

Council  
Decisions  
18 July 2019



Agenda item	Decision
<b>1 Minutes</b>	Approved as detailed in the Information Pack
To consider the recommendations from the Executive	
<b>4a 2018/19 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances – Housing Revenue Account (Executive Councillor for Housing)</b>	Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 24 to 0 votes)
<b>4b New Build Housing - Campkin Road (Executive Councillor for Housing)</b>	Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 24 to 0 votes)
<b>4c Annual Treasury Management (Outturn) Report 2018/19 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)</b>	Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 35 to 0 votes)
<b>4d 2018/19 General Fund (Overview) Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)</b>	Approved Executive Councillor recommendation as per agenda (by 25 to 0 votes)

To consider notice of Motions	
<p><b>6a Councillor Martinelli: Making Cambridge a Pesticide-Free City</b></p>	<p>On a show of hands Council agreed to suspend Council Procedure Rule 23.3 (by 25 to 12 votes) to permit amendments to be moved where no, or inadequate notice had been given.</p> <p>An amendment was proposed by Councillor Thornburrow and was approved (by 26 to 12 votes).</p> <p>Resolved (unanimously):</p> <p>Cambridge City Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pesticides are substances that are designed to control pests, including weeds. The term, pesticide, covers a broad range of applications, including herbicide, fungicide, insecticide and rodenticide. The most commonly used pesticide are herbicides, which account for a very large percentage of all pesticide used by the City Council.</li> <li>- Understanding that our biggest use of pesticides is herbicide applications, the City Council, Streets and Open Space team has ceased to use herbicides for the management of council parks and open spaces; and only will apply these in exceptional circumstances.</li> <li>- The 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 with agreement of Cambridgeshire County Council.</li> </ul> <p>Cambridge City Council therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commends the Streets and Open Spaces team for having stopped the use of herbicides unless special circumstances</li> </ul>

	<p>warrant their use on the Council's parks and open spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports the Streets and Open Spaces team in their work with Cambridgeshire County Council to reduce and remove the need to use herbicides on highway footpaths and verges, and their continued efforts to find viable and effective alternatives.</li> <li>- 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, the aim that Cambridge becomes pesticide-free.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6b Councillor McQueen: Universal Basic Income Pilot</b></p>	<p>Resolved (by 26 to 0 votes):</p> <p>Council welcomes the concept of a Universal Basic Income (UBI) where citizens are paid a non-means tested sum from the state to cover the basic cost of living. The amount is paid to all citizens, regardless of employment status, wealth, marital status or any other circumstance.</p> <p>Council believes that UBI is an idea that could address challenges faced by new technologies, the changing world of work, the emergence of extreme poverty for many citizens and increasing wealth inequalities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rethinking how and why we work</li> <li>• Contributing to better working conditions</li> <li>• Ending artificial distinctions between paid and unpaid work, recognising the contribution of unpaid caring, for example</li> <li>• Contributing to fewer working hours and a better distribution of jobs.</li> </ul>

	<p>Council also welcomes the recent announcement by Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell that a future Labour Government would bring in a pilot UBI scheme to test the idea and evaluate its operation.</p> <p>Council therefore requests that the Leader of the City Council writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking the Government to introduce a trial UBI as a matter of urgency and also write to the Shadow Chancellor sharing this motion and asks that Cambridge is considered for any pilot UBI scheme introduced by a future Labour Government.</p> <p>Council furthermore requests that the Leader writes to our local MPs with the motion and requests they also write to the Chancellor and Shadow Chancellor with the same message.</p>
<p><b>6c Councillor Massey: EACH Hospices</b></p>	<p>Resolved (Unanimously)</p> <p>Council considers we are very lucky here in Cambridge city to be served by the East Anglia Children’s Hospice (EACH) that is based in Milton just outside of our city. EACH provides much need care and support to many families in Cambridge city and around East Anglia.</p> <p>The City Council notes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On 27 December 2018, NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens announced that, over the next five years, up to £7million additional funding would be made available to children’s hospices each year on top of the existing £11million Children’s Hospice Grant, if CCGs also provide additional</li> </ol>

match funding.

2. That NHS England subsequently rowed back on this promise in its Long Term Plan and instead, this stated that the additional funding would not be exclusively for children's hospices. Since then, Charity Together for Short Lives\* has also received no reassurance from NHS England or government that the children's hospice grant will still be available beyond 2020.
3. A recent survey by charity "Together for Short Lives" of children's hospices found that:
  - i. Overall, the level of funding children's hospices receive from the state has dropped to 21%, down from 27% in 2013/14.
  - ii. The average amount given to each children's hospice charity by local NHS clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) fell by 2% between 2016/17 and 2018/19.
  - iii. This combination of falling funding and increasing costs is hitting our most vulnerable children and their families at a time when Labour Party national policy states that "We will ensure high quality, personalised care for people approaching the end of their life, wherever and whenever they need it."

In response, the Council asks the Leader to

1. Write to the CCG and NHS England and ask that funding for our children local service East Anglia Children's Hospice, and other children's hospices, is protected.
2. Also write to our MP's and encourage them to press The Secretary of State

	<p>for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock to protect the funding for children's hospices and increase it to £25 million.</p> <p>3. Write to East Anglia Children's Hospices expressing the Council's thanks on their 30 years anniversary of service to children and families in Cambridge and East Anglia.</p>
<p><b>6d Councillor Cantrill: Proposed Meadows &amp; Buchan Street Development</b></p>	<p>Councillor Cantrill sought to alter his motion with the consent of Council under Council Procedure Rule 26.1.1. On a show of hands this request was lost by 12 votes to 25 votes.</p> <p>An amendment was proposed by Councillor Johnson and was approved (by 26 to 12 votes).</p> <p>Resolved (by 26 to 0 votes):</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This Council notes that:</p> <p>I. In line with recommendations from its 2017 Community Centres Review, a</p>

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.

- 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:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Welcome the progress being made to deliver at least 500 new council homes in Cambridge.</li> <li>II. Recognise the importance of the Meadows and Buchan Street sites in helping meet this target.</li> <li>III. Acknowledge the input from the public in helping inform the plans for these schemes, including on the subject of open space.</li> </ol>
<b>7 Written Questions</b>	Contained in the Information Pack – published on the Website.

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