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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 27 MAY 2010

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 27 May 2010 at 11.10 am and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 19 May 2010

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP Jackson', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011**
- 2 TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011**
- 3 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2010**
(Pages 1 - 14)
- 4 TO NOTE THE RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR:**

Abbey	Adam Pogonowski
Arbury	Timothy D Ward
Castle	Simon PJ Kightley
Cherry Hinton	Stuart E Newbold
Coleridge	Lewis Herbert
East Chesterton	Susannah Kerr and Roman Znajek
Kings Hedges	Simon Brierley
Market	Colin R Rosenstiel
Newnham	Rod Cantrill
Petersfield	Sarah E Brown and Gail E Marchant-Daisley
Queen Edith's	Jean S Swanson
Romsey	Paul Saunders
Trumpington	Sheila Stuart
West Chesterton	Max Boyce and Damien Tunnacliffe

- 5 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**
- 6 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**
- 7 TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS**
- 8 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 9 TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011**

There will then be a break for lunch

10 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES WHICH ARE FOR ADOPTION:

Civic Affairs (17 May 2010)

- Election of Leader and the Executive Councillors
- Appointment of Committees 2010/11
- Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs 2010/11
- Other recommendations of Civic Affairs Committee.

[The Mayor will call a recess so that the Special meetings of Committees can meet to make their appointments]

(Pages 15 - 26)

11 ANNUAL STATEMENT

Group Leaders will each have the opportunity to speak for not more than 15 minutes on their Group's priorities for action and objectives for the forthcoming municipal year in the following order:

Councillor Nimmo-Smith
Councillor Herbert
Councillor Wright

The Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group, the Labour Group and the Green Group are appended to this summons.

(Pages 27 - 42)

12 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

The scheme for Annual Statements provides that the Statement of the Leader of the largest group on the Council shall be deemed to be a motion for adoption. It may therefore be debated and amendments proposed after which it shall be put to the vote and, if carried, shall be adopted as Council policy for the municipal year.

The Council will therefore consider the Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group as a motion for adoption.

If the adopted Annual Statement contains proposals which fall outside the Council's budgetary or policy framework, the proposals shall not be acted upon until there has been a report to the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) and Executive Councillor(s) in the normal way and approval at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

13 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME - SEE AT THE FOOT OF THE AGENDA FOR DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

14 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION

- The Revised CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice (The Leader)

(Pages 43 - 44)

15 TO DEAL WITH ORAL QUESTIONS

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

16a Councillor Cantrill

This Council is fully committed to fairness and freedom in and for Cambridge.

We welcome those policies of the new coalition government that support these goals. The council's role with the new government will be to continue to act as a strong voice for Cambridge on local issues and a strong voice for Cambridge people on those national issues that affect the city.

It will work with the city's new MPs towards these goals.

16b Councillors Herbert and Newbold

The City Council restates its support for a unitary council for the Cambridge city sub-region.

The Council asks the Leader to write to her counterparts at Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council proposing a jointly funded, detailed cost benefit study, and to bring a report to Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

The short term aim will be to assess backroom and other services that by 2013 would be better delivered jointly, and

- maximise efficiency savings while protecting front-line services
- build on current internal reviews by all three councils
- ensure services like road and pavement snow clearance and gritting are properly delivered next time around
- review local joint bodies and quangos where waste can be eliminated
- enable local people to more easily understand their councils and contribute better to decisions.

For the medium term, a wider cost benefit review would assess the service and financial case for and against a single unitary council.

As all three councils are currently run by the two parties in coalition nationally, the motion will also be copied to all three local coalition MPs, and to other local service delivery organisations including the police and local NHS trusts.

17 TO NOTE THE RECORD OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2009/2010 (TO BE CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING)

Information for the public

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COUNCIL

22 April 2010

18:00 – 22:50

Present: Councillors McPherson (Chair), Stuart (Vice-Chair), Baker, Al Bander, Benstead, Bick, Blackhurst, Blair, Blencowe, Boyce, Cantrill, Dixon, Dryden, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Howell, Kerr, Kightley, Levy, McGovern, Newbold, Nimmo-Smith, Pitt, Reid, Rosenstiel, Sanders, Shah, Smart, Taylor, Todd-Jones, Upstone, Walker, Ward, Wright and Zmura

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

1 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2010

It was noted that Councillor Armstrong had been missed of the list of apologies for the meeting of 25 February 2010.

With this minor correction, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 February 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

2 Mayors Announcements

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Councillors Hipkin, Lynn and Smith.

2. CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

On 6th April, the Mayor attended the Citizenship Ceremony held at Shire Hall. He had been invited by the Chairman of the County Council to observe the Ceremony and also had the opportunity to meet the new citizens and their families afterwards.

3. REACH FAIR

Members had received invitations to attend the annual Proclamation of Reach Fair which this year takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd May.

4. ELECTIONS

Councillors Ben Bradnack, Jennifer Liddle and Diane Armstrong had tendered their resignations from the Council. The Mayor paid tribute to Councillor Bradnack who was first elected in 1992 and had given eighteen years of service including leading the Labour group for a period. Councillor Liddle first became a councillor in 2000 and she would be remembered for the time and commitment she gave to the Mayoralty when she served as Mayoress to Jenny Bailey as well as her work on council committees. The Mayor also extended the Council's appreciation for the contribution of Councillor Armstrong who became a councillor in 2004 for West Chesterton Ward.

The Mayor reported that Councillors Miriam Lynn, Neale Upstone, Alan Baker and Sarah Ellis-Miller had decided not to stand for re-election and he thanked them for the service that they had given to the Council. He commended Councillor Baker for his knowledge and commitment as Chair of the Planning Committee and said that his expertise would be missed.

The Mayor wished those Councillors standing for re-election well. Several Members spoke to express their appreciation and gratitude to these Councillors for all their hard work and dedication.

5. BRIDGE FAIR, CITY OF SZEGED

The annual Bridge Fair in Cambridge's twin City of Szeged would take place during the weekend of 21/23 May and the City Council would be represented by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sheila Stuart, her husband, Bruce, and an employee from the City's Tourist Information Centre.

6. CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The Council's annual meeting would take place on Thursday, 27th May.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
Hart	7	Personal Interest: Works on the NIAB site.
Kightley	7	Personal Interest: Employed by NIAB
McGovern	6	Personal Interest: Work colleague is a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
Ward	8a 8c	Personal Interest: As a user of Cambridge Airport
Shah	8a 8c	Personal Interest: As a member of the Airport Consultative Committee
Hart	8a 8c	Personal Interest: As a member of the Airport Consultative Committee
Dryden	8a 8c	Personal Interest: As a member of the Airport Consultative Committee

3 Public Questions Time - see at the foot of the agenda for details of the scheme

Mr Paul Harvey addressed the Council and asked the following questions to the Leader:

- What were the distribution costs on 'Cambridge Matters' for issues 1,7,10 and 12?
- Why are there no costs for print subsidy on issues on 16 and 17?
- Why does public sector advertising increase when private sector ads decrease?
- Why was the Council told that the contracts of Manning and Bright were the same when they are radically different?
- Why has the Council not given a total budget for advertising in 'Cambridge Matters' as the figure of £755 is clearly meaningless?
- Will you unreservedly condemn the spending of £200,000 in 2009 by the County Council on their magazine, 'Your Cambridgeshire Magazine'?
- You were invited to a meeting with the CEO, Herbert and Howell last year to discuss 'Cambridge Matters'. Do you accept or decline that offer?
- Why do you think 'Cambridge Matters' has contributed to a negligible increase in recycling since 2004?
- Last year the budget for marketing was £650,000. What is it this year?

In response the Leader stated that, as Mr Harvey had not supplied his questions in advance, it would be very difficult to address them in detail without further consultation with Council officers.

He agreed to look into any information put forward by Mr Harvey and would be willing to meet him to discuss these issues in more detail.

The Leader said that the purpose of 'Cambridge Matters' was to inform and educate the people of Cambridge. The magazine could not be judged in purely commercial terms.

Mr Harvey stated that he would be willing to meet the Leader and hoped that Councillors Herbert, Howell and the Chief Executive would also be able to attend.

He again emphasised that he felt that 'Cambridge Matters' was a failure, and that there was no evidence that it had any positive affect on recycling rates in Cambridge.

The Leader confirmed that there had been a rising trend in recycling and he felt that 'Cambridge Matters', along with other measures, had had a positive impact.

4 Future Senior Management Structure of the Council

Member's attention was drawn to a slight amendment regarding financial implications on page 40 of the agenda pack. A revised version was circulated around the Chamber.

Councillors Blencowe, Benstead and Dryden raised concern that the Chief Executive and not an elected Member of the Council was presenting the report and the recommendations contained within it.

In response the Chief Executive said that, as the Council's Head of Paid Service, it was appropriate for her to make recommendations direct to the Council on its senior management staffing structure.

Advice from the Head of Legal Services supported this.

The Leader thanked the officers and the Chief Executive for their work on this issue. The Liberal Democrat Group wholeheartedly supported the Chief Executive in her suggested approach.

Councillor Herbert welcomed the report and agreed with the need for the restructure. He felt that a leaner management structure would result in more efficient use of taxpayer's money. He did however state the need for sport to remain high on the council's agenda, especially with the 2012 Olympics and the health benefits associated with sport.

Councillor Wright emphasised the need for equality and a 'level playing field' in the recruitment process. The Chief Executive confirmed that the Directors posts would be appointed by the Appointments Sub-Committee, and assured Councillor Wright that a fair approach would be taken.

In response to a question from Councillor Bick, it was confirmed that the Chief Executive and Directors would appoint the Heads of Service posts.

Councillor Shah welcomed the report and supported the recommendations. He stated that, on the appointment of the new Chief Executive, Members had acknowledged that staffing structures would need to be streamlined, and all had shown support for this approach.

Resolved (by 25 votes to 0) that:

That the Council approves the restructuring proposals set out in the report including:

- a) the deletion of the following posts at Director level: Director of City Services, Director of Community Services, Director of Customer and Democratic Services, Director of Environment and Planning, Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer); and
- b) the creation of the following new posts at Director level: Director of Customer and Community Services, Director of Environment and Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer).
- c) the deletion of the following posts at head of service level:

- Head of Active Communities
- Head of Arts and Entertainment
- Head of Development Services
- Head of Policy and Projects
- Head of Parking

Head of Streetscene
Head of Waste and Fleet
Head of Environmental Services
Head of Building Services
Head of Technical Services
Head of Customer & Business Support

d) the creation of the following new posts at head of service level:

Head of Arts and Recreation
Head of Planning
Head of Specialist Services
Head of Streets and Open Spaces
Head of Refuse and Environment
Head of Repairs and Maintenance
Head of Corporate Strategy

- That the Head of Legal Services is appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer.
- That the Chief Executive is given delegated powers to take all steps necessary to implement the new structure (other than those delegated to the Appointments Panel) including final determination of the Council's staffing structure below Director level.

5 To consider Recommendations of the Executive for adoption:

Terms of Reference for the Joint Development Control Committee (Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth)

RESOLVED (by 33 votes to 0)

- To approve the amended Terms of Reference for the Joint Development Control Committee as included in Appendix A of the officer's report.
- To agree that the Terms of Reference for the Joint Development Control Committee are kept under review and any proposals for revision brought back to Environment Scrutiny Committee when appropriate.

Economic Policy Grants (Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health)

Councillor Herbert highlighted the need for a single grants process with associated integrated administration.

The Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health agreed that there were benefits to a common approach and most grants were currently being administered under a single process. She did however stress the need for local grants to still be administered by Area Committees.

In response to a question from Councillor Blencowe, the Executive Councillor confirmed that there had been a loss of 0.5 of a post, but this had been fully covered in the Tranche 5 Report, which had been considered through the Scrutiny process.

RESOLVED (25 votes to 0)

- To transfer the budget for the Economic Policy Grant programme from the Director of Environment & Planning to the Director of Community Services, together with a staffing budget equivalent to half of a full time post to help to administer the programme.

6 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION:

Civic Affairs (7 April)

Councillor Herbert stated that, according to the 2000 LGA survey, Executive Councillors at Cambridge City Council received higher allowances than many in the region. He said that the Council needed to respect the recommendations of the independent panel in setting the Members Allowances Scheme, as in too many cases they had been ignored.

Councillor Wright felt that a higher level of basic allowance would encourage a greater diversity of prospective Councillors, whilst Councillor Howell confirmed that he would like to see a reduction in Members allowances.

The Chair of the Civic Affairs Committee said that the reason for the recommendation was that the IRP had been unable to meet in time to make recommendations for adoption at this meeting, owing to difficulty in recruiting members. It would meet after the election to recommend a scheme for 2010/11.

RESOLVED (by 24 votes to 0)

- That the 2009/10 Members' Allowance Scheme be carried over into 2010/11, and that the Independent Remuneration Panel should meet following the election.

7 To deal with Oral Questions

1. Cllr Blencowe to the Executive Councillor for Waste and Environmental Services

What progress has been made in introducing recycling facilities onto our larger parks and open spaces?

2. Cllr Blair to the Leader of the Council

Does the Leader consider that the failure of the Labour Government to take forward the ideas developed with residents and put forward under the Sustainable Communities Act yet another disappointment for the residents of Cambridge?

