

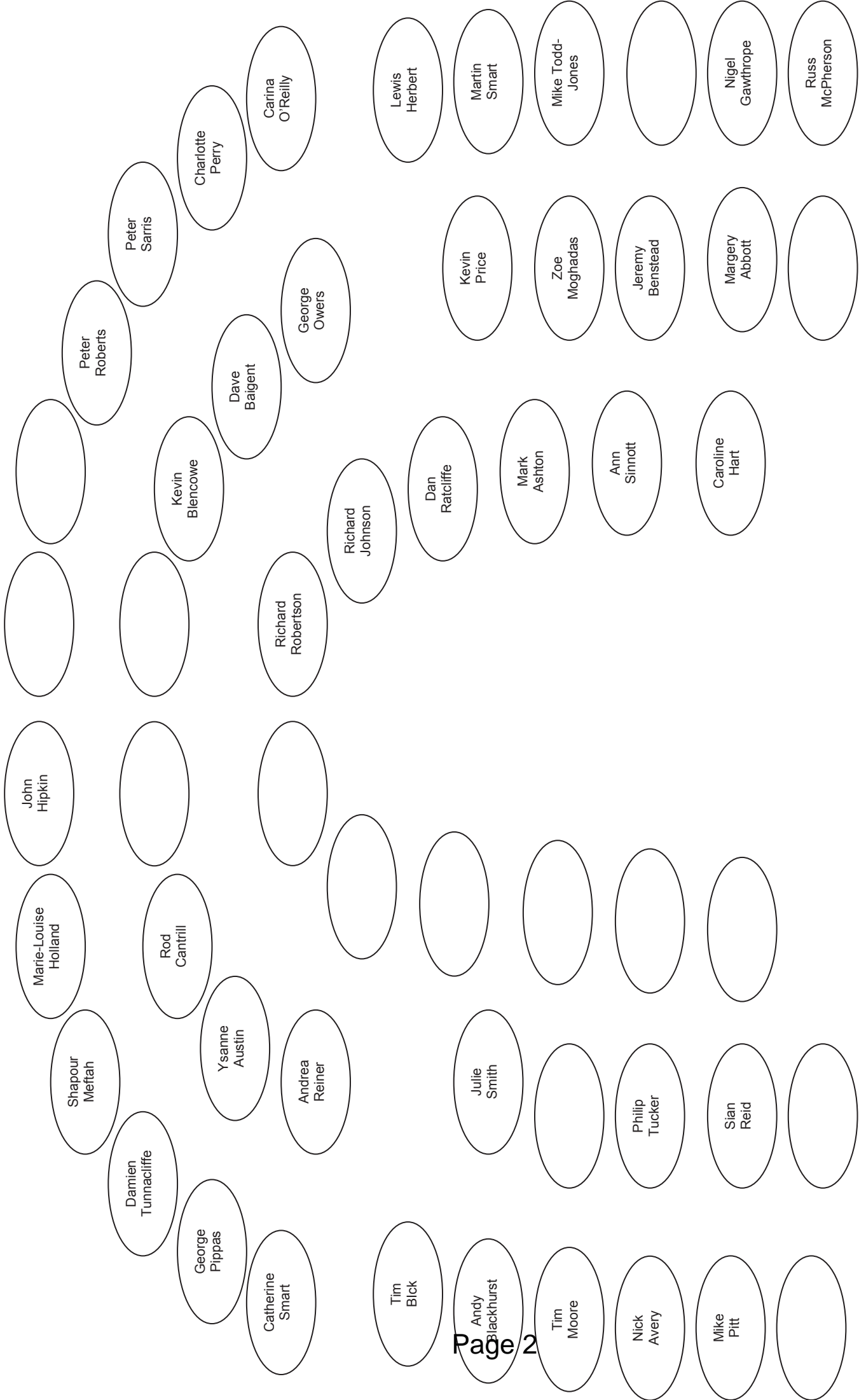


CAMBRIDGE

CITY COUNCIL

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION C

Moved by the Leader of the Council

Council notes:

- i. The urgent need to increase the relevance of public decision making to people's daily lives and to rejuvenate our local democracy.
- ii. The opportunity to tackle this in an appropriate way in England following the Scottish referendum and the commitments made there for increased devolution from Westminster.
- iii. The recent report of the RSA City Growth Commission presenting just the latest evidence that city regions, if empowered to do so, can serve to boost national economic growth.
- iv. The groundswell of support in the local business community for a single council providing coordinated, accountable leadership for the Greater Cambridge area.
- v. The welcome debate opened up at the County Council for alternative approaches to local government in our area, to which the City Council will be asked to participate.

