

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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Agenda Item 1

Executive Councillors

Leader - Councillor Mike Davey

Deputy Leader (Statutory) Executive Councillor for Economy and Equalities – Councillor Alice Gilderdale

Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources - Councillor Simon Smith

Executive Councillor for Housing - Councillor Gerri Bird

Executive Councillor for Climate Action and Environment - Councillor Rosy Moore

Executive Councillor for Planning, Building Control and Infrastructure - Councillor Katie Thornburrow

Executive Councillor for Communities - Councillor Rachel Wade

Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services - Councillor Sam Carling

Executive Councillor for Community Safety, Homelessness and Wellbeing – Councillor Cameron Holloway

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Liberal Democrat Appointments for Opposition Spokes

Community Wellbeing and Community Safety - Cheney Payne

Open Spaces, Food Justice & Community Development - Cheney Payne

Climate Action and Environment - Olaf Hauk

Planning, Building Control and Infrastructure and Deputy Leader – Katie Porrer

Finance and Resources – Karen Young

Housing and Homelessness – Anthony Martinelli

Communities – Cheney Payne

Liberal Democrat Group Leader – Tim Bick

Green Group Appointments for Opposition Spokes

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee - Hugh Clough

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee - Jean Glasberg

Housing Scrutiny Committee – Elliot Tong

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Civic Affairs Committee and Green Group Leader - Naomi Bennett

Licensing – Hugh Clough

Green Group Deputy Leader - Matthew Howard

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Updated List of Appointments

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee

8 + 5 alternates (5 Labour + 2 Lib Dem + 1 Green)

	2024/25
Chair	Dinah Pounds
Vice Chair	Antoinette Nestor
Labour	Richard Swift
Labour	Iva Divkovic
Labour	TBC
Labour Alternate	Patrick Sheil
Labour Alternate	Tim Griffin
Lib Dem	Cheney Payne
Lib Dem	Olaf Hauk
Lib Dem Alternate	Anthony Martinelli
Lib Dem Alternate	Ingrid Flaubert
Green (Spokes)	Jean Glasberg
Green Alternate	Elliot Tong

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee

8 + 5 alternates (5 Labour + 2 Lib Dem +1 Green)

	2024/25
Chair	Antoinette Nestor
Vice Chair	Dave Baigent
Labour	Richard Swift
Labour	Tim Griffin
Labour	Iva Divkovic
Labour Alternate	Dinah Pounds
Labour Alternate	Patrick Sheil
Lib Dem	Katie Porrer
Lib Dem	Tim Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Daniel Lee
Lib Dem Alternate	Nadya Lokhmotova
Green (Spokes)	Hugh Clough
Green Alternate	Naomi Bennett

Housing Scrutiny Committee

9 + 5 alternates (6 Labour + 2 Lib Dem + 1 Green) + 6 elected tenant/leaseholder reps

	2024/25
Chair	Tom Griffin
Vice Chair	Richard Robertson
Labour	Jenny Gawthrope Wood
Labour	Dave Baigent
Labour	Richard Swift
Labour	Baiju Thittala
Labour Alternate	Antoinette Nestor
Labour Alternate	Dinah Pounds
Lib Dem Spokes for Housing	Anthony Martinelli
Lib Dem	Daniel Lee
Lib Dem Alternate	Karen Young
Lib Dem Alternate	Katie Porrer
Green (Spokes)	Elliot Tong

Green Alternate	Naomi Bennett
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Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

8 + 5 alternates (5 Labour + 2 Lib Dem + 1 Green)

	2024/25
Chair	Richard Robertson
Vice Chair	Jenny Gawthrope Wood
Labour	Patrick Sheil
Labour	Dave Baigent
Labour	Mike Todd-Jones
Labour Alternate	Tim Griffin
Labour Alternate	TBC
Lib Dem	Tim Bick
Lib Dem	Karen Young
Lib Dem Alternate	Katie Porrer
Lib Dem Alternate	Anthony Martinelli
Green (Spokes)	Naomi Bennett
Green Alternate	Hugh Clough

Civic Affairs Committee

6 + 3 alternates (4 Labour + 1 Lib Dem + 1 Green)

	2024/25
Chair	Russ McPherson
Vice Chair	Jenny Gawthrope Wood
Labour	Patrick Sheil
Labour	Richard Robertson
Labour Alternate	Cameron Holloway
Lib Dem (Spokes)	Karen Young
Lib Dem Alternate	Tim Bick
Green (Spokes)	Naomi Bennett
Green Alternate	Hugh Clough

Employment (Senior Officer) Committee

6 + 3 alternates (4 Labour + 1 Lib Dem + 1 Green)

	2024/25
Labour	Alice Gilderdale
Labour	Rosy Moore
Labour	Mike Davey
Labour	Sam Carling
Labour Alternate	Katie Thornburrow
Lib Dem	Tim Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Katie Porrer
Green (Spokes)	Naomi Bennett
Green Alternate	Hugh Clough