3. Cllr Dryden to the Leader of the Council

Further to my efforts to persuade the council to restore the Trinity Church War Memorial and agreed at full council last year, has this now been completed?

4. Cllr Wright to the Leader of the Council

What costs have been incurred by the council as a result of taking advice on the council's possible liability to pay Stamp Duty Land Tax arising from the transactions relating to the Grand Arcade car park?

5. Cllr Walker to the Leader of the Council

Can the Leader make a statement tonight sharing what the Council knows about the causes and consequences of the fire at CB1?

6. Cllr Herbert to the Leader of the Council

What are the policies that his Group has agreed regarding the level and payment of Councillor allowances?

7. Cllr Herbert to the Leader of the Council

When will the repayment start of the Council's £5 million in the Iceland part of Landsbankii bank, what will be the first instalment, and how much of the city's £5 million is projected to be recovered?

8. Cllr Walker to the Leader of the Council

Have there been any problems in delivering polling cards this year?

9. Cllr Blencowe to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Would Councillor Smart agree that the national HRA subsidy system that councils across the country presently work within essentially derives from the 1989 Housing Act?

8 To consider the following Notices of Motions, notice of which has been given by:

Motion A

Councillor Dryden proposed and Councillor Newbold seconded the following motion:

Following news that Cambridge Airport is not available for the foreseeable future for housing, the City Council asks the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth to work with neighbouring authorities, the County Council and others to agree site selection criteria and consider alternative, additional sites in the city and the sub-region that will meet demanding standards for high quality transport and access, and deliver badly needed affordable housing and

sustainable communities. The Council also commits to building Sustainability Appraisal and deliverability analysis into future processes.

Under Procedure Rule 13.8.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Nimmo-Smith proposed and Councillor Reid seconded the following amendment:

Delete all and replace with:

The Council believes that the collapse of negotiations between Marshall and the Labour government are a matter for dismay rather than celebration.

- It is bad news for the thousands on housing waiting lists that the major local source of additional housing post 2016 is now in question;*
- It is bad news for the Green Belt and the landscape setting of Cambridge if developers are now encouraged to seek new developments there;*
- It is bad news for those who have long commutes to Cambridge if alternative proposals for settlements far from the city's jobs would put more traffic on the roads;*
- It is bad news for the local Cambridge economy if house prices are driven up so that fewer workers can afford to live in or near Cambridge.*

Cambridge has been let down by the Labour government which has with the one hand firmly supported the Cambridge East plans and with the other failed to deliver the airport move.

The Council will therefore initiate a fresh strategic analysis of where and how housing might be delivered to satisfy the needs of residents and of the economy of the city, building upon work in hand.

As a first step, the Council instructs officers to seek urgent clarification from the Homes and Communities Agency, the Department for Transport and the Department for Communities and Local Government as to their continuing commitment to addressing the housing needs of Cambridge.

RESOLVED: On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 22 votes to 9.

RESOLVED (by 22 votes to 8) that

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Motion B

Councillor Blencowe proposed and Councillor Walker seconded the following motion:

The Council is concerned at the increasing number of Cambridge families with young children living in flats, including in parts of the city with inadequate open space.

The Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth is therefore asked to co-ordinate a clear strategy to improve open space and access for Cambridge residents, including

- targeting open space improvement in parts of city with major space deficits, including adding new smaller open spaces
- ending the practice where the Council allows developers nil contribution or commuted sums rather than deliver suitable open spaces
- investigating the conversion of derelict land to short or medium term open spaces
- restating its opposition to new transport routes being created over open spaces, including precious commons and meadows
- making the most of existing as well as new Strategic Open Spaces, including improving public transport and wider access to them, given that it is unlikely that all Strategic Open Spaces in council policy documents will ever be delivered.

Under Procedure Rule 13.8.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Reid proposed and Councillor McGovern seconded the following amendment:

Delete all and replace with:

The City Council values the open spaces within Cambridge and their contribution to the setting, character, amenity and biodiversity of the city as well as to the quality of life of its residents. It is committed to improving existing open space as well to providing new areas of open space.

The City Council endorses the 2006 Local Plan policies, which seek to protect, enhance and provide open spaces.

The City Council further welcomes the forthcoming survey both of existing protected open spaces and of a number of open spaces, which have not previously been surveyed. This will be used as an evidence base for progressing Local Development Framework documents and to inform the reworking of the Council's Open Space and Recreation Strategy.

The City Council will take the specification of this survey to its Development Plan Steering Group for approval.

RESOLVED: On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 22 votes to 8.

RESOLVED (by 22 votes to 0) that

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Motion C

This Motion was withdrawn as it was to the same effect as the amendment to Motion A moved by Councillor Nimmo-Smith, which had been adopted by the Council.

9 To receive records of Urgent Decisions made by Members of the Executive (February - April)

The Council received the records of urgent decisions made by Executive Councillors as set out in the agenda.

10 To receive the records of Decisions and Minutes - these will be circulated at the Council meeting

Members noted the written questions and answers circulated around the Chamber and received the minutes of committees, which were for information.

The meeting ended at 22:50

CHAIR

CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

17 May 2010
(6.00pm-7.30 pm)

PRESENT: Councillors Boyce (Chair), Dryden, Pitt, C Rosenstiel (Vice-chair), Ward and Herbert

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Blackhurst, Blair, Nimmo-Smith, Pogonowski, Reid and Wright

OFFICERS PRESENT: Chief Executive, Head of Legal Services, Democratic Services Manager and Committee Manager.

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

10/CIV/23 **NOMINATIONS FOR LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS**

The Committee considered a paper setting out the proposed nominations by the Liberal Democrat Group.

Council is recommended –

1) To agree that Councillor Reid be elected Leader and that the Executive be made up of a further six members of the Council as follows for the municipal year 2010/11:

Portfolio	Councillor
Executive Councillor Arts & Recreation	Cantrill
Executive Councillor Climate Change & Growth	Blair
Executive Councillor Customer Services & Resources	McGovern
Executive Councillor Community Development & Health	Bick
Executive Councillor Environmental Health & Waste Services	Pitt
Executive Councillor Housing (and Deputy Leader)	Smart

2) To agree that the Executive responsibility for community safety (including CCTV and responding to Police consultation on the use of dispersal powers under section 30, Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003) is moved from the Leader to the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health;

3) To agree that the overview and scrutiny responsibility for these functions (as outlined in 2)) is placed with the Community Services Scrutiny Committee, and that the relevant budget headings be vired from the Leader to the Executive Councillor for CD&H portfolio in accordance with the Constitution, part 4F - Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules (A24

10/CIV/24 **NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/11**

The Committee considered a paper setting out the proposed size of committees, the allocations by party and the nominations received.