Council believes that:

- i. The survival of the proud tradition of municipal innovation and enterprise, which historically transformed social conditions and enabled strides in prosperity is under threat from the control tendencies of all recent governments.
- ii. There is much to do to in our own area, yet too often our locally elected representatives are circumscribed from taking actions that local people expect of them.
- iii. Both the unwieldy structure of local government covering the city of Cambridge and the centralisation of the vast majority of revenues arising from the area are major sources of frustration with the democratic process.
- iv. Power should reside as close to people as is consistent with making effective decisions that impact them.
- v. Irrespective of demarcations between councils, voluntary collaborations between them are being shown to offer economies of scale and critical mass where needed for cost effective service delivery.

- vi. For purposeful, democratic, local government, we should aspire to a single tier council framed around the logical community of interest within an economic subregion: a shared area of identity within which most people both live and work;

Council calls on the Leader and Chief Executive to:

- i. Participate in discussions with other Cambridgeshire authorities and Peterborough to ~~build~~ seek a consensus for a ~~new~~ single tier solution of several unitary authorities including one for greater Cambridge, and a local referendum if supported in principle, including full involvement of residents, local community organisations, the business community and Universities. ~~authority for the south of the county with appropriate solutions for the remainder.~~
- ii. Seek in the interim negotiations with central Government through the structure created for the Greater Cambridge City Deal ~~to seek~~ acceleration of the already ~~committed~~ proposed legislation to enable a Greater Cambridge combined authority.
- iii. Develop and articulate the case for:
 - The retention without strings of a majority of the public revenues arising in this area from business rates and other property based taxation, allowing for the remainder to be redeployed nationally for equalisation.
 - Local accountability to local people for setting business rates and council tax levels.
 - clear devolution of powers from Whitehall, working in partnership with Cambridgeshire councils, Peterborough and similar city regions, to remove obstacles to sustainable growth for Greater Cambridge including
 - o lifting the Housing Revenue Account cap and transferring related housing powers
 - o addressing additional strategic transport infrastructure that is essential but not covered by the City Deal or already agreed
 - o increasing capital and revenue funding for schools and skills development
 - o removing barriers to enable councils to tackle inequality, and

- strengthening local planning powers for Greater Cambridge.~~Greater freedom to borrow against business plans for investment in housing.~~
- A proportional voting system within a newly empowered local government.
- A national constitutional convention to provide the stimulus for a new mindset in Westminster and Whitehall and a general framework for progress in all these respects.

Amendment to MOTION E

Moved by Cllr Kevin Blencowe, Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport

Council recognises that

i. The city's connection to long distance coach networks is important to residents and visitors alike and makes a positive contribution to the city economy

ii. Current arrangements to provide a terminus on Parkside are inadequate and unsustainable both to surrounding residents and the travelling public ~~as well as inconsistent with the character and amenity of Parker's Piece~~

iii. The current temporary facilities at Parkside were put in place in 2007 following the joint county/city meeting in 2006 of the Cambridge Environmental and Traffic Management Area Joint Committee chaired by Julian Huppert, pending development of a county-led bus management strategy which does not seem to have materialised. ~~and the current temporary planning permission expires this year~~

iv. In order to obtain proper facilities for travellers, some flexibility and willingness to work with the local authorities should be expected of the bus companies to determine the most suitable permanent location.

~~Council calls on its Planning Officers to work with County Transport Officers to develop alternative locations as a means of providing a suitable permanent home for the coach interchange, noting in particular the expectation that the railway station after its redevelopment would provide a possible solution, as discussed at the start of the current temporary arrangement on Parkside.~~

Council calls on the County Council, supported by the City Council Planning Service, to undertake a thorough review of long distance coach/bus passenger waiting facilities in Cambridge, and asks the County Council to report back to the Cambridge Joint Area Committee as soon as practical.

BRIEFING NOTE FOR FULL COUNCIL

6 November 2014

Motion 7E Parking for Long Distance Coaches/Buses at Parkside/Parkers Piece

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 Background on the long distance bus/coach parking at Parkside to inform the discussion on the proposed Notice of Motion.

