge people needing affordable housing?

**14) Councillor Porrer to the Executive Councillor for Housing**

Could the Executive Councillor for Housing confirm that our existing home loss policy will be available to all tenants who are required to relocate as a result of redevelopment of the housing in which they currently live?

**15) Councillor McGerty to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

Can the Executive Councillor give an update on the Cambridge Live Review previously committed to by the council?

**16) Councillor Martinelli to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre**

Does the Executive Councillor believe that the Council is doing everything it can to prevent waste going to landfill?

**17) Councillor Payne to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

Can the Executive Councillor provide comment on whether she believes Cambridge is an equal city?

**18) Councillor Barnett to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

Can the Executive Councillor update us on the progress of encouraging employers to pay the real living wage?

**19) Councillor McQueen to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

What is Cambridge City Council doing to promote LGBT rights?

**20) Councillor Summerbell to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces**

Many people in Trumpington are concerned for the future of the Flying Pig pub. They recall the occasion on which the Osborne Arms pub nearby was demolished in 2012 without approval for demolition. This approval was granted retrospectively, on the grounds that the developer had not been informed that it lay in a conservation area. Can the executive councillor confirm that explicit consent would be required to demolish the Flying Pig under Policy 76 (the Pub Protection Policy) and Policy 61 (that it is in a Conservation Area) of the local plan, and that this consent has not yet been granted?

**21) Councillor Thornburrow to the Executive Councillor for Communities**

Can the Executive Councillor give us an update on the progress of the doctor's surgery at the Clay Farm site?

Labour amendment to the Making Cambridge a Pesticide-Free City motion proposed by Councillor Thornburrow to Motion and seconded by Councillor Hadley 1 (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~).

Cambridge City Council notes that:

- ~~- Pesticides are currently used by the City Council to control plant growth within Cambridge, including in our open spaces.~~
- ~~- City Council teams also use pesticides for the management of grass areas associated with highways under a Service Level Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council.~~
- Exposure to pesticides is associated with human disease, harm to wildlife and contamination of our natural resources.
- Safe and effective alternatives to the use of chemical pesticides exist and are in use by other local authorities who have committed to becoming pesticide-free.
- ~~- Trials this year of stopping herbicide use in a number of parks in Cambridge have been successful without significant negative impact on either the quality of the area or the Council's resources.~~
- The City Council team has ceased to use pesticides in the management of city council open spaces.
- The City Council does not operate in isolation and engagement from with the wider community and with other bodies will be necessary to phase out the use of pesticides within the city, including ending use on highways under the Service Level Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council.

Cambridge City Council therefore:

- ~~1) Commit to stopping all use of pesticides on Cambridge City Council's open spaces within the next year~~
- ~~2) Bring a report to the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee defining a strategy for the complete phase out of pesticide use by the end of 2022~~
- ~~3) Establish a stakeholder forum including Cambridgeshire County Council, members of the public and local landowners to assist in implementing the strategy~~
- Commends the Streets and Open Spaces team for having ended pesticide use on the Council's open spaces from July 1 2019, within three months of having committed to do so.

- Supports the Streets and Open Spaces team in their work with Cambridgeshire County Council to end the use of pesticides by the City Council on highway footpaths and verges under the service level agreement that governs these areas.
- Will continue the process of discussion and consultation with other interested parties and public realm landowners to work to eliminate the use of pesticides on publicly accessed land in Cambridge, with the aim that Cambridge becomes pesticide-free.

Liberal Democrat amendment to the Proposed Meadows & Buchan Street Development motion proposed by Councillor Cantrill (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~).

This Council recognises that there is an urgent need to build social housing in the city to meet the needs of those 2,500 families (approximate) who are currently on the Council's Housing Register. The programme to build 500 council houses goes some way to address this need. ~~However, the Council is deeply concerned about~~ The proposed Meadows & Buchan Street scheme ~~seeks~~ seeks to provide some of these and ~~the proposal to take a~~ but taking part of St Albans recreation ground in order to deliver the scheme, providing ~~which provides~~ new homes at the cost of removing public amenity for existing ones. ~~The Council is also concerned that residents have not had a proper opportunity to comment on the proposals through the Council's consultation process. The Council notes the recent decision taken by the Executive Councillor for Housing to pause the development, to allow for the plans to be amended and then to undertake a public consultation on the revised scheme.~~

~~The Council asks the Executive Councillor for Housing that he:~~  
I) ~~pause the project and rerun the consultation exercise again, giving residents a further chance to give their input on the scheme on a proper basis; and~~  
II) ~~should the public response to the new consultation be against St Albans rec land being used that the Executive Councillor for Housing accepts this view and commits to adjust the current proposals accordingly~~

This Council asks the Executive Councillor that he accepts the public response to the new consultation regarding the scheme and that he undertake to implement whatever the consultation outcome is.

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Labour amendment to the Proposed Meadows & Buchan Street Development motion proposed by Councillor Johnson and seconded by Councillor Collis (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~).

