



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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Council Meeting: Oral Questions

28th May 2020

1) Councillor Porrer to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces

Can the Executive Councillor confirm that they still are unhappy with the use of pesticides and herbicides within the city?

2) Councillor Baigent to the Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety

What are your priorities for pro cycling and walking interventions during the epidemic that it is the County Council's responsibility to lead on and deliver?

3) Councillor Price to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces

What lies behind the very large number of comments submitted to the recent consultation on the new Local Plan?

4) Councillor Hadley to the Executive Councillor for Planning and Open Spaces

Would you like to congratulate King's College for their decision to plant a wildflower meadow on the chapel lawn this summer, with the consequent benefits to the City's biodiversity?"

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

Given the need to ensure Green growth as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, will the Cllr support requiring Passivhaus standards for all new properties in Cambridge?"

6) Councillor Dalzell to the Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety

Following a County Council resolution earlier this month which seeks to implement temporary road layout changes to encourage active travel, does the Executive Councillor agree that now would be a good time to reconvene the Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group which has not met since 2017?

7) Councillor Chadwick to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces:

I was concerned to hear about the plans to convert the former NIAB offices in Castle ward into tiny flats without any planning oversight and am glad the executive Councillor shares these concerns. Will the executive Councillor commit to working cross party on this issue and ensure the ward Councillors are involved in any relevant discussions?

8) Councillor Thittala to the Executive Councillor for Communities

Can the executive councillor brief us on what is being done to address food poverty in Cambridge during the Covid-19 crisis.

9) Councillor Massey to the Leader

What is your view on the abolition of the Cambridge Joint Area Transport Committee, and protecting the interests of city residents including in increasing cycling and walking in Cambridge?

10) Councillor Matthews to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre

Just as the government looks set to enable full open-air market trading to resume, could the Executive Councillor confirm that the council intends to keep our city centre market open next week, despite council statements made to traders that it may have to be closed?

11) Councillor Gehring to the Leader

Many of my constituents are very concerned about a Brexit cliff-edge on 31 December 2020 when the transition period ends. How can the City prepare?

12) Councillor Davey to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Can the Executive Councillor provide an update to Council on construction work that is continuing – despite coronavirus – in building new council homes?

13) Councillor Bick to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre

With retail businesses targeted to re-open from next month, we can expect the combination of customer queues outside shops and a generally increased footfall along the city centre streets. In order to respect the priority of preventing the spread of Covid-19 and keeping people safe through social distancing on our easily crowded narrow pavements, would the Executive Councillor agree to a simple decision that would remove unnecessary, moveable obstacles that create pinch points by introducing a general suspension of all advertising 'A' Boards on pavements until this crisis is over?

14) Councillor Page-Croft to the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre

Please could the Executive update us on clinical waste collection from households during Covid-19 pandemic.

15) Councillor Sargeant to the Leader

What is latest position on future funding for the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and their delivery of major schemes to improve public transport, cycling and walking?

16) Councillor Cantrill to the Executive Councillor for Housing

For some time many people have been calling for the city council to offer a bed every night for rough sleepers in Cambridge. The Government's instruction to the council to house all rough sleepers in the city at the beginning of the crisis was welcomed. However, it is clear that since the end of March, an increasing number of rough sleepers are returning to the streets. What steps has the exec cllr taken to minimise this trend and what action is the exec cllr taking to support those individuals who have started rough sleeping again?

17) Councillor Bird to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Does the Executive Councillor agree that the proposed project of installing new 'pod' Housing First homes across the city will be an important aid in tackling homelessness and rough sleeping in Cambridge?

18) Councillor Payne to the Executive Councillor for Communities

Does the Executive Councillor agree with me that the work done by the mutual aid groups across the city is worthy of great praise?

19) Councillor Pippas to the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

Does the Executive Councillor consider the national government's support for businesses during the pandemic to have been adequate to meet the needs of all Cambridge businesses?

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

Would you join with me in thanking the people of Cambridge for taking time to go out and water newly-planted trees during the lockdown period when it has been harder for the Open Spaces team to get out and to their normal job?

21) Councillor Davies to the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

What are the council's priorities for Cambridge economic recovery and the creation of replacement jobs?

22) Councillor McGerty to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces

Could the Executive Councillor provide an update on progress for delivery of the new Nightingale Recreation Ground Pavilion?