The Committee considered the rules on political balance set out in the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 in developing the recommendations set out below.

The Committee noted that there was now a Green group.

Committee also noted that the Standards Committee would be asked to appoint its Chair and Vice-Chair; the Chair was required to be one of the External members and that best practice indicated that the Vice Chair should also be an External Member.

Council is recommended (unanimously) –

To agree to the size of Committees and membership as follows:

Scrutiny Committees						
Community Services	9	Lib Dem	7(1)	Lab	2 (1)	Other *3
		Kightley		Todd-Jones (Sp Housing)		
		Kerr		Walker (Sp Community Services)		
		Blackhurst		Newbold (Alt)		
		Sanders				
		Al Bander				
		Brown				
		Shah				
		Brierley (Alt)				

* Up to 3 co-optees nominated by HMB

Environment	9	Lib Dem	6(1)	Lab 2 (1)	Green 1 (1)
		Ward		Newbold (Sp Environmental Services)	Pogonowski (Sp)
		Kightley		Herbert (Sp Climate Change)	Wright (Alt)
		Znajek		Marchant-Daisley (Alt)	
		Saunders			
		Kerr			
		Tunnacliffe			
		Shah (Alt)			

Housing Management Board	9	Lib Dem	6 (1)	Lab 2 (1)	Green 1 (1) Other *6
		Blackhurst		Todd-Jones (Sp Housing)	TBC
		Levy		Walker	TBC (Alt)
		Brierley		Newbold (Alt)	
		Swanson			
		Nimmo-Smith			
		Zmura			
		Ward (Alt)			

* Up to 6 elected tenant/leaseholder representatives

Strategy & Resources	9	Lib Dem	6(1)	Lab 2 (1)	Other *1
		Taylor		Herbert (SP Strategy)	
		Boyce		Dryden (SP Customer Services and Resources)	
		Ward		Benstead (Alt)	
		Al Bander			
		Shah			
		Nimmo-Smith			
		Brown (Alt)			

* 1 place to be filled by the Council

Regulatory Committees

Civic Affairs	6	Lib Dem 4(1)	Lab 2 (1)	Other
		Boyce	Herbert (SP)	
		Rosenstiel	Benstead	
		Ward	Marchant-Daisley (Alt)	
		Pitt		
		McGovern (Alt)		
Employment Appeals Sub	9	Lib Dem 6	Lab 2 (1)	Other *1
		Smart	Dryden	
		McGovern	Walker	
		Blair		
		Stuart		
		Smith		
		Saunders		

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Licensing	12	Lib Dem 8	Lab 3	Green 1 (1)	Other
		Smith	McPherson (SP)	Pogonowski (SP)	
		Rosenstiel	Benstead	Wright (Alt – Main Committee only)	
		Stuart	Hart		
		Shah			
		Znajek			
		Boyce			
		McGovern			
		Saunders			
		Pitt (Alt – Main Committee Only)			

Planning	9	Lib Dem 6(1)	Lab 1 (1)	Green 1 (1)	Other *1
		Dixon	Dryden (SP)	Wright (SP)	
		Stuart	Herbert (Alt)	Pogonowski (Alt)	
		Nimmo-Smith			
		Znajek			
		Blair			
		Tunnaclyffe			

Zmura (Alt)

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Standards**6****Lib Dem 4**

Stuart

Swanson

Taylor

Levy

Blair (Alt)

Lab 2

McPherson (SP)

Dryden

Marchant-Daisley (Alt)

Other *3

* 3 External Members

Joint Committees

Joint Development Control	6	Lib Dem 4 (1) TBC	Lab 1 (1) Dryden Herbert (Alt)	Green 1 (1) Wright Pogonowski (Alt)
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Joint Planning Policy (Cmb Fringes)	3	Lib Dem 2(1) Blair (SP) Ward Reid (Alt)	Lab 1 (1) Herbert Newbold (Alt)	Other
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Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint (AJC)	6	Lib Dem 4(1) Smith (C/LEAD) Rosenstiel Zmura Blair - Alt	Lab 2 (1) Newbold Marchant-Daisley Herbert (Alt)	Other
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10/CIV/25 **NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF SCRUTINY & REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

Committee noted tabled nominations from the Liberal Democrat Group for Chairs and Vice Chairs and that the Labour Group would make nominations to the Council.

Council is recommended:

to agree the following for 2010/11:

Scrutiny Committees	Chair	Vice Chair
Community Services	Kightley	Kerr
Environment	Ward	Kightley
Housing Management Board	Blackhurst	(Tenant Rep)
Strategy & Resources	Taylor	Boyce

Regulatory Committees	Chair	Vice Chair
Civic Affairs	Boyce	Rosenstiel
Employment Appeals Sub	Smart	
Licensing	Smith	Rosenstiel
Planning	Dixon	Stuart
Standards	**	

** N.B The responsibility for appointing the Chair and Vice-Chair of Standards Committee is delegated to Standards Committee.

10/CIV/26 HONORARY COUNCILLORS

Council is recommended –

To approve the appointment of former councillors Jenny Bailey, Sarah Ellis-Miller, David Howarth and Jennifer Liddle as Honorary Councillors.

10/CIV/27 DUTY TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

The Committee noted that the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 places a duty to respond to petitions on local authorities.

The Committee further noted that the City Council has procedures in place to respond to petitions, and that the procedure exceeds the minimum requirements in the legislation in a number of places. However, it was recommended that the Council adopt the Model Scheme for Petitions as set out in the statutory guidance with some amendments to reflect the current Council conventions.

The Committee suggested that the scheme should refer to the title of post holders rather than specific officers, to avoid problems in the event of an officer moving to a new role. Committee noted that the Council can amend the petitions scheme at any time and a report would be submitted to the 15 September meeting on any further refinements and how the Council should deal with e-petitions.

Council is recommended –

To approve the adoption of the Model Scheme for Petitions (attached as appendix B) as amended.

Chair

Appendix B

Model Petitions Scheme

[Proposed changes are highlighted like this]

Petitions

The council welcomes petitions and recognises that petitions are one way in which people can let us know their concerns. All petitions sent or presented to the council will receive an acknowledgement from the council within 7 working days of receipt. This acknowledgement will set out what we plan to do with the petition. We will treat something as a petition if it is identified as being a petition, or if it seems to us that it is intended to be a petition.

Paper petitions can be sent to:

[insert address]

Or be created, signed and submitted online by following this link [link]

Petitions can also be presented to a meeting of the council. Dates and times can be found here [link]. If you would like to present your petition to the council, or would like your councillor or someone else to present it on your behalf, please contact [insert name] on [insert phone number] at least 6 working days before the meeting and they will talk you through the process. If your petition has received 500 signatures or more it will also be scheduled for a council debate [link to section on Full Council Debates] and if this is the case we will let you know whether this will happen at the same meeting or a later meeting of the council.