~~This Council recognises that there is an urgent need to build social housing in the city to meet the needs of those 2,500 families (approximate) who are currently on the Council's Housing Register. The programme to build 500 council houses goes some way to address this need. However, the Council is deeply concerned about the proposed Meadows & Buchan Street scheme to provide some of these and the proposal to take a part of St Albans recreation ground in order to deliver the scheme, which provides new homes at the cost of removing public amenity for existing ones. The Council is also concerned that residents have not had a proper opportunity to comment on the proposals through the Council's consultation process.~~

~~The Council asks the Executive Councillor for Housing that he:~~

- ~~I) — pause the project and rerun the consultation exercise again, giving residents a further chance to give their input on the scheme on a proper basis; and~~
- ~~II) — should the public response to the new consultation be against St Albans rec land being used that the Executive Councillor for Housing accepts this view and commits to adjust the current proposals accordingly~~

To help address this need, the Council was successful in obtaining £70million from Government, as part of the Devolution Agreement, to assist with building at least 500 new council homes over the next few years. Roughly 100 of these new homes are proposed to be situated at the current Meadows Community Centre and Buchan Street Neighbourhood Centre sites. It is acknowledged that much of the demand for new council housing comes from residents who live in the north of Cambridge.

- This Council notes that:

- I. In line with recommendations from its 2017 Community Centres Review, a modern community facility will also be built at the Meadows site, integrating the functions of both the Meadows and Buchan Street venues, benefitting residents of the north of the city.

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- II. Improvements to St Alban's Recreation Ground are also proposed, enhancing biodiversity and playing pitch provision. The existing play equipment will be retained.
- III. An extensive pre-planning application consultation exercise was undertaken in March of this year, with a leaflet publicising the proposals delivered to 3500 households, and promoted in the 'Cambridge Matters' magazine. Two consultation events took place at both the Meadows and Buchan Street, and further consultation was undertaken on the specific issue of open space.
- IV. In considering comments from the public, it has been confirmed that there will be refinements and improvements to the original proposals. These refinements include the potential of reducing the percentage of open space lost, and modifying the design to take better account of the existing streetscape.
- V. Following sharing with the public the refined plans, there will be a further round of engagement after the summer holidays. The planning applications for both the Meadows and Buchan Street sites will then be submitted in the autumn.
- This Council resolves to:
  - I. Welcome the progress being made to deliver at least 500 new council homes in Cambridge.
  - II. Recognise the importance of the Meadows and Buchan Street sites in helping meet this target.
  - III. Acknowledge the input from the public in helping inform the plans for these schemes, including on the subject of open space.

**Council 18 July 2019**  
**Written Questions and Answers**

**1. Councillor Martinelli**

**To Councillor Moore the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre**

Please could the Executive Cllr provide an update on their commitment to look into the legalities of ensuring Cambridge has a fur free market, as agreed at Council in October 2018.

In accordance with the agreed motion, I have asked officers to look into the legality of prohibiting the sale of real animal fur on Council owned land; and at Council run 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. I have also asked officers to look into becoming a signatory of the Fur Free Markets campaign of the animal welfare charity, Respect for Animals, the UK's leading anti-fur organisation.

This investigation work is underway and I expect to receive a report, detailing the results and officer recommendations, by the end of the year.

**2. Councillor Martinelli**

**To Councillor Massey the Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety**

Please could the Executive Councillor outline the decision timetable for the revamped car club tender process and explain how the final decision will be scrutinised by members?

A. Outline the decision timetable for the revamped car club tender process

The procurement timetable for the Car Club tender process was revised after a late withdrawal from the project by the University of Cambridge.

- The tender was issued on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019

- The tender return date was 14<sup>th</sup> May.
- Evaluation was completed by officers from the City and County Councils over 15<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May
- Moderation completed on 4<sup>th</sup> June
- The contract was awarded to Enterprise Rent-A-Car Ltd on 12<sup>th</sup> June.
- The implementation process has begun and service commencement is planned **for the week commencing the 12 August (to avoid the City Council's by-election).**

The project team have had initial meetings with the winning bidder and are confident that the appointment will result in a successful partnership.

#### B. Explain how the final decision will be scrutinised by members

The decision as to whom to award the contract to is not subject to scrutiny by members. The Contract Procedure Rules in section 1.6 states the following.

- Revenue Spend under £1,000,000 (Non Key Decision)  
Cyclical requirements and 'business as usual' expenditure, under £1,000,000 can be procured and awarded subject to the budget having been approved, compliance with these procedures and the appropriate delegation of authority to award.
- The Contract at £400,000 is below the requirement for a committee report and as such only has to comply with the procurement procedures and, as it is a concession contract, the Concession Contract Regulations 2016.
- At £400,000 it is below the EU threshold and as such the advertising and the transparency requirements are limited to it being advertised on Contracts Finder and the process being carried out electronically and all information being made available equally to all interested parties.
- This was complied with and a tender report collated in accordance with Regulation 84.

As Public Procurements are governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015, the selection methodology has to be a fair and transparent process and objectively detailed and applied as such, the decision is made based on the predefined scoring criteria being applied and cannot include a role for a committee to scrutinise or impact the decision.

For this reason, even if the value of this contract had exceeded the £1,000,000 for bringing a report to committee, the decision to award would have been delegated to the relevant Director to protect the integrity of the tender evaluation process.

A fair and competitive formal tender process was carried out. Bids were evaluated independently and subsequently moderated in line with Council's procedures. The tender was scored with a weighting of 30% price and 70% quality and the bidder with the highest combined score was awarded contract.

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