23) Councillor Barnett to the Executive Councillor for Councillor for Communities

In the light of the increased pressures on the charity sector at the moment, what is the Council doing to support our local charities and voluntary groups?

24) Councillor Martinelli to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Is the Executive Councillor happy with the progress of safety-critical repairs and maintenance of the Council's housing stock?

Second questions

1) Councillor Bird to Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Opens Spaces

What is your view about the 2013 Government Permitted Development powers than enable developers in Cambridge to avoid the need for planning applications for office to flats conversions?

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Council 28 May 2020
Written Questions with answers

1) From Councillor Martinelli

To the Executive Councillor for Housing: Please could the Executive Councillor update Council on the number of homeless people currently in residence in emergency housing due to the COVID19 pandemic, the number of those who have been either evicted from or chose to leave this accommodation and the number who continue to sleep rough?

As of Friday 22 May, 124 rough sleepers are currently in Covid-19 emergency accommodation. A total of 16 individuals have unfortunately been evicted. Five persons were seen sleeping rough during the week of 16-22 May; of this number three have been made an accommodation offer and one has refused.

2) From Councillor Martinelli

To the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre: Please could the Executive Councillor update Council on the reported number of incidents of fly-tipping in Cambridge over the last six months, as compared to one year previously?

Please see following comparative incident update report:

Nov 2019 - Apr 2020	Nov 2018 - Apr 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 212 inspections* • 36 fly tipping fixed penalty notices (small scale) • 48 fixed penalty notices for littering of commercial and domestic waste • 4 prosecutions for domestic and commercial waste offences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 203 inspections* • 26 fly tipping fixed penalty notices (small scale) • 29 fixed penalty notices for littering of commercial and domestic waste • 2 prosecutions for domestic and commercial waste offences

* Note this includes all incidents related to domestic and commercial waste – not just fly-tipping – unable to provide specifics on fly tipping alone without significant manual analysis For Government reports on national fly-tipping statistics, please see following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/fly-tipping-in-england>

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Executive Councillors

Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships	Councillor Lewis Herbert
Deputy Leader (Non-Statutory)	Councillor Mike Sargeant
Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety	Councillor Nicky Massey
Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources	Councillor Richard Robertson
Executive Councillor for Housing	Councillor Richard Johnson
Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre	Councillor Rosy Moore
Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces	Councillor Katie Thornburrow
Executive Councillor for Communities and Deputy Leader (Statutory)	Councillor Anna Smith

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Labour Group Appointment for Lead Councillors

Anti-Poverty Strategy	Councillor Alex Collis
Climate Change	Councillor Mike Davey
Cycling and Walking	Councillor Martin Smart
Disability	Councillor Gerri Bird
Equalities	Councillor Baiju Thittala
Homelessness and Refugees	Councillor Carla McQueen
Health and Well-being	Councillor Nicky Massey
Standards	Councillor Russ McPherson
Sustainable Food	Councillor Alex Collis
Public Transport	Councillor Mike Sargeant
Council Housing Development	Councillor Mike Todd-Jones
Women's Equality	Councillor Sophie Barnett
LGBT+ Equality	Councillor Carla McQueen
Biodiversity	Councillor Grace Hadley
Public Art	Councillor Mike Davey
Community Safety	Councillor Russ McPherson

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Liberal Democrat Appointments for Opposition Spokes

Strategy and External Partnerships	Councillor Tim Bick
Open Spaces	Councillor Katie Porrer
Finance and Resources	Councillor Jamie Dalzell
Housing	Councillor Anthony Martinelli
Climate Change, Environment and City Centre (inc Street Cleaning)	Councillor Josh Matthews
Planning Policy & Transport	Councillor Tim Bick
Communities and Community Safety	Councillor Cheney Payne

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Cambridge City Council Licensing Committee

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2020

Time: 12.00 pm or at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting

Venue: This is a virtual meeting and therefore there is no physical location for this meeting. [To view meeting click here](#)

Contact: democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk, tel:01223 457000

Agenda

- 1 Appointment of Sub Committees (Pages 3 - 4)
The Licensing Sub Committees will comprise 3 members and will be taken from the membership of the Licensing Committee.

The Licensing Sub Committees will be organised by the Committee Manager on a rotational basis.