Employment Appeals Sub Committee

6 (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

	2024/25
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Chair	Mike Davey
Labour	Rachel Wade
Labour	Rosy Moore
Labour	Sam Carling
Lib Dem	Karen Young
Lib Dem	Ingrid Flaubert

Licensing Committee

10 + 3 alternates (6 Labour + 3 Lib Dem + 1 Green)

	2024/25
Chair	Russ McPherson
Vice Chair	Gerri Bird
Labour	Rosy Moore
Labour	Tim Griffin
Labour	Dinah Pounds
Labour	Rachel Wade
Labour Alternate	Mike Davey
Lib Dem (Spokes)	Immy Blackburn-Horgan
Lib Dem	Karen Young
Lib Dem	Tim Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Ingrid Flaubert
Green (Spokes)	Hugh Clough
Green Alternate	Naomi Bennett

Planning Committee

9 +5 alternates (6 Labour + 2 Lib Dem + 1 Green)

	2024/25
Chair	Martin Smart
Vice Chair	Dave Baigent
Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Labour	Alice Gilderdale
Labour	Sam Carling
Labour	Robert Dryden
Labour Alternate	Mike Todd-Jones
Labour Alternate	Antoinette Nestor
Lib Dem (Spokes)	Katie Porrer
Lib Dem	Nadya Lokhmotova
Lib Dem Alternate	Ingrid Flaubert
Lib Dem Alternate	Karen Young
Green (Spokes)	Naomi Bennett
Green Alternate	Matthew Howard

Combined Authority Board

(1 Labour + 1 alternate)

	2024/25
Labour	Anna Smith
Labour Alternate	Mike Davey

Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(2 Labour + 1 x alternate)

	2024/25
Labour	Iva Divkovic
Labour	Alice Gilderdale
Labour Alternate	TBC

Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee

(1 Labour + 1 x alternate)

	2024/25
Labour	Mike Todd-Jones
Labour Substitute	Sam Carling

Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly-this is a Council Appointment

3 (2 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)

	2024/25
Labour	Simon Smith
Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Lib Dem	Tim Bick

Joint Development Control Committee

6 + 4 Alternates (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

	2024/25
Cambridge City Council Lead (alternates Chair	Simon Smith
with SCDC-City's turn for 2024/25)	
Labour	Dave Baigent
Labour	Martin Smart
Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Labour Alternate	Antoinette Nestor
Labour Alternate	Alice Gilderdale
Lib Dem	Katie Porrer
Lib Dem	Ingrid Flaubert
Lib Dem Alternate	Karen Young
Lib Dem Alternate	Nadya Lokhmotova

Cambridge Joint Area Committee

6 + 4 Alternates (4 Labour + 1 Lib Dem + 1 Green)

	2024/25
Labour	Katie Thornburrow

Labour	Richard Robertson
Labour	Dave Baigent
Labour	Rosy Moore
Labour Alternate	Sam Carling
Labour Alternate	Dinah Pounds
Lib Dem	Karen Young
Lib Dem Alternate	Anthony Martinelli
Green	Naomi Bennett
Green Alternate	Elliot Tong

Appointed by an Executive Councillor

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

1 Labour + 1 Alternate

	2024/25
Labour	Cameron Holloway
Labour Alternate	Russ McPherson

Cambridge Police and Crime Panel

1 Labour + 1 Alternate

	2024/25
Labour	Cameron Holloway
Labour Alternate	Anna Smith

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

1 Labour + 1 Alternate

	2024/25
Labour	Mike Davey
Labour Alternate	Dave Baigent

Equalities Panel

5 (3 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

	2024/25
Labour	Rachel Wade
Labour	Martin Smart
Labour	Gerri Bird
Lib Dem	Katie Porrer
Lib Dem	Ingrid Flaubert
Lib Dem Alternate	Olaf Hauk

Joint Staff Employer Forum

6 + 2 Alternates (1 Exec Cllr + 3 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

	2024/25
Executive Cllr for Finance & Resources (ex-	Simon Smith
officio)	
Chair	Gerri Bird
Vice Chair	Rosy Moore
Labour	Dinah Pounds

Labour Alternate	Alice Gilderdale
Lib Dem	Karen Young
Lib Dem	Olaf Hauk
Lib Dem Alternate	Anthony Martinelli

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

1 Labour

	2024/25
Labour	Cameron Holloway

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Military Covenant Board

1 Labour

	2024/25
Labour	Mike Davey

Clay Farm Advisory Board

1 Labour+ 1 Lib Dem

	2024/25
Labour	Iva Divkovic
Lib Dem	Olaf Hauk

Cambridge Investment Partnership

Ex Cllr for Housing and Ex Cllr for Finance & Resources

	2024/25
Executive Councillor for Housing	Gerri Bird
Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources	Simon Smith

Members Active Travel Steering Group (previously Members Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group)

8 (5 Labour + 3 Lib Dem)