What are the guidelines for submitting a petition?

Petitions submitted to the council must include:

- a clear and concise statement covering the subject of the petition. It should state what action the petitioners wish the council to take
- the name and address and signature of any person supporting the petition who lives, works or studies in Cambridge.

Petitions should be accompanied by contact details, including an address, for the petition organiser. This is the person we will contact to explain how we will respond to the petition.

The contact details of the petition organiser will not be placed on the website. If the petition does not identify a petition organiser, we will contact signatories to the petition to agree who should act as the petition organiser.

Petitions which are considered to be vexatious, abusive or otherwise inappropriate will not be accepted. In the period immediately before an election or referendum we may need to deal with your petition differently – if this is the case we will explain the reasons and discuss the revised timescale which will apply. If a petition does not follow the guidelines set out above, the council may decide not to do anything further with it. In that case, we will write to you to explain the reasons.

What will the council do when it receives my petition?

An acknowledgement will be sent to the petition organiser within 7 working days of receiving the petition. It will let them know what we plan to do with the petition and when they can expect to hear from us again. It will also be published on our website.

If we can do what your petition asks for, the acknowledgement may confirm that we have taken the action

requested and the petition will be closed. If the petition has enough signatures to trigger a council debate, or a senior officer giving evidence, then the acknowledgment will confirm this and tell you when and where the meeting will take place. If the petition needs more investigation, we will tell you the steps we plan to take.

If the petition does not contain enough signatures to trigger a council debate or a senior officer giving evidence then the acknowledgement will tell you this and will explain when you can expect to receive a response from us.

If the petition applies to a planning or licensing application, is a statutory petition (for example requesting a referendum on having an elected mayor), or on a matter where there is already an existing right of appeal, such as council tax banding and non-domestic rates, other procedures apply. Further information on all these procedures and how you can express your views is available here [insert links].

We will not take action on any petition which we consider to be vexatious, abusive or otherwise inappropriate and will explain the reasons for this in our acknowledgement of the petition.

To ensure that people know what we are doing in response to the petitions we receive the details of all the petitions submitted to us will be published on our website, except in cases where this would be inappropriate. Whenever possible we will also publish all correspondence relating to the petition (all personal details will be removed).

When you sign an e-petition you can elect to receive this information by email. We will not send you anything which is not relevant to the e-petition you have signed, unless you choose to receive other emails from us. [link to account settings]

How will the council respond to petitions?

Our response to a petition will depend on what a petition asks for and how many people have signed it, but may include one or more of the following:

- taking the action requested in the petition
- considering the petition at a council meeting
- holding an inquiry into the matter
- undertaking research into the matter
- holding a public meeting
- holding a consultation
- holding a meeting with petitioners
- **referring the petition for consideration by the council's overview and scrutiny committee***
- calling a referendum
- **writing to the petition organiser setting out our views about the request in the petition**

*Overview and scrutiny committees are committees of councillors who are responsible for scrutinising the work of the council – in other words, the overview and scrutiny committee has the power to hold the council's decision makers to account.

In addition to these steps, the council will consider all the specific actions it can potentially take on the issues highlighted in a petition.

If your petition is about something over which the council has no direct control (for example the local railway or hospital) we will consider making representations on behalf of the community to the relevant body. The council works with a large number of local partners [link to list of LAA partners] and where possible will work with these partners to respond to your petition. If we are not able to do this for any reason (for example if what the petition calls for conflicts with council policy), then we will set out the reasons for this to you.

You can find more information on the services for which the council is responsible here [link].

If your petition is about something that a different council is responsible for we will give consideration to what the best method is for responding to it. This might consist of simply forwarding the petition to the other council, but

could involve other steps. In any event we will always notify you of the action we have taken.

Full council debates

If a petition contains more than **500 signatures** it will be debated by the full council unless it is a petition asking for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting.

This means that the issue raised in the petition will be discussed at a meeting which all councillors can attend. The council will endeavour to consider the petition at its next meeting, although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will then take place at the following meeting. The petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes.

The council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee. Where the issue is one on which the council executive are required to make the final decision, the council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.

The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision. This confirmation will also be published on our website.

Officer evidence

Your petition may ask for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting about something for which the officer is responsible as part of their job. For example, your petition may ask a senior council officer to explain progress on an issue, or to explain the advice given to elected members to enable them to make a particular decision.

If your petition contains at least **50 signatures**, the relevant senior officer will give evidence at a public meeting of the council's relevant overview and scrutiny committee. A list of the senior staff that can be called to give evidence can be found here [\[insert link\]](#).

You should be aware that the overview and scrutiny committee may decide that it would be more appropriate for another officer to give evidence instead of any officer named in the petition – for instance if the named officer has changed jobs. The committee may also decide to call the relevant councillor to attend the meeting. Committee members will ask the questions at this meeting, but you will also be able to ask a question and be able to suggest questions to the chair of the committee by contacting [\[insert details\]](#) up to three working days before the meeting.

E-petitions

The council welcomes e-petitions which are created and submitted through our website [\[link\]](#). E-petitions must follow the same guidelines as paper petitions [\[link to guidelines\]](#).

The petition organiser will need to provide us with their name, postal address and email address. You will also need to decide how long you would like your petition to be open for signatures. Most petitions run for six months, but you can choose a shorter or longer timeframe, up to a maximum of 12 months.

When you create an e-petition, it may take five working days before it is published online. This is because we have to check that the content of your petition is suitable before it is made available for signature.

If we feel we cannot publish your petition for some reason, we will contact you within this time to explain. You will be able to change and resubmit your petition if you wish. If you do not do this within 10 working days, a summary of the petition and the reason why it has not been accepted will be published under the 'rejected petitions' section of the website.

When an e-petition has closed for signature, it will automatically be submitted to [\[insert details\]](#). In the same way as a paper petition, you will receive an acknowledgement within **7 working days**. If you would like to present your e-petition to a meeting of the council, please contact [\[insert details\]](#) within 10 working days of receipt of the

acknowledgement or within 6 working days of the meeting.

A petition acknowledgement and response will be emailed to everyone who has signed the e-petition and elected to receive this information. The acknowledgment and response will also be published on this website.

How do I 'sign' an e-petition?

You can see all the e-petitions currently available for signature here [insert link]. When you sign an e-petition you will be asked to provide your name, your postcode and a valid email address. When you have submitted this information you will be sent an email to the email address you have provided. This email will include a link which you must click on in order to confirm the email address is valid.