The responsibilities delegated to the Sub Committees are set out over the page.

Licensing Committee Members: Bird (Chair), Thittala (Vice-Chair), Gehring, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, Pippas, Page-Croft and Summerbell

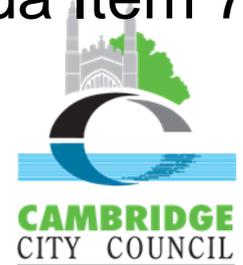
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Agenda Item 1

Subject area	Licensing Committee Decision	Sub Committee Decision	Officer Decision
Licensing Act 2003	<p>To determine/ amend Statement of Licensing Policy</p> <p>To approve changes to delegation to officers and there by amendment to the constitution</p>	<p>To determine any licensing application where a relevant representation has been made.</p> <p>To determine an application to review a Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate.</p> <p>To determine an application for the Grant or Renewal of a Personal Licence if a Police objection is made.</p>	<p>To grant any licensing application where no relevant representation has been made.</p> <p>To determine an application for the Grant or Renewal of a Personal Licence if no Police objection is made.</p>
Gambling Act 2005	<p>To determine/ amend Statement of Gambling Principles</p> <p>To approve changes to delegation to officers and there by amendment to the constitution</p>	<p>To determine any application where a representation from the responsible authorities and/or person(s) has been made</p>	<p>To grant any application where no representation from the responsible authorities has been made</p>
Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire vehicles	<p>To determine/ amend policies</p> <p>To set fare charges for Hackney carriages</p>	<p>To determine to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew a vehicle licence, if the vehicle is not fit for purpose or does</p>	<p>To issue licences that do not need a sub committee decision</p>

		not meet the criteria set out in the policy	
Hackney / Private Hire Drivers	To determine/ amend policies	To determine to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew a driver licence, if the driver is not fit and proper or does not meet the criteria set out in the policy	To issue licences that do not need a sub committee decision
Private Hire Operators	To determine/ amend policies	To determine to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew an operator's licence, if the operator is not fit and proper or does not meet the criteria set out in the policy	To issue licences that do not need a sub committee decision
Sex Establishment Venues	To determine/ amend policy	To determine an application, where relevant objections have been received	To determine an application, where no relevant objections have been received
Market and Street Trading	To determine/ amend policy	To determine a application for a consent if there is a contested application for street trading	To determine a application for a consent if there is no contested application
Miscellaneous	If there is a requirement to make by-laws or have a particular policy To agree licensing fees where required to be locally set		All delegated to Officers



Cambridge City Council Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2020

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: This a virtual meeting and therefore there is no physical location for this meeting. [To view meeting click here](#)

Contact: democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk, tel:01223 457000

Agenda

- 1 Appointment to Working Parties
The Scrutiny Committee is requested to agree the appointments below:

	Number of allocation
Equalities Panel	3 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Smart, Collis, Thittala, Porrer, Page-Croft	

	Number of allocation
Joint Staff Employment Forum	3 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat 2 Alternates
Councillors – Bird (Chair), Moore (Vice-Chair), Johnson, Dalzell, Matthews Robertson (Ex-Officio) Alternate Councillor – Sargeant, Bick	

- 2 Appointment to Outside Bodies
The Scrutiny Committee is requested to recommend appointments to the outside bodies listed below.

The Leader and the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources will be asked to agree the appointments.

	Number of allocation
Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	1 Labour 1 Labour Alternate
Councillor – Herbert Alternate Councillor - Sargeant	

	Number of allocation
Local Government Information Unit	1 Labour
Councillor – Herbert	

	Number of allocation
East of England Local Government Association	1 Labour
Councillor – Price	

	Number of allocation
LGA General Assembly	1 Labour
Councillor – Herbert	

	Number of allocation
Horizons Board	1 Labour
Councillor – Sargeant	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge Investment Partnership	2 Labour
Councillor – Johnson, Robertson	

	Number of allocation
Brexit Advisory Group (joint with South Cambridgeshire District Council)	2 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Lab TBC, Lab TBC, Gehring	

	Number of allocation
District Councils Network	1 Labour
Councillor – Herbert	

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Members: Davey (Chair), Barnett (Vice-Chair), Bick, Davies, Dalzell, Green, Herbert (Executive Councillor) and Robertson (Executive Councillor)