8 (3 Labout + 3 Lib Delli)	2024/25
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Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Labour	Dinah Pounds
Labour	Antoinette Nestor
Labour	Dave Baigent
Labour	Rosy Moore
Lib Dem	Anthony Martinelli
Lib Dem	Olaf Hauk
Lib Dem	Daniel Lee

East West Main Line Partnership Board

1 (1 Labour + 1 reserve)

,	2024/25
Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Labour (reserve)	Dave Baigent

EWR Eastern Section Board'

1 (1 Labour + 1 reserve)

	2024/25
Labour	Katie Thornburrow

Labour (reserve)	Dave Baigent
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County Flood Committee

1 (1 Labour + 1 reserve)

	2024/25
Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Labour (reserve)	Sam Carling

Storey Fields Trustees

3 (2 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)

	2024/25
Labour	Simon Smith
Labour	Antoinette Nestor
Lib Dem	Cheney Payne

The Junction

2 (1 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)

	24/25
Labour	Tim Griffin
Lib Dem	Daniel Lee

Cambridge BID

	2024/25
Labour	Alice Gilderdale

East of England Local Government Association

2024/25
Simon Smith

Adults and Health Committee (County Council)

	2024/25
Labour	Cameron Holloway
Labour Substitute	TBC

Horizons Board (County Council)

	2024/25
Labour	Richard Robertson

LGA General Assembly

	2024/25
The Leader	Mike Davey

Local Government Information Unit

	2024/25
	Tim Griffin

District Councils Network (DCN)

2024/25
Mike Davey

Conservators of the River Cam (3 year term until 31 December 2024).

3 Councillors

	2023/24
Labour	Rachel Wade
Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Lib Dem	David Levien (former Cllr)

Recycling in Cambridge and Peterborough (RECAP)

	2024/25
Labour	Rosy Moore

Joint Local Planning Advisory Group

3 (2 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)

,	2024/25
Labour	Katie Thornburrow
Labour	Simon Smith
Labour reserve	Martin Smith
Lib Dem	Katie Porrer
Lib Dem reserve	Tim Bick

Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee

1 (1 Labour)

	2024/25
Labour	Richard Robertson

Governance Design Group (number 5, 3 x Labour, 1 x Lib Dem, 1 x Green)

	2024/25
Labour (Chair)	Sam Carling
Labour	Simon Smith
Labour	Richard Robertson
Labour Alternate	Tim Griffin
Lib Dem	Tim Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Karen Young
Green	Naomi Bennett
Green Alternate	Hugh Clough

Agenda Item 4

List of Public Questions for the Annual Council Meeting – Thursday 23 May 2024

Question 1

I would like to speak at the: 'Annual Meeting 23rd May 2024', about the way in which the cafe is run by the nominated charity based company called: 'Royal Voluntary Services' (RVS).

As a member of the public, who has lived in Cambridge all my life and have visited the cafe numerous times over the past few months, I really think that a conscious review about how the RVS is suited to the long term needs of the Meadows Community Centre and with the very lack of suitability, to have any external company running this centre?

Having the: 'Meadows Cafe', being run by its own staff and structure, seems to me to be the right way to go. It would bring in one hundred percent more revenue, because it would be controlled: "In-House". Which would give much more flexibility to the needs of the people living near by. Even so called: "Charity Companies", have to make profit to sustain the expenses of catering laws and employing permanent staff, to run the company.

So in conclusion I ask the said committee to review this matter and allow the Meadows Cafe to be run internally and under its own needs that would greatly benefit the said communities of: Arbury and Kingshedges combined

Question 2

Does the leader of the council feel that the council's equality and diversity policies could be improved to help further protect victims of discrimination from facing harassment or victimisation after raising concerns about discrimination with the council?

Question 3

Question: What progress has been made in providing Transit site/(s) in Cambridge?

Four years after the rhetorical statement by the then Executive Councillor for Equalities, Anti-Poverty and Wellbeing on the impact of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill in criminalising the travelling way of life, the Council have still failed to provide any meaningful solution or change to their policy of eviction. We have argued that the threat of eviction is a blunt instrument when, under the new Police Act 2022, Travellers can have their caravans seized and their children taken into care if they refuse to leave. On the 14/5/24 in the case of Wendy Smith vs the King and Secretary of State for the Home Department, the High Court has issued a declaration of incompatibility finding that provisions in the Police Act unlawfully discriminate against Gypsies and Travellers.1 The decision was based on the lack of authorised transit site provision on which they could camp lawfully. We have continuously pointed this out while the Council have chosen instead to focus on a series of delayed and rejected GTANAs to tell them what was clearly right in front of their (collective) face: that it is the lack of transit sites that causes the

greatest conflict between the Traveller and settled community. Now the High Court decision will force Parliament to review those provisions to ensure their compatibility with the ECHR. It seems incredible that the Council and partners have been unable to find a piece of ground for a transit site, roughly the size of a football pitch (1.6 acres). Such an area could accommodate 20 pitches based on government size design standards for permanent sites of 320sqm. The suggested number of pitches for transit sites is half that number. 2 Is this truly beyond the capability of the Council? English Romani and Irish Travellers have protected status under the ECHR which includes the right to a home.3 Human rights are rights taken to be universal, of considerable importance, and relate to the individual and not collectively rights that are denied Gypsies and Travellers under planning law. Now the High Court declaration of incompatibility further highlights the Council's failure to resolve this long-standing problem. Based on this new and compelling information, we ask you to provide a firm timetable for progress.