2.0 KEY POINTS

- 2.1 In 2006 the Cambridge Environmental & Traffic Management Area Joint Committee decided that long distance bus services should be served by stops along Parkside. An essential part of that service is the provision of bus supervisors / customer service staff helping passengers in a wide range of needs. The Traffic Regulation Orders that facilitate the current arrangement are permanent.
- 2.2 Temporary planning consent for the kiosk was originally granted on 2nd of April 2007 for 4 years. It was approved for another 3 years in March 2011. This permission is subject to a condition by which the temporary building must be removed from site and the land restored to its former condition before the end of March 2014. The planning application to further extend that temporary permission is currently with the planning service and remains undetermined pending clarity about the future of Parkside for this purpose.
- 2.3 A report was taken to the Cambridge Joint Area Committee in September 2014 updating on the position with long distance coach/bus parking facilities in Parkside and proposing that small scale improvements to the limited facilities at Parkside be investigated further. The report also set out the options for relocation of the facilities that had been investigated by the County Council previously and the conclusion that had been reached that there were no appropriate alternative locations for this facility.
- 2.4 At one point there was an aspiration that the redevelopment of land around Cambridge station might provide accommodation for coaches and be used as main terminal point for coach services accessing Cambridge. However, that aspiration was not taken forward in the Cambridge Station Area Development Framework. The CB1 Development that is currently underway provides significant improved interchange opportunities for buses but none is/was provided for coaches. The main reason for this is that National Express remain of the view that a location as close as possible to the city centre is needed to ensure passengers are able to board and alight and not have to interchange to carry on into the city centre. The City and County Council are not in a position to enforce this move against the express preference of the coach service operator.
- 2.5 Through City Deal the proposed Cambridge Access Strategy would, among other things, be looking at bus movements into and out of the city. This work should be commissioned early in 2015.

Simon Payne DOE 5.11.14

Council Meeting 6 November: Oral Questions

1) Councillor Dryden to the Leader

Can the Leader update the Council on events relating to the training of Libyan soldiers at Basingbourn Barracks and the information available to date on the sexual assaults in Cambridge, both admitted and alleged?

2) Councillor Avery to the Leader

Would the Leader please confirm that the Council's priorities extend to all areas of the City?

3) Councillor Blackhurst to the Executive Councillor for Housing

How many, a) one bedroom, b) two bedroom, c) three bedroom and d) properties with four or more bedrooms, have been sold from the Council's housing stock under the right to buy scheme since 1st April 2012, and how many, if any, of those properties had been specially adapted to meet tenants' disability needs?

4) Councillor Tunnacliffe to the Executive Councillor for City Centre and Public Places

Could the Executive Councillor say why there has been inadequate lighting on Jesus Green recently which may have contributed to the unfortunate assault on a resident who was crossing the Green early in the evening last week?

5) Councillor Catherine Smart to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport

What criteria did the Executive Councillor use when calculating the new car park charges to be brought in next April? How will they compare with on-street parking charges and for those using the Park and Ride sites?

6) Councillor Bick to the Executive Councillor for City Centre and Public Places

Would the Executive Councillor comment on the public impact of the additional lights installed on Parker's Piece at the beginning of this year?

7) Councillor Pippas to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport

Now that domestic planning applications have been considered by the Central Planning Committee on a number of occasions, can the Executive Councillor comment on whether he believes that the decision by the Labour Group to remove planning from Area Committees was the right one?

8) Councillor Tucker to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport:

Could the Executive Councillor please explain the rationale of retaining the existing car parking charges on a Sunday next year?

9) Councillor Baigent to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Following the release of The Lyons Housing Review, can the Executive Councillor explain the potential benefits of this report for the people of Cambridge?

10) Councillor Moore to the Executive Councillor for Community, Arts and Recreation

Is the Executive Councillor aware that the drop in support group for breastfeeding mothers meeting at Homerton Children's Centre is at risk of closing? This group supports babies and their mothers from all over the City who have the most difficult feeding problems to get the best nutritional start in life.

11) Councillor Cantrill to the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

Could the Executive Councillor indicate the current level of R&R funds the Council has available for spending on replacement and renewal of equipment and infrastructure on green open spaces?

12) Councillor Roberts to the Executive Councillor for Community, Arts and Recreation

Can the Executive Councillor please update Council on preparations for the first Cambridge Community Fair to be held in February 2015?

13) Councillor Austin to the Executive Councillor for City Centre and Public Places

The Executive Councillor has a very important decision to take in relation to allowing a compound to be constructed on Parkers Piece a key open space in the city. What criteria will she use to make her decision and what weighting will she give to the important view of residents who have responded to the consultation?

Written Question-Council 6 November 2014

Cllr Cantrill to the Exec Councillor for Finance and Resources.

Please provide details of any motions or amendments presented to full council or any Budget proposals or Budget amendments presented to full council relating to paying Cambridge City Council employees the living wage from 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2013 (including details of the councillor bringing forward the item).

Answer (in chronological order)

Council 24/5/12

The Labour Group Annual Statement included the following:

Tackle low pay in the city, starting with a staged implementation of a 'Living Wage' Minimum of £7.20 per hour by the City Council for its employees, with the aim of also applying this to our main contractors.

Consult with other Cambridge public sector or public funded organisations paying under £7.20 per hour to persuade them where possible to offer a 'Living Wage'.

Council Minute of this item:

12/33/CNL Adoption of Annual Policies and Priorities

Under the Scheme for Annual Statements, that of Councillor Bick was deemed to be a motion for adoption by the Council.

Councillor Marchant-Daisley proposed and Councillor Owers seconded the replacement of the Liberal Democrat Annual Statement by that of the Labour Group.