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Cambridge City Council Civic Affairs

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Agenda

- 1 Appointment of Working Party
To agree membership of the following:

	Number of allocation
Chief Officer Performance Review	4 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Sheil, Herbert, Sargeant, Moore, Bick, Cantrill	

- 2 Appointment to Sub Committee
To agree membership of the following:

	Number of allocation
Employment Appeals Sub Committee	Total 6 4 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Bird, Johnson, McQueen, Thornburrow, Page-Croft, Cantrill	

Civic Affairs Members: Sargeant (Chair), Davey (Vice-Chair), Chadwick, Dalzell, O'Reilly and Thornburrow

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Cambridge City Council
Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2020

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Agenda

- 1 Appointment to Outside Bodies
 To recommend appointments to the outside body listed below.

The Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety is be asked to agree the appointments below.

	Number of allocation
Members Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group	5 Labour 3 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Massey, Sargeant, Baigent, Smart, Barnett, Dalzell, McGerty, Payne	

- 2 Appointment to Working Party
 The Scrutiny Committee is requested to agree the appointments below:

	Number of allocation
Joint Local Planning Advisory Group	2 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Thornburrow, Sargeant, Bick	

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee Members: Smart (Chair), Bird (Vice-Chair), Baigent, Bick, Chadwick, Collis, Green and Porrer

Alternates: Matthews and McQueen

Executive Councillors: Massey (Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety) and Thornburrow (Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces)

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Cambridge City Council

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2020

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Agenda

1 Appointment to Outside Bodies

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to support the appointments to the outside bodies listed below.

The Executive Councillor for Communities and the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre and the Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety, are asked to agree the following appointments.

	Number of allocation
The Junction (Observer Status)	1 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Hadley, Payne	

	Number of allocation
Visit Cambridge and Beyond DMO	1 Labour
Councillor – Moore	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge BID	1 Labour
Councillor – Moore	

	Number of allocation
Health and Wellbeing Board	1 Labour
Councillor - Massey	

	Number of allocation
Health Committee	1 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
Councillor – Massey Alternate Member – Martinelli	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge Community Safety Partnership	1 Labour
Councillor – Massey Alternate Member - Moore	

	Number of allocation
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel	1 Labour 1 Labour Alt
Councillor – Massey	
Alternate Councillor - Moore	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors	1 Labour
Councillor - Massey	

	Number of allocation
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Military Covenant Board	1 Labour
Councillor – Davey	

	Number of allocation
Clay Farm Advisory Group	1 Labour, 1 Lib Dem
Councillors – Thornburrow, Summerbell	

	Number of allocation
Storey's Field Community Trust	2 Labour 1 Lib Dem
Councillors – Thornburrow, Sargeant, Chadwick	

	Number of allocation
Recycling in Cambridge and Peterborough (RECAP)	1 Labour
Councillor – Moore	

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee Members: Smart (Chair), Davies (Vice-Chair), Barnett, Collis, Hadley, Payne, Summerbell and Matthews

Alternates: Gehring, McGerty, O'Reilly and Sheil

Executive Councillors: Massey (Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety), Moore (Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre) and Smith (Executive Councillor for Communities)

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Council is asked to agree the updates to size of committees and appointments on pages 37-40 which have been notified since publication of the Council agenda.

Licensing Committee is to be 10 members, Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee is to be 9 members and Planning Committee is 8 members. Departure from proportionality is required to afford an Independent member on Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

Licensing Committee 10 (6 Labour+ 4 Lib Dem)

Bird, Thittala, McQueen, Massey, Moore, McPherson Gehring, Pippas, Page-Croft, Summerbell
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Alternates – Johnson, Cantrill

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

Smart, Bird, Collis, Green, Baigent Bick, Porrer, Chadwick Hipkin

Alternates – McQueen, Lab TBC, Matthews

Planning Committee 8 (5 Labour+ 3 Lib Dem)

Smart, Baigent, Green, Thornburrow, McQueen Tunnacliffe, Lord, Porrer
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Alternates – Bird, Price, Page-Croft

Different member to the published agenda

Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 3 (2 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)
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Davey, Sargeant

Bick

Update to the Special Agenda for Strategy and Resources
Scrutiny Committee

To note the following not included on the published agenda

Joint Economic Recovery Group with SCDC (2 Lab + 1 Lib Dem)
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Robertson, Sargeant

Dalzell

Executive Cllr appointment (different Alternate to the published agenda):

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board
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1 Labour

1 Labour Alternate

Herbert

Alternate Councillor - Massey

Council 28 May 2020

Motion 9b-amendment proposed by Councillor Johnson

Amended version - with additions /~~strike throughs~~

Council recognises as a substantial achievement the accommodation of well over 100 rough sleepers in response to the public health priority of preventing people sleeping out during the Covid lockdown. It thanks the council officers, our commissioned services and charities and churches who have enabled this.