Question 4

At the most recent Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee meeting, the Executive Councillor for Communities stated in response to a public question:

 Council officers had received the first draft Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) report at the end of the previous week and were already working through the initial findings. A publication date for after the May elections would need to be agreed between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

This was two months ago. The May elections have come and gone. When will the GTANA report be published? Additionally, given that this GTANA is already coming four years late, will Cambridge City Council expedite the implementation of its findings?

Question 5

For the first time global warming has broken the 1.5 degree limit set by the 2015 Paris Agreement over the course of an entire year. Cambridge has already passed the point of 'sustainable growth' and the 2030 Net Zero targets of Cambridge City Council are evidently out of reach. Our local water crisis has drawn the serious concern of the Environment Agency who are sensibly stepping in to object to the placing of ever greater strain on our local resources.

Isn't it time that Cambridge City Council fully acknowledges the gravity of the climate breakdown accelerating around us and therefore adopts a realistic approach to planning for this city's future? We know that Mr Gove is knocking on our door with completely unfeasible growth plans so now is the time to go firmly in a new direction. We need a new vision, a new attitude that sets out what we consider to be realistic limits to the city's growth. The current Government's plans serve corporate interests; they will not help our existing local communities to thrive in the coming years. We are in desperate need of strong local leadership that will help us all to get through the challenges that certainly lie

ahead.

Will this City Council accept that 'sustainable growth' is an oxymoron, and will it say no to Mr Gove's development plans, and politely suggest that he redirect his department's levelling up efforts towards those parts of the country who are crying out to have their brownfield sites developed in order to rejuvenate their own communities?

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Oral Questions 23 May 2024

 Councillor Hauk to Executive Councillor for Community Wealth Building and Community Safety.

What does the Executive Councillor think inequality means for Cambridge, and what is she planning to do to address it?

2. Councillor Glasberg to Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services.

Cambridge Water are still unable to agree a Water Management Plan to ensure that we have drinking water without further adverse impact on the chalk streams and the environment. The proposed interventions cannot be delivered until 2032 and 2036. Will the Executive Councillor update us on what representations the council intends to make to the water authorities (OFWAT, Environment Agency and Water Resources East in particular) and on the council's own assessment of the partial contribution that might be made to the Water Scarcity Group's proposed measures?

3. Councillor Porrer to Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services.

Could the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services please update members on progress on our policy, as agreed at Council in October 2021, to remove single use plastics from events on Council owned land.

4. Councillor Blackburn-Horgan to Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness.

How, after the council set up the private renters forum, does the Executive Councillor believe the council can influence the exorbitant costs of renting a single room in a small licensed HMO, now reaching £1350 per month in Queen Edith's Ward?

5. Councillor Young to The Leader of the Council.

How does the Council track officer's response times to Councillors emails? The target is a response within 5 working days. Is that target being met?

6. Councillor Tong to Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness.

In their most recent dog awareness report, the Royal Mail published that over the previous year postal workers across the UK suffered 381 injuries from dogs biting at them through letterboxes. These attacks can cause serious harm, including

permanent disability. Does Cambridge City Council currently have a policy regarding internal letterbox cages, and, if not, would it consider fitting all of its new homes with them in future?

7. Councillor Bick to Executive Councillor for Community Wealth Building and Community Safety.

What methods does the council have at its disposal to require graffiti to be removed by owners or occupants from private buildings where it is disfiguring a neighbourhood (especially where it is in a conservation area) and acting as a magnet for further proliferation?

8. Councillor Martenelli to Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services.

Please could the Executive Councillor update us on the Council's commitment to No Mow May?

9. Councillor Flaubert to Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services.

Could the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces update us on the planned community clean-up days around Cambridge this year?

Agenda Item 6

Councillor Carling proposes and Councillor Griffin seconds the following amendment to Motion 14a (deleted text struckthrough and additional text is <u>underlined</u>)

Vision for Cambridge Sustainable Growth and Democratic Engagement in Cambridge

COUNCIL BELIEVES that 'good growth' in and around Cambridge is possible, if planned with care for sustainability. Evidence already gathered by local councils indicates that this should be provided for, in particular to alleviate poor housing conditions and rising costs, which are not only a source of division and inequality, but also jeopardise our vital public services and limit businesses which are directly or indirectly dependent on our unique concentration of research and innovation for advancement in the world.

WE POINT TO the records of parties which have recently led this council and South Cambridgeshire in delivering new communities meeting a wide spectrum of needs and means, and in nurturing the success of the local economy.