Once this step is complete your 'signature' will be added to the petition. People visiting the e-petition will be able to see your name in the list of those who have signed it but your contact details will not be visible.

What can I do if I feel my petition has not been dealt with properly?

If you feel that we have not dealt with your petition properly, the petition organiser has the right to request that the council's overview and scrutiny committee review the steps that the council has taken in response to your petition. It is helpful to everyone, and can improve the prospects for a review if the petition organiser gives a short explanation of the reasons why the council's response is not considered to be adequate.

The committee will endeavour to consider your request at its next meeting, although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will take place at the following meeting. Should the committee determine we have not dealt with your petition adequately, it may use any of its powers to deal with the matter. These powers include instigating an investigation, making recommendations to the council executive and arranging for the matter to be considered at a meeting of the full council.

Once the appeal has been considered the petition organiser will be informed of the results within 5 working days. The results of the review will also be published on our website.

Annual Statement 2010-2011

The Vision

The Council has a clear vision for the future of our City, a vision which we share with Cambridge citizens and with partner organisations.

Our vision is for

- **A city which is diverse and tolerant, values activities which bring people together and where everyone feels they have a stake in the community**
- **A city which recognises and meets needs for housing of all kinds - close to jobs and neighbourhood facilities**
- **A city which draws inspiration from its iconic historic centre and achieves a sense of place in all of its parts with generous urban open spaces and well designed buildings**
- **A city in the forefront of low carbon living and minimising its impact on the environment from waste and pollution**
- **A city whose citizens feel they can influence public decision making and are equally keen to pursue individual and community initiatives**
- **A city where people behave with consideration for others and where harm and nuisance are confronted wherever possible without constraining the lives of all**
- **A city where getting around is primarily by public transport, bike and on foot**
- **A city with a thriving knowledge-based economy that benefits the whole community and builds on its reputation as a global hub of ideas and learning**

Foreword

In this Annual Statement we state our vision for Cambridge and illustrate steps that we are taking and actions we will pursue, to help build that vision through the City Council's leadership.

In common with all public services we face an uncertain financial climate. We will give priority to important services and functions of which the City Council is the only provider and will seek to protect the basic services provided for all citizens of the city. We will continue to apply new thinking and creativity to how we deliver services to make sure we achieve our ongoing programme of savings from efficiency.

We will continue to nurture the future development of the city, focusing on measures that we have only the one chance to get right. In a growing city, we will maintain our focus on the provision of affordable homes and homes for families, in locations close to public transport.

We continue to be fully committed to fairness in Cambridge. We believe that the future prosperity of the city should be shared by all, and will seek to secure this by enabling and attracting new jobs and housing through our planning policies.

We will play our part in tackling climate change, seeking environmentally sustainable solutions that are fair to future generations of Cambridge citizens and to those who have more precarious existences elsewhere in the world.

And finally, we will honour our commitment to transparent and accessible local democracy and maximising direct local input into local choices.

The eight objectives stated in our vision provide the framework in which we outline our priority programmes for the medium term period 2010-2013. Set out below are the actions that will help us to deliver against each of our objectives and to prepare for further initiatives to enable us to realise our vision in future years

We will continue to support the Chief Executive in bringing in new structures for the senior management of the Council which provide clearer strategic and corporate responsibilities for Directors and clearer accountability and more evenly distributed roles for Heads of Service.

We will continue to be open to the possibility of other organisations providing services on our behalf, including shared arrangements with other public bodies, and will agree clear criteria for judging

whether alternative arrangements provide a better deal for Cambridge citizens.

We conclude this statement by outlining the ways in which the Council will continue to promote in the ways it operates the values of openness, accessibility, responsiveness, value for money, innovation and learning, while speaking out for the city and advocating for all-purpose government for Cambridge.

Our Medium Term Programme

A city which is diverse and tolerant, values activities which bring people together and where everyone feels they have a stake in the community

We will:

- Run community centres across the city where residents of all ages can engage in social activities

- Set up, with partners, a programme of activities to address the needs of young and old in the city centre

- Support free cultural events, such as Arbury Carnival, Chesterton Festival, Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age, Black History and LGBT Months, Holocaust Memorial Day, Heart of the World Festival, the Big Weekend and Bonfire Night

- Involve children and young people in play and youth provision through community centres, schools and on open spaces, targeting activities to support them making choices and enhancing awareness and respect for their neighbourhoods and the natural environment

Towards a city which recognises and meets needs for housing of all kinds - close to jobs and neighbourhood facilities

We will:

- Require most new developments to include 40% housing for social rent and low cost equity purchase

- Allow building on locations adjacent to the city and close to jobs

Insist on real neighbourhoods with a vibrant mix of housing and a full range of community facilities and generous open space in similar proportion to the best provision in the existing city

Resist higher government housing targets than we are already working towards, and oppose taking more land out of the green belt

Towards a city which draws inspiration from its iconic historic centre and achieves a sense of place in all of its parts with generous urban open spaces and well designed buildings

We will:

Remain committed to high design standards by prioritising strong design disciplines in the planning process and by using advisory panels such as the Design & Conservation Panel, the Public Art Panel and the Quality Panel for new neighbourhoods

Continue our proactive conservation work with new area assessments, including the Mill Road and St Matthews area, combined with Romsey, and West Cambridge

Re-invigorate the public realm with improvement schemes, such as those planned for Riverside, Fitzroy and Burleigh Streets, Wulfstan Way and Arbury Court

Pursue ambitious plans for adding to the city's public open spaces, ensuring that the new developments share the best standards of Cambridge

Invest in our nature reserves to improve bio-diversity

Make a major additional investment in new tree planting on Midsummer Common and Jesus Green to add to the one-for-one replacement of diseased trees on public open space

Towards a city in the forefront of low carbon living and minimising its impact on the environment from waste and pollution

We will:

Press ahead with new energy policies including through a "Decarbonising Cambridge" study for our next local plan

Implement our Climate Change Strategy within the Council's own operations, by:

- continuing to cut our carbon footprint through a travel and fleet management plan,
- the use of green electricity; and
- improved energy management – including installation of LED lighting into the Grand Arcade Annexe car park

Develop our outreach work under the Cambridge Climate Charter, by:

- providing further charter events throughout the year;
- and
- maintaining our backing for innovative ways to achieve sustainability from community organisations such as Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Close the Door and Transition Cambridge

Aim to break through the 45% recycling rate barrier, by:

- extending blue bins to more businesses
 - including half of the remaining blocks of flats that do not currently have recycling facilities into the recycling service
 - introducing recycling of fluorescent light bulbs; and
 - expanding battery recycling across the city
- Develop a new annual city target for overall waste reduction and support it by working with local retailers and increasing public awareness, as well as campaigning nationally for legislation to require manufacturers and retailers to minimize packaging