Council sees this achievement as creating an opportunity for longer term change. It resolves to do everything reasonably within its power and influence to avoid the tragic outcome of individuals who have been accommodated going back to live on the streets after the Covid emergency is over, for example by making available Housing First units and other housing options following an assessment of needs, and to maintain the same lead in this mission that it has adopted during the crisis so far.

Council notes the importance of government funding during this crisis in complementing its own General Fund annual expenditure of £7 million on housing and homelessness. The Council commits to meeting the additional costs of supporting rough sleepers while the pandemic persists. However, ~~that significant funding has been received from government to address this issue, but that much of this~~ government funding – before and during the Covid emergency – is usually short term and does not enable, in some cases, the longer-term planning and commitment that is needed. ~~As well as pressing government for this to be changed, council requests the Executive Councillor to consider the extent to which this funding could be underwritten out of its own resources.~~ Given that the government has a stated objective of ending rough sleeping in the UK by the end of the current Parliament, even appointing a ministerial post for that task, this Council calls for a new national financial settlement for local authorities that fully recognises the strategic and critical role we can play in achieving that objective.

Council also notes that mental ill-health and addiction to drugs and alcohol continue to make it hard for many entrenched rough sleepers to sustain housing even when available, and that overcoming these obstacles would be greatly assisted by improved pathways to services

provided by partners in health and adult social care. It asks the Chief Executive to share a copy of this motion with the heads of these other organisations, **inviting their cooperation with the council's forthcoming homelessness strategy review, which will consider** ~~requesting a review~~ of how access to services can be improved.

Clean version (as amended)

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Council notes the importance of government funding during this crisis in complementing its own General Fund annual expenditure of £7 million on housing and homelessness. The Council commits to meeting the additional costs of supporting rough sleepers while the pandemic persists. However, much government funding – before and during the Covid emergency – is usually short-term and does not enable, in some cases, the longer-term planning and commitment that is needed. Given that the government has a stated objective of ending rough sleeping in the UK by the end of the current Parliament, even appointing a ministerial post for that task, this Council calls for a new national financial settlement for local authorities that fully recognises the strategic and critical role we can play in achieving that objective.

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Council 28 May 2020

Motion 9C- amendment proposed by Cllr Thornburrow

Council notes the request of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 13th May for planning authorities to enable work on construction sites outside currently approved hours.

Council recognises the contribution of the construction industry to the exit from the Covid lockdown and the priority for its workforce to maintain social distancing, but it expresses concern about the potential implications for residents surrounding construction sites. For the period the Secretary of State's request is in force, Council **thanks** ~~calls on~~ the Shared Director of Planning ~~to~~ **for** apply existing powers delegated to him within our constitution **by** ~~so that for all development within the city boundary he:~~

- ~~• includes consultation with relevant ward councillors in his considerations before determining whether to refer applications for variations in conditions relating to hours of construction to the Planning Committee or the Joint Development Control Committee~~
- ~~• consults relevant ward councillors before deciding not to enforce against construction work occurring outside approved hours, where this would normally have taken place.~~
- **responding to the request from the Secretary of State by preparing a protocol to ensure that planning department can react quickly and efficiently to requests from contractors to extend their working hours.**
- **responding to requests for extensions to working hours within one week of the new temporary order and consulting ward councillors during this process.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2020-05-13/HCWS234/>

Amended Motion

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Council thanks the Shared Director of Planning for applying existing powers delegated to him within our constitution by:

- responding to the request from the Secretary of State by preparing a protocol to ensure that planning department can react quickly and efficiently to requests from contractors to extend their working hours.
- responding to requests for extensions to working hours within one week of the new temporary order and consulting ward councillors during this process

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