WE WELCOME a role for central government in addressing key factors beyond the scope of local councils, particularly in ensuring investment in water supply, transport infrastructure and social housing – the absence of which would result in unsustainable growth, which the city would not be able to support.

But WE ARE HUGELY CONCERNED by the lack of meaningful government engagement with elected representatives in Cambridge and surrounding areas about the future of our city, with details regarding the proposed development corporation still lacking and no evidence of appetite for meaningful discussion of alternative options. We note that the ruling Labour group, in partnership with the leadership of other relevant local authorities, have been clear about these concerns publicly – including through press statements – and that the Council's political leadership is continuing to push for more information and stronger engagement (with elected representatives as well as other community voices) through all available channels. arbitrary government housing targets and unsubstantiated proposals for a development corporation and planning intervention, which cast locally elected representatives of residents as mere outside advisors or minority participants in the shaping of the future of our own area in an accountable way.

WE RESOLVE to lobby this and any future government to engage genuinely with local representatives and seek a genuine partnership. We note that the complex local government environment around Cambridge is less than ideal for transparency and meaningful engagement and commit to continuing our exploratory work on how we might resolve this, including consideration of options around becoming a unitary authority. challenge this 'power grab' by central government; to seek instead a

genuine partnership, and to strengthen the local democratic component of this by pursuing the creation of a unitary council which brings together most local decision-making and service provision into one new body.

And WE RECOMMIT to locally-led, evidence-based planning and to development that is above all sustainable, both socially and environmentally.

Agenda Item 7

Councillor Moore's alteration to motion 14b under Council Procedure Rule 26 (deleted text struckthrough, additional text underlined)

Climate & Ecology Bill Nature Bill

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK, and across the world. The average global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels and—alongside this—the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction. In addition, the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world as more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline.

The Climate & Ecology Nature Bill (an updated version of the previous Climate & Ecology Bill and before that the CEE Bill), seeks to address the challenges that this situation poses by creating a whole-of-government approach to deliver a net zero and nature positive future.

The Bill aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, which was a goal agreed to at COP15,); and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the UK's fair share of the remaining global carbon budget to give the strongest chance of limiting global heating to 1.5°C, which was the goal agreed to at COP21.

By bridging the gap between the UK Government's current delivery, and what has been agreed at international levels, Britain has a chance to be a world leader on climate and the environment; seizing the opportunities of the clean energy transition, including green jobs and skills; reduced energy bills; and boosting the UK's food and energy security.

This council notes that:

- This council declared a Climate Emergency in February 2019.
- This council declared a bio-diversity emergency in May 2019
- Cambridge is one of 119 Global Cities named Climate Action Leaders on the Carbon Disclosure Project 2023 A List. A-List cities are taking four times as many climate mitigation and adaptation measures as non-A Listers.
- Cambridge City Council is ranked second amongst all UK District councils by Climate Action Scorecards (run by Climate Emergency UK) on actions we have taken to reach net zero in 2023.
- In our Climate Change Strategy 2021-2026 we set a target for the Council to be net zero carbon in our direct emissions by 2030 and our Carbon Management Plan explains how we plan to achieve it.
- Our Change Strategy 2021-2026 also sets out a vision for Cambridge City to be net zero carbon by 2030 but we need a more ambitious policy framework and increased investment from national government in order to achieve that.

The Climate & Nature

E Bill would require the UK Government to develop and achieve a new environmental strategy, which would include:

- 1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, and require a plan that considers both together;
- 2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations;
- 3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
- 4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;
- 5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
- 6. Providing for re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
- 7. Giving the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative Climate & Nature Assembly, as part of creating consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind.

This council therefore resolves to:

- 1. Support the Climate and Ecology Nature Bill;
- 2. Inform local residents and the local press of this decision;
- 3. Write to our MPs Daniel Zeichner & Anthony Browne to inform them him that this motion has been passed, and urge them both him to sign up to support the CE Bill.
- 4. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing Cambridge City Council's support.
- 5. Write to Sir Keir Starmer MP expressing Cambridge City Council's support for the bill and requesting that it be upgraded from a private members' bill to a government bill should there be a Labour government after the next general election.

Councillor Glasberg's amendment to motion 14b (deleted text struckthrough, additional text underlined)

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- 2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations;
- 3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
- 4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;
- 5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
- 6. Providing for re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
- 7. Giving the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative Climate & Nature Assembly, as part of creating consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind.

This council therefore resolves to:

- 1. Support the Climate and EcologyNature Bill;
- 2. Inform local residents and the local press of this decision;

- 3. Write to our MPs Daniel Zeichner and Anthony Browne to inform himthem that this motion has been passed, and urge himthem to sign up to support the CEAN Bill.
- 4. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CEAN Bill, expressing Cambridge City Council's support.
- 5.Write to Sir Keir Starmer MP asking him to confirm his party's support for the bill and requesting that the bill be upgraded from a private members' bill to a government bill should there be a change of government.