Towards a city whose citizens feel they can influence public decision making and are equally keen to pursue individual and community initiatives

We will:

Continue to engage with a range of stakeholder groups, including residents' associations and children and young people, to gain feedback from and inform Council decisions

Build on our Area Committees as the principal way of taking local decision making to people, by:

- involving them in setting priorities for Street Scene, Open Spaces and Community Development,
- finding ways for children and young people to get involved in decision making processes

Develop a code of best practice on consultation, to establish a more consistent approach across the Council for seeking public input and using that input in decision making

Continue to award grants to support and encourage voluntary community action across a wide range of priorities from social enterprise to community development

Towards a city where people behave with consideration for others and where harm and nuisance are confronted wherever possible without constraining the lives of all

We will:

Continue to work in close partnership with the Police, sanctioning and withdrawing special Police powers sparingly and in strict response to hard evidence of incidents and avoiding measures likely to limit innocent behaviour

Encourage greater transparency, public debate and scrutiny on Policing priorities

Review and update Bye-laws relating to Parks and Open Spaces

Seek to deal with the causes of anti-social behaviour in children and young people through working in partnership with the County Council, police, health and voluntary organisations

Towards a city where getting around is primarily by public transport, bike and on foot

We will:

- Continue to press for major public investment to support public transport, cycling and walking, recognising the need to limit the growth of private vehicles within the city and reduce transport related carbon emissions
- Act to win additional resources, such as through the recent Cycling Demonstration Town status, enabling schemes like The Tins, New Bit and Madingley Road cycle paths

- Expand the Car Club in the city, helping to make car ownership less necessary
- Campaign for a new approach to bus access to the city centre that is safer for walkers and cyclists and more friendly to the environment
- Press the County Council to work more closely with the City Council to find transport solutions to meet the growth of jobs and homes in Cambridge
- Seek the urgent establishment of an Integrated Transport Authority enabling a joined-up approach to transport into and within the city.

Towards a city with a thriving knowledge-based economy that benefits the whole community and builds on its reputation as a global hub of ideas and learning

We will:

Support the growth of jobs in the city through the planning process

Enable the growth of the higher education sector in Cambridge through our planning policies, whilst expecting the universities to set exemplary design and sustainability standards

Use university research for ideas on city development such as in transport, art, low energy technologies, criminology and architecture

Seek partnership with the universities on broader community objectives, recognising their role as landowners, and discuss issues of mutual concern with their student representative bodies

In these programmes the City Council will continue to promote its values and objectives by

- **Seeking to achieve openness in all of the Council's activities on all possible occasions, by:**
 - further developing the Council's website to enable information to be more easily accessed

- putting information onto the website that will reduce the need for formal Freedom of Information Requests
- putting the Council's responses to individual requests under the Freedom of Information Act onto the website
- requiring the various partnership bodies in which the City Council participates to adopt our code of open meetings, public questions and published agendas and minutes

□ Seeking to maximise the accessibility and responsiveness of our services, by:

- achieving even better response times both on the phone and for visits in person
- ongoing development of email and website communications, to ensure we meet the increasing public preference for electronic contact
- using "Cambridge Matters" magazine to ensure that it informs and supports communication between the Council and the public about all aspects of the Council's services

by: Seeking value for the public money the Council spends,

- continuing our review of services, looking next at the way we provide Arts and Entertainment including the operation of the Corn Exchange
- finding further opportunities for savings including looking at joint commissioning of services where appropriate
- further developing the capacity of the Customer Service Centre to take up routine enquiries to free up other professional staff to focus on their main work
- in consultation with the community, spending funds negotiated from developers to improve Cambridge and mitigate the impact of growth, for example in public art, cycleways, the public realm and open spaces

Seeking to improve services through innovation and readiness to learn from experience, by:

- involving councillors of all parties in making decisions so that they are 'right first time'
- taking forward the suggestions we made to the last Government and which were selected for further study, of powers that would make a difference locally:
 - retention of council house revenues to build new sustainable housing, We will carefully study and consult on a proposal from Government that would permit this under a different scheme.
 - the removal of obstacles to the introduction of renewable energy schemes.
- working with the County Council at times of winter snowfall to improve the clearance of main pedestrian and cycling routes in the city and to enable more self help by providing access to a supply of grit
- acknowledging and learning from experience when things go wrong
- continuing to implement robust and strengthened safeguards arising from the collapse of the Icelandic Banks

Speaking out for Cambridge locally and nationally by:

- Pressing the County Council to implement meaningful controls on the bus fleet to improve air quality in the city centre
- Campaigning for the Government to restore a fair level of housing allowance for the residents of Cambridge
- Seeking local authority powers to encourage competition in the local market and shape an environment in which independent businesses can thrive
- Championing the local economy, recognising the importance to it of the education sector and the key values of access and high quality education

Pursuing the goal of forming the core of an all-purpose single-tier integrated local authority providing full local government by Cambridge for Cambridge

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LABOUR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR CAMBRIDGE 2010

- OUR VISION FOR DELIVERING CAMBRIDGE THE SUCCESSFUL FUTURE OUR RESIDENTS WANT

Working With Others to Develop a Successful City and Tackle the Big Challenges

Cambridge and its sub-region need a fresh and unified vision for the future, and fresh consultation that re-engages local residents and local organisations in shaping the future priorities for their city and its surrounding area.

To be successful, Cambridge also needs a unified voice to overcome economic and wider challenges. Joint working by councils and partner organisations, working towards a single unitary council for Cambridge and its sub-region is an essential missing element.

We list below many of our priorities in developing a fresh vision that will deliver for all residents, particularly marginalised sections within our city.

DELIVERING ON THE BIG CHALLENGES

1 Protect Frontline Services and Protect Vulnerable People in Our Community

- Protect front line services, and protecting all services for vulnerable people, despite the tough spending cuts planned by the Liberal Conservative Coalition Government
- Better match Council services to changing population needs, learning from 2010 census
- More Councillor financial and service scrutiny reviews, by processes supported by all Councillors. Maximise service efficiency and better use of Council resources, including the twelve 2010 city service reviews we proposed earlier
- Value and develop Council staff through major change and major challenges.
- Continue to tackle inequality in Cambridge.

2 More and Better Housing, Tackling Disadvantaged City Environments

- New criteria and process to decide additional locations for successful new housing
- Recognise the specific need to double housing in Cambridge for older people by 2050

- Tackle deficiencies in disadvantaged Cambridge wards and communities, including inadequate open space and community facilities for all ages, and particularly under 18s
- Council to take control of its housing finances, taking up the Labour Government offer
- Make most of all opportunities for building new affordable rental housing by the Council, private sector and Registered Social Landlords
- Review service level for tenants and their priorities, including adequate staffing levels
- Increase joint work with police and residents to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour too often fed by alcohol, agree shared citywide and area priorities and increase public safety and the confidence of groups including older residents.