On a show of hands, this proposal was lost by 18 votes to 21.

Council 25/10/12

Cllrs Cantrill and Reiner proposed a motion on the living wage. (Council minute is copied in full here)

"Council notes:

- A living wage was first established in the UK in 2001
- Currently the living wage rate is £7.20p per hour outside London (the "Living Wage"), calculated using incomes and prices data on a system developed and maintained by the Centre for Research and Social Policy at Loughborough University
- According to charity Barnardo's over 58% of children who live in poverty in the UK have at least one parent in paid work
- The Living Wage Foundation estimates over 10,000 families have been helped out of working poverty across the UK as a result of the living wage

- Recent tax changes put in place by the Liberal Democrats as part of the Coalition Government that provided a tax cut of £220 per year for low paid individuals has lifted many of the low paid out of the tax threshold
- That key components of the cost of living (food and utilities) continue to being challenging for residents of the city
- The Living Wage Week during 4th – 10th November 2012 will actively promote the living wage across the UK

Council believes:

- The national minimum wage was an important development to ensure a basic level of income for the lowest paid
- However, given the cost of living in Cambridge the minimum wage is not enough for an individual or a family to avoid living in poverty with all the ill effects that has
- A living wage is considered the minimum wage needed to provide 'adequate income' to ensure social inclusion for an individual or their family
- As one of the City's biggest employers, the City Council can help promote the living wage in Cambridge by becoming a 'living wage employer'
- That the procurement strategy of the City Council can influence and encourage our partners in service delivery to uphold the same approach as ours

Council requests that the Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources:

- Bring forward proposals that:
 - o Ensure all employees receive at least the Living Wage as soon as practicable and by no later than April 2013; and
 - o Explore agency staff receiving the Living Wage as part of the Budget process for 2013/2014; and
 - o Explore changing the Council's procurement processes to encourage contractors to adopt a similar position and as legislation permits insist that contractors meet the living wage obligation
- Writes to the MPs in Cambridge seeking their support and asking them to campaign for the living wage in the City".

Councillor Price proposed and Councillor Herbert seconded the following amendment:

Paragraph 4 after "Council believes" beginning "As one of the City's biggest employers..." delete "can" and insert "will" after "City Council".

After "Bring forward proposals that" (hollow bullet points):

- Paragraph 2 - Delete all and replace with "Ensure all agency and temporary staff receive the Living Wage as part of the Budget process for 2013/2014; and".
- Paragraph 3 - delete all and replace with "Change the Council's procurement processes to ensure contractors adopt the same position and, as legislation permits, insist that contractors meet the living wage obligation."

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 15 votes to 21.

Councillor Price proposed and Councillor Owers seconded the following amendment:

Delete paragraph 5 in its entirety “Recent tax changes put in place by the Liberal Democrats as part of the Coalition Government that provided a tax cut of £220 per year for low paid individuals has lifted many of the low paid out of the tax threshold”.

On a show of hands the amendment was lost by 16 votes to 21.

Councillor Blencowe proposed and Councillor Cantrill seconded the following amendment:

Delete paragraph starting “Explore agency staff...” and replace with “Ensure all agency and temporary staff receive the Living Wage as part of the Budget process for 2013/2014; and”.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried unanimously.

Resolved (unanimously) that:

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Council 21/2/13

Civic Affairs Committee (30/1/13) recommended to Council:

13/6/CIV Pay Policy Statement 2013/14

Resolved (5 votes to 0) to recommend to the Council:

- i. To approve the Living Wage proposals as part of the Pay Policy Statement 2013/14.
- ii. To approve the draft Pay Policy Statement 2013/14 attached as Appendix 1 of the committee report, with the inclusion of proposals relating to the Living Wage as recommended by the Civic Affairs Committee.

Executive (24/1/13) included the budget recommendation to Council:

PPF3208 2013/14 £43k ongoing

Provision for additional employee costs associated with adoption of Living Wage - all directly employed and Agency staff (after 4 weeks)

To pay City Council employees the equivalent of the Living Wage of £7.45 by way of a pay supplement, and to pay agency workers £7.45 after week 4 of their engagement. This will be monitored and reviewed in 2013.

PPF3215 2013/14 £12.5k, then £25k ongoing

Support to payment of Living Wage in the new Leisure Management contract [See also SR3056 Leisure Management Contract October 2013 onwards]

Council 23/5/13

The Labour Group Annual Statement included the following:

We are glad that after years of pressure, the Lib Dems caved into Labour's repeated demand for a **Living Wage** for all council employees. We now need to work to ensure that the council aggressively promotes the Living Wage for contractors and to develop a campaign to persuade other employers in the city that it helps them as well as staff.

Council minute of this item

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On a show of hands, this proposal was lost by 19 votes to 21.