Background Notes (not part of active motion):

<u>History</u>

- 1. The 2024 version of the Climate and Nature Bill was introduced by Labour MP, Alex Sobel on 21 March 2024 and will receive a second reading on 17 May 2024.
- 2. <u>Previous versions were introduced by Green MP Caroline Lucas</u> (twice) and Labour's Olivia Blake (once)
- 3. A petition requesting support for the Bill was submitted to Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee by local Green party officers with advice from the Zero Hour campaign group on 21 March 2024 and was approved by councillors including Cllrs Glasberg and Moore.
- 4. The Bill is backed by over180 cross-party MPs and Peers, 354 local authorities, numerous eminent scientists, businesses, and environmental organisations and 42,000 members of the public.

Further Reading

History of bill

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Climate_and_Ecological_Emergency_Bill

Zero Hour briefing

https://www.zerohour.uk/downloads/climate-and-nature-bill-briefing.pdf

Text of Bill

https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3707

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Councillor Bennett's alteration to motion 14d under Council Procedure Rule 26 (deleted text struckthrough, additional text underlined).

The purpose of this motion is to raise awareness and support the of the developing 2024 Disabled People's Manifesto and to stand with disabled residents, their carers and their families in the face of the continuing national government's attack on their lives and rights.

The 2024 Disability Rights UK Manifesto is a four point plan to create a society where everyone has equal life chances and is valued and treated equally.

The four points are:

1. Representation and Voice

Removal of barriers for disabled people to participate in political and public life.

2. Rights

The full rights set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ("UNCRPD")

3. Independence

The right to live independently with choice and control over the support given.

4. Inclusion

Plans for every aspect of life to address specific needs of disabled people from the outset.

Although Cambridge City Council is not a unitary authority and social services are provided by the county council, it is very much aware of the impact of the services that it does provide on the lives of disabled residents. Housing, the planning service and the public realm are critical to the life chances of disabled people. Even basic services such as contact with the public can present extra challenges to disabled people and carers.

The council accepts that it has an important part to play in supporting the lives of its disabled residents and indeed all the residents who are affected by their own or another person's disability.

However, no council can do this work alone. Central government support is needed.

Accordingly, Cambridge City Council resolves to:

- 1. Sign the Manifesto as an organisation Refer the manifesto to the Council's Equalities Panel for scrutiny and debate involving staff, resident representatives and councillors, and reporting back to the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee on their discussions;
- 2. Raise awareness of the Local Government Association Disability Champions Network with both council officers and councillors.
- 3. Write to Daniel Zeichner MP and Anthony Browne MP to inform them that this motion has been passed and urge them to sign the Manifesto:
- 4. Write to Sir Keir Starmer MP asking him to confirm his party's support for the Manifesto and opposition to the current government's proposed attacks on the dignity and rights of Disabled People

Further Reading

Disability Rights UK

https://www.disabledpeoplesmanifesto.com/manifesto

Local Government Disability Champions Network ("LGDCN")

https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/equalities-hub/local-government-disability-champions-network-lgdcn

United Nations Convention On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/crpd/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-crpd

Council 23 May 2024 Written Questions

1. Councillor Glasberg

To Councillor Thornburrow the Executive Councillor for Planning, Building Control and Infrastructure

What steps is the planning service and the council's commercial property service taking to make better use of grey water? We are aware of the statutory ban on using grey water for domestic use which is why our question relates to non-domestic uses.

Response:

There is no current plan for the use of grey water amongst the Council's commercial property portfolio. This matter will however be explored as part of a wider asset review and the creation of an Asset Management Strategy during the life of the current asset management plan.

In the meantime, under the requirements of policy 28 of the 2018 Cambridge Local Plan, all non-residential development must achieve 5 Wat01 credits from BREEAM. This equates to a 55% reduction in domestic type water use compared to baseline water use. For the majority of schemes, achieving this level of water reduction will require some form of water reuse/recycling, with many schemes combining both grey water reuse (typically from workplace showers) and rainwater harvesting, which is then used for toilet flushing. In addition to this local policy requirement, a suite of new planning conditions are being developed to support the implementation of policy, including specific conditions related to grey water reuse and rainwater harvesting where appropriate.

2. Councillor Howard

To Councillor Carling the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces and City Services

Unauthorised tree felling and sapling vandalisation is extremely distressing for residents. What steps is the council taking to investigate these acts?

Response:

The actual incidence of vandalism of the council's tree asset is low in the city. Where it does occur, the council will follow policy TM12 as laid out in the Citywide Tree Strategy 2016-2026, Part 2. Policy TM12 states the council will investigate reports and rectify the damage. Young trees are especially vulnerable, but the Council generally plants large trees that are more difficult to vandalise. Where incidences of vandalism have occurred, the Council will try to correct any damage as soon as possible.

In practice, criminal damage is also referred to the police – and where we can identify who has caused the damage, compensation will be sought.

Private trees protected by statute, namely tree preservation orders, or conservation area status or by planning condition are occasionally felled without permission. In these situations, the council passes any details it may have to the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service's Compliance Team to investigate and take action.

