

## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 24 OCTOBER 2013

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 24 October 2013 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 16 October 2013

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Chief Executive

### **Agenda**

- 1 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 27 JUNE 2013 AND 18 JULY 2013.**  
*(Pages 11 - 50)*
- 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 Mid-Year Financial Review (MFR) September 2013  
(The Leader)**  
*(Pages 51 - 128)*
- 4b Mid-Year Financial Review (MFR) - Treasury Management  
Strategy Report 2013/14 to 2016/17 (The Leader)**  
*(Pages 129 - 156)*
- 4c Housing Revenue Account Mid-Year Financial Review  
(Executive Councillor for Housing)**  
*(Pages 157 - 212)*
- 4d Additions to the Council's Capital and Revenue Project  
Plan (Executive Councillor for Customer Services and  
Resources)**
- Wide Area Network
  - Telephone payments upgrade and online payments Content Management System (CMS)
- (Pages 213 - 232)*

**5 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION**

**Civic Affairs - 19 September 2013**

**5a Budget Setting Timetable - proposals for 2014**  
*(Pages 233 - 246)*

**5b Implementation of national pay award - amendment to scheme of delegations**  
*(Pages 247 - 252)*

**6 TO DEAL WITH ORAL QUESTIONS**

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

**7a Councillors Price and Blencowe**

Reversing Coalition cuts in affordable housing

This Council is committed to maximising the delivery of affordable housing in Cambridge given the thousands of Cambridge households in serious housing need.

We call on the Coalition Government and our 2 Cambridge MPs to achieve the removal of all provisions that damage local affordable housing delivery, particularly the repeal of the new Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 'get out clauses' which gift the opportunity to some Cambridge developers to delete all affordable housing from their schemes.

## **7b Councillor Dryden**

Following on from the Interim Planning Policy Guidance on the Protection of Public Houses in the City of Cambridge and the related policies in the draft Cambridge Local Plan 2014, the Council calls upon the Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change to designate, under article 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995, removing the right to demolish public houses within the City without the Council's prior approval.

## **7c Councillors Saunders and Dryden**

The Council resolves to appoint His Honour Judge Gareth Hawksworth to the post of Honorary Recorder of Cambridge for as long as he holds the position of Resident Judge at Cambridge Crown Court.

## **7d Councillors O'Reilly and Roberts**

### Protecting Allotments

- i. This Council notes that in December 2008 this Council unanimously agreed a Labour motion in support of the importance of allotments in the City, the unmet demand for allotments and fulfilling the Council's duty to make available suitable and sufficient allotments to meet the needs of residents. Subsequently in October 2010 the then Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation, Cllr Rod Cantrill, approved a new Management Policy for Allotments setting out what the Council wanted to achieve from its allotments provision in the City at Community Services Scrutiny Committee.
- ii. The Council further notes that the City Council owns 22 allotment sites, managing 8 of them directly, and that demand for them continues to grow. It considers that allotments are a unique resource and an intrinsic part of the City's green spaces with significance for wildlife and biodiversity and

providing many and socially inclusive benefits to allotment gardeners, communities and the wider environment. At a time of real financial hardship for many, they can also provide high quality, fresh and low cost food and the opportunity for a year-round healthy and active lifestyle.

- iii. Cambridge is a city where there is significant and ever increasing pressure for land to be developed for housing, education and employment purposes.
- iv. The Council notes that whilst Policy 67 of the draft new Local Plan offers good protection of open spaces in Cambridge, including allotments, the formal designation of an allotment site as 'statutory' rather than 'temporary' is also very important since, under Section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925, statutory status gives the further safeguard that a local authority must seek permission from the Secretary of State before selling or changing the use of a 'statutory' site. It also provides allotment tenants with greater confidence in their tenure. It is likely that many of the Council's allotment sites are 'statutory' sites but no formal designation has ever been given to them and so where any request for redevelopment or change of use is made, each site would have to be researched individually to determine its status.
- v. The Council therefore resolves to bring a report to Environment Scrutiny Committee, in line with the recommendation from the government some years ago, with the recommendation that all the City's current allotments and any future ones acquired or created in the urban extensions, be automatically formally designated as 'statutory' sites, and that in the event that any sites are suggested not to be given statutory status, details should be provided of the final use intended for the land and an indication of the likely date for change of use.

## **7e Councillor Smart**

This Council notes that:

- i. The Office of National Statistics (ONS) has launched a consultation about the future of the National Census.
- ii. An option being considered is that information is collated from administrative data already held by Government and the National Census every ten years is abolished.
- iii. Government formulas use population as a factor when calculating grants to local authorities, the NHS, the police and many other public bodies.
- iv. Models, samples and estimates need regular independent checking to make them as accurate as possible.

Council further notes that:

- v. The ONS introduced a new model of estimating population in 2011 which under-estimated the population of Cambridge by 18,400.
- vi. The estimates done by the Cambridgeshire County Council's Research group were higher and (as shown by the Census) more accurate.
- vii. The DCLG only accepted the higher, more accurate, figure when the 2011 census data was released.
- viii. The ONS is continuing to use a variant of the model to estimate the population both of the city and of the sub-region and there is already a gap between the ONS and County estimates.

Therefore Council asks that the Chief Executive write to:

- ix. The Office of National Statistics to express our concern at the loss of the National Census as it has proved to be necessary to correct inaccurate estimates.
- x. The MPs for the City to express our concern that, if the Census is discontinued, there will cease to be this regular independent check.

## **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.

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