3 Develop the Cambridge Economy, Jobs and Training

- Support Cambridge employers, key sectors and industries and major education, and training providers, and minimise impacts from public spending cuts
- Work with Greater Cambridge Partnership and support local sectors including retail, high tech, research and manufacturing
- Campaign against low pay and the stripping of employment rights like pensions.

4 Better Transport

- Support infrastructure improvements including better bus and rail services, interchanges, and improving the A14
- Expand measures that tackle congestion and give priority to non-car journeys, including pedestrians and cyclists.

5 Cutting Carbon and Tackling Climate Change

- Public-focused information and change campaigns, including low carbon home improvements and wider campaigns to show that low carbon also saves people money
- Tackle energy inefficiency in older housing, with particular focus on reducing fuel poverty for older people and people on low incomes.

6 More Control for the Public - Let Them Decide More

- Consult public, interest groups and minority communities better.
Increase the direct public say on service delivery, including using new national powers
- Involve younger people better, and implement measures they support
- Focus on marginalised groups most needing council services, and assess/address service and consultation failings
- Review Area Committees. Devolve spending to Area Committees and to ward level including a local minor works/repairs budget
- Increase Guildhall usage, and increase use of other Council facilities and resources too.

ONE SUCCESSFUL CAMBRIDGE = ONE COUNCIL

7 Work to Develop One Cambridge Council

- Undertake a detailed two-stage joint Cost Benefit Study
- First, assess the best gains from developing a 'virtual Unitary Authority'
Work with the County Council, South Cambridgeshire Council and other partners to win efficiency savings, integrate decisions and delivery, and improve services by building on current council reviews. Make Council service delivery stronger and more efficient.
- Second, assess the case for one Cambridge sub-region Unitary Council
Achieve this also by seeking the support of South Cambridgeshire residents and Councillors for this change.
- Consult residents and interest groups and on changes they want from this.
- Lobby regionally and nationally with a single voice and shared vision.

We believe that the priorities in this Annual Statement will help deliver the successful future our residents want for their great city of Cambridge, building on our recent Annual Statements since 2005.

**Cambridge City Council Labour Group
May 2010**

Working With Others to Develop a Successful Cambridge and Tackle the Big Challenges

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Statement of the Green Group to the Annual Meeting of Cambridge City Council 27th May 2010

The Green Group supports the Medium Term Objectives of the Council together with a number of initiatives set out in the programme outlined by the ruling Group.

We support those who campaign for a Unitary Authority for the Cambridge area and look to strengthen those initiatives which promote joint working with neighbouring authorities.

We also set out the following as priorities:

1. The undertaking of an audit of communal facilities in all wards followed by funding for upgrading to redress the current inequality in such provision;
 - a) Positive discrimination in favour of local shopping centres which should provide all essential services, including post-offices, banks and/or building societies. The vibrancy of the City centre remains for cultural, retail and leisure purposes but the contrast between inner and outer Cambridge is stark in most areas. We seek to redress this divide.
 - b) Ensuring that in what could well be times of swingeing public sector spending cuts, community facilities and viable local businesses are supported to keep them open to foster community integration and well-being.
2. Ensuring that future housing developments in and around the City are not drawn up piecemeal, and that high standards are demanded from developers whose contribution to Section 106 agreements should not be lifted because of the recession. (We acknowledge the recent success of the Council in this regard in relation to the Clay Farm Development.) It is essential that:
 - a) All development is undertaken in a sustainable and carbon-neutral manner;
 - b) Street and housing developments are designed to promote communal spaces and include local retail and leisure facilities;
 - c) Street design is such that crime is not a threat or problem and that all areas are open and accessible for all residents;
 - d) Proper parking and transport spaces and facilities are constructed to match the housing developments, with a great focus on public transportation. Car-free developments should be actively promoted.
3. Increasing the provision of affordable and family-sized housing. We will resist the drive from developers to build more flats and hotels.
4. Protection of funding for youth clubs and youth service workers, thus engaging young people in local community life, particularly in the City's less-well-off wards. We seek to also engage young people in the workings and decision making processes of the Council.
5. Increased funding for street cleaning, particularly in Wards with drive-in take-away facilities and other businesses that generate litter, located outside of the City Centre.
6. To ensure that the Members' Allowance System is transparent;
 - a) This will include taking away the Area Committee Members' Allowance and allocating that in the Basic Allowance, so that the amount of the Basic Allowance received by Members is visible and transparent to the public.

- b) We seek to increase the Members' Basic Allowance through a degree of re-distribution of allowances received by higher paid members of the Council to the lower paid.
- 7. To clarify the roles and make clear the responsibilities of the County and City Councils in relation to the clearance and treatment of roads, pavements and cycle-ways in winter and the repair of these at all times.
- 8. To ensure the Council promotes more provision for cycle-parking throughout the City, and to improve and ensure further provision of safe cycleways which do not put pedestrians at risk.
- 9. To promote further events, akin to the Mill Road Winter Fair, in other local centres. Such events will also serve to boost the local economy and provide for more cohesive Cambridge communities.

<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (THE LEADER – COUNCILLOR NIMMO-SMITH)</p>
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THE REVISED CIPFA TREASURY MANAGEMENT CODE OF PRACTICE (see also Minute/Record of Decision 10/SR/33 of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee 29.03.10).

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) has revised its “Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes” (the Code). This Code requires that a report be submitted, setting out four amended clauses, which should be formally passed in order to approve adoption of the new version of the Code. The revised Code also includes an amended version of the treasury management policy statement (TMPS) and a revised definition of treasury management activities. CIPFA recommends that Council adopt the revised wording.

The revised Code represents a revision of the one published in 2002 and adopted by Council on 13 February 2003. Its legal status derives from the Local Government Act 2003 which explicitly requires local authorities to “have regard” to the Code (as well as to CIPFA’s Prudential Code) when formulating their treasury strategy and capital investment plans. CIPFA has amended the Code following the Icelandic crisis and follow-up reports by the Communities and Local Government department (CLG) and the Audit Commission. In particular, attention is focused on the assessment of the credit standing of counterparties with whom local authorities transact their treasury business.

Accordingly, Council is RECOMMENDED

- To adopt CIPFA’s revised “Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes” and the four clauses shown in Appendix 1 of the Officers Report.
- To approve the “Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation” in Appendix 2 of the Officer Report.
- To approve the “Treasury Management Role of the Section 151 Officer” in Appendix 3 of the Officers report
- To adopt the revised “Treasury Management Policy Statement” shown in Appendix 4 of the Officers Report.

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