To prevent unwitting breaches of legislation and facilitate understanding, the council hosts a variety of webpages that clearly set out private owners' rights and their responsibilities to trees (both protected and unprotected). Where trees fall outside of council ownership and are not otherwise legally protected, owners of trees do have the right to manage them as they see fit.

The City Council's tree strategy recognises the importance of trees in the city and seeks to protect and enhance them. There are four main threads to this strategy:

- Increasing our understanding of the urban forest to aid decision makers
- Using our statutory powers to protect high value trees
- Managing our own assets sustainably and enhancing them where practicable
- Engaging with landowners about the importance their trees have to the city

The strategy employs an urban forest concept, which presupposes that ecosystem services flowing from the city's treescape are greater than the sum of the individual trees regardless of ownership. The urban forest is in a state of flux with individual trees being planted, pruned, and removed.

If a specific incident has taken place that has prompted this question, I would invite Councillor Howard to contact me and we can discuss a way forward.

3. Councillor Tong

To Councillor Gerri Bird the Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness

Is the Executive Councillor for Housing aware of the complaints made by residents over antisocial use of the council's garage stock? Will the executive councillor commit to tightening up the terms of the garage rental agreements to prohibit their use for activities that are a nuisance or hazardous to other residents?

Response:

We do receive complaints in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour relating to garage sites across the city but not on a regular basis. These complaints can be about the garage tenant, or about ASB in the garage area not relating to garage tenants.

We have recently had a programme under our Environment Improvement Scheme to fit metal chequer plates to 150 of our garages to make them more secure, prevent break-ins and reduce ASB in those areas.

There are already sufficient clauses in our garage rental agreement that prohibits garage tenants from causing nuisance or annoyance and in relation to prevention of hazardous materials. If any residents have any concerns about ASB in our garage blocks, please contact City Homes and we will be more than happy to help.

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CITY COUNCIL

Cambridge City Council

Civic Affairs

Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2

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

Agenda

Appointment of Sub CommitteeTo agree membership of the following:

Employment Appeals Sub Committee

4 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat

Councillors - Davey, Carling, Moore, Wade, Flaubert, Young

Appointment of Working PartyTo agree membership of the following:

Governance Review Group

3 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Green

Councillors - Carling, Lab TBC, Lab TBC, Bick, Green TBC

Reserve Councillors: Lab TBC, Young, Green TBC

Civic Affairs Members: McPherson, Gawthrope Wood, Bennett, Robertson, Sheil and Young

CITY COUNCIL

Cambridge City Council

Licensing Committee

Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2

3QJ [access the building via Peashill entrance]

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: McPherson (Chair), Bird (Vice-Chair), Blackburn-Horgan, Clough, Griffin, Moore, Pounds, Wade and Young

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

Harlan (District	T. I.I.	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

Licensing Committee Agenda – Update to responsibilities delegated to Licensing Sub Committees.

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

Hackney / Private Hire Drivers	To determine/ amend policies	purpose or does not meet the criteria set out in the policy 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
Pavement Licences	N/A	N/A	To grant / refuse or add additional conditions to the licence.

			To resolve any
			disputes in
			relation to refusal
			or additional
			conditions to a
			licence
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

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Cambridge City Council

Environment and Community Scrutiny CITY COUNCIL Committee

Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2

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

Agenda

1 Appointment to Outside Bodies

The Scrutiny Committee is requested to recommend appointments to the Executive Councillors.

The Executive Councillors will be asked to agree the appointments.

The Junction (Observer Status)

1 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat

Councillors - Griffin, Lee

Cambridge BID

1 Labour

Councillor - Gilderdale

Adults and Health Committee

1 Member, 1 Alternate member

Councillor - Holloway Alternate Councillor - TBC

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

1 Labour, 1 Alternate

Councillors - Holloway Alternate Councillor - McPherson

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel

1 Labour, 1 Labour Alternate

Councillors – Holloway Alternate Councillor – TBC

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

1 Labour

Councillor - Holloway

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Military Covenant Board

1 Labour

Councillor - Davey

Clay Farm Advisory Group

1 Labour, 1 Lib Dem

Councillors – Divkovic, Hauk

Storey's Field Community Trust

2 Labour, 1 Lib Dem

Councillors - Nestor, S.Smith, Payne

Recycling in Cambridge and Peterborough (RECAP)

1 Labour

Councillor - Moore

Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee

1 Member

Councillor – Robertson

2 Appointment to Working Party

The Scrutiny Committee is requested to agree the appointments below:

Equalities Panel

3 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat

Councillors – Smart, Wade, Lab TBC, Porrer, Flaubert Alternate Councillor - TBC

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee Members: Pounds, Nestor, Divkovic, Glasberg, Hauk, Payne, Swift, Carling (Executive Councillor), Gilderdale (Executive Councillor), Moore (Executive Councillor) and Wade (Executive Councillor)

Cambridge City Council

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2

3QJ [access the building via Peashill entrance]

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

Agenda

Appointment to Working Party
 Joint Local Planning Advisory Group
 Labour, 1 Lib Dem

Councillors – Thornburrow, S.Smith, Porrer

Reserve Councillors - Smart, Bick

2 Appointment to Outside Bodies The Scrutiny Committee is requested to recommend appointments to the Executive Councillor.

