

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 18 JULY 2013

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 18 July 2013 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 10 July 2013

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2013**
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- 2 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME - SEE AT THE FOOT OF THE AGENDA FOR DETAILS OF THE SCHEME**
- 4 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION**

4a **2012/13 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances - General Fund - Overview - (The Leader)**

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4b **Annual Treasury Management report 2012/13 (The Leader)**

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4c **Restructure of the Resources Department (The Leader)**

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5 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION

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5a **Code of Corporate Governance**

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5b **Review of Contract Procedure Rules (Part 4G of the Constitution)**

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5c **Council Processes in Relation to Budget Setting / Medium Term Strategy**

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6 TO DEAL WITH ORAL QUESTIONS

7 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION, NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN BY:

7a **Councillors Cantrill and Reiner**

This Council notes:

- That the Justice Secretary has recently held a consultation on the future of civil and criminal legal aid funding.
- All political parties have agreed that the current system can be made more efficient.
- That it is an important principle that people should be able to hold government to account when it makes unlawful decisions. Restrictions on the availability of civil Legal Aid which may prevent people from being able challenge an employer, public authority or government decision can be detrimental.
- That the Justice Secretary is proposing to restrict legal aid to those who have been lawfully in the UK for over 12 months continuously and who have documentary evidence to prove this.
- There is a risk that cutting back on criminal legal aid support may make it harder for people to be able to defend themselves.
- The proposed changes will have a material impact on Cambridge Citizens Advice Bureau and other agencies across the city who provide a critical role for the vulnerable.
- That the City Council acknowledges the crucial work that the CAB undertakes and provides on going financial support to the Cambridge CAB.

This Council believes:

- That the proposed changes to civil legal aid will make it harder for vulnerable people to have access to justice and is likely to exclude even more people from enforcing their rights to fair treatment at work.
- That the Justice Secretary was right to respond to pressure from lawyers, Liberal Democrat MPs and others to end his proposal of removing choice in criminal legal aid.
- That there are alternative ways of saving money from the criminal legal aid budget, such as those proposed by the Law

Society, using frozen assets to pay for legal expenses, and having Director's insurance to cover the costs of legal aid in corporate fraud cases.

This Council resolves:

- That the leader writes to the Justice Secretary urging him to look at alternative models for criminal legal aid, such as that proposed by the Law Society, to abandon the proposed residency test and ensure that funding for judicial reviews is continued.
- That the Leader writes to the two city MPs calling on them to lobby the Justice Secretary to achieve these aims.
- That the Council works with Cambridge CAB and other agencies to minimise the impact of the changes should they go through.

7b Councillors Roberts and Gawthrope

This council acknowledges that for many people in Cambridge there appears to be a substantial gap between the life experiences of the permanent community and those of the student population, which is not conducive to the wellbeing and future of our city.

This council recognises the essential role of both universities - Anglia Ruskin University and the University of Cambridge - in the city and their central contributions to Cambridge's economic success, but acknowledges that more could be done to foster social links.

The council notes, in particular, that there is a tangible disparity between the daily lives and life chances of those within the most deprived parts of our city and many of the students who, fortuitously, have the chance to study in Cambridge.

This council acknowledges the valuable work being done by Cambridge Hub, which recruits student volunteers and encourages their participation - locally, nationally and internationally - in a range

of essential social, environmental and charitable activities.

The council notes that Cambridge is blessed with a rich civil society, but community projects and community-based groups in some of the most deprived parts of our city often lack one or more of the following:

- A large pool of volunteers
- Time-rich/flexible volunteers
- Access to help in range of fields crucial for effective social action, such as:
 - Website design
 - Fundraising
 - Event organisation
 - Social media and communication training.

This council notes that the Cambridge Hub works with partners to recruit, support and connect student volunteers to available community opportunities. However, the council notes that it has been difficult for the Cambridge Hub to expand its local activism in the more deprived parts of Cambridge because of a lack of local coordination, knowledge and help in directing activities towards the greatest needs.

This council resolves to:

- Request that Cambridge City Council Community Development team meet with Cambridge Hub during the summer to discuss where and how the Hub can help community groups before the bulk of the student population returns to Cambridge.
- Write to community groups currently receiving, or who have received, financial assistance and/or wider support in the last two financial years, advertising the help Cambridge Hub can provide with an invitation to a community event in September to meet and discuss partnering opportunities further.
- Email all councillors the list of local organisations that will be contacted, so that each councillor has the chance to suggest additional community projects and groups in their own ward that they believe could benefit from building a relationship with Cambridge Hub.

- Lastly, recognise that more needs to be done by the council, especially in the current economic climate, to reduce the social divide between town and gown.

While acknowledging that council finances are under unprecedented pressure, the Chief Executive is asked to arrange a discussion including both universities on presenting an annual award - on behalf of us all - to one student and one community volunteer who have worked most successfully to bridge the divide between 'town and gown'.

8 WRITTEN QUESTIONS

No discussion will take place on this item. Members will be asked to note the written questions and answers document as circulated around the Chamber.