The Executive Councillor will be asked to agree the appointments.

Members Active Travel Steering Group

5 Labour, 3 Liberal Democrat

Councillors - TBC, TBC, TBC, TBC, TBC, Hauk, Lee, Martinelli

East West Main Line Partnership Board

1 Labour, 1 reserve

Councillor – Thornburrow Reserve Councillor – Baigent

EWR Eastern Section Board

1 Labour, 1 reserve

Councillor - Thornburrow Reserve Councillor - Baigent Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee Members: Nestor, Baigent, Bick, Clough, Divkovic, Griffin, Porrer, Swift and Thornburrow (Executive Councillor)

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Cambridge City Council

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee



Date: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Time: 12.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2

3QJ [access the building via Peashill entrance]

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

Agenda

1 Appointments to Outside Bodies (Pages 5 - 6)
The Scrutiny Committee is requested to recommend appointments to the Executive Councillors.

The Executive Councillors will be asked to agree the appointments.

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

1 Labour, 1 Labour Alternate

Councillor - Davey, Baigent

Local Government Information Unit

1 Labour

Councillor - Griffin

East of England Local Government Association

1 Labour

Councillor – TBC

LGA General Assembly

1 Labour

Councillor - Davey

Horizons Board

1 Labour

Councillor - Robertson

Cambridge Investment Partnership

2 Labour

Councillors – Bird, S.Smith

District Councils Network

1 Labour

Councillor – Davey

Advisory Council - Cambridge Growth Company (Homes England)

1 Labour

Councillor - Davey

2 Appointment to Working Party

The Scrutiny Committee is requested to agree the appointments below:

Joint Staff Employment Forum

3 Labour, 2 Liberal Democrat, 2 Alternates

Councillors - Bird, Moore, Lab TBC, Hauk, Young

(Executive Councillor) S.Smith

Alternate Councillors – Gilderdale, Lib Dem TBC

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Members: Robertson, Gawthrope Wood, Baigent, Bennett, Bick, Sheil, Young, Todd-Jones, Davey (Executive Councillor), Gilderdale (Executive Councillor) and S. Smith (Executive Councillor)

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Advisory Council - Cambridge Growth Company (Homes England) - Terms of Reference

- As a member of the Advisory Council you will be asked to provide views and perspective to the growth company board¹ on a range of issues relevant to the activities of the Growth Company for example transport, water, housing, business and innovation, finance and viability and community/wellbeing;
- ii. Peter Freeman will Chair the Advisory Council and meetings will take place every six weeks;
- iii. The Chair may invite additional members to join the Advisory Council to address gaps in skills and representation;
- iv. Locally elected leaders will be invited to join the Advisory Council ex-officio;
- v. Membership of the Advisory Council will be for two years or, if sooner, until the formation of a development corporation. Should you wish to stand down I would ask only that you notify me as Chair in writing;
- vi. Members will take on no liabilities and will not be accountable for decisions of the growth company;
- vii. Agendas and papers will be prepared for each meeting of the Advisory Council and minutes taken, these minutes will be [to be agreed];
- viii. Agendas and papers will be prepared for each meeting of the Advisory Council. Noting that some information will be commercially sensitive, and balancing that requirement with the need for transparency where possible, the following will be published:
 - i. The parts of the agenda which are not confidential (to provide stakeholders with an overview of the Advisory Council's priorities and activities)
 - Minutes of the meetings which are not confidential including decisions, actions, general updates (to keep stakeholders informed about the Advisory Council's direction, priorities and activities)

Informational content such as presentations/reports which are not confidential (to provide background information to stakeholders).

- ix. Members will be reminded that the Cambridge Growth Company will be a subsidiary of Homes England and therefore subject to Homes England's internal policies including our approach to Freedom of Information;
- x. The Growth Company will develop a strategy to ensure a proactive and holistic approach to public engagement, and this will be an early item for the Advisory Council to consider.

The Board of the growth company is Peter Freeman (Chair); Will Garton, Kay Withers and Melanie Montanari/Emma Fraser (jobshare) from DLUHC and Beth Dugdale from Homes England. The Growth Company CEO will join the Board once appointed.

- xi. Members will be able to request the inclusion of items on the Advisory Council's agenda and make suggestions as to studies or research the growth company could undertake.

 Members of the Councils reasonable expenses will be reimbursed but no salary / fee will be paid for attendance;
- xii. The Advisory Council may choose to create sub-groups of the Council to focus on specific issues. In addition to members of the Council other people with specific expertise may be invited to sit on such sub-groups;
- xiii. Noting that Members will not be asked to commit to any confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement, however the Chair would ask that no announcements or communications are made on behalf of the Advisory Council without the written agreement of the Chair.

