

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 26 FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 26 February 2015 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 18 February 2015

Yours faithfully

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

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2014**
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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 Money Transmission (Banking) Contract (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)**
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 - 4b Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2015/16 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)**
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 - 4c 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting Report (Executive Councillor for Housing)**
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- 5 To consider budget recommendations of the Executive for adoption**
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 - 5a Proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets -2014/15 (Revised), 2015/16 (Budget & Council Tax) and 2016/17 (Forecast) (The Leader)**
(Pages 201 - 204)
 - 5b Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to the Executive's budget recommendations.**
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- 6 To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption**
 - 6a Licensing Committee_26.01.15: Annual Review of Licensing Fees and Charges**
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 - 6b Civic Affairs_28.01.15: Council Tax Base and Business Rates Calculations**
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6c Civic Affairs_ 28.01.15: Pay Policy Statement 2015/16

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7 To deal with Oral Questions

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

8a Councillor Price & Councillor Blencowe

Affordable Housing Supply in Cambridge

The City Council's Vision for Cambridge as One Cambridge Fair for All is one in which an affordable local home close to jobs and good neighbourhood facilities is available to all regardless of income or tenure. To achieve our aim for a City with mixed and balanced communities where prosperity is shared, it is vital that developers contribute their fair share toward meeting housing needs and the cost of community infrastructure.

This Council notes that recent changes in the national planning framework by the Liberal Democrat and Tory coalition government will seriously impact our ability to deliver our affordable housing requirements through the planning process. This will worsen the housing affordability crisis in Cambridge which is leading to many low and middle income residents being priced out of housing across market sale, social and private rental sectors. It will also transfer the cost of meeting vital neighbourhood infrastructure such as community, play and sport facilities and education from developers of a significant number of new homes to the Council and existing residents.

In particular this Council condemns:

i. The Small Sites Exemption announcement on 1 December 2014 by the Tory Minister for Housing and Planning whereby affordable housing and other S106 contributions cannot be sought on sites of 10 units and under with a maximum combined floor space of less than 1000 sq metres. In Cambridge small sites play a key role in meeting our housing need and the council's own research for the

draft new Local Plan has shown that viability is not related to site size. It is estimated that this change alone will lead to a loss of around 200 new affordable homes over the next decade in the City, and an ongoing and cumulative financial loss of up to £1/2 million a year for community infrastructure.

ii. The Vacant Building Credit introduced on 28 November 2014 by the Liberal Democrats and Tory government whereby affordable housing contributions can only be sought on any increase in floorspace where buildings are brought back into use or replaced. In a city with a tight urban boundary relying on the development of a high number of brownfield sites, this will have a significant and damaging impact on our ability to deliver affordable housing on many sites coming forward.

This Council further notes that Cambridge has a strong property and development sector, so these are wholly unnecessary developer give always at a high community cost and that the changes are perverse in that they reverse the normal presumption that planning obligations should be applied unless developers can prove an impact on viability severe enough to justify removal or change.

The Council regrets the failure by the Liberal Democrats and Tories in government to deliver on their pledges for housing, with completions running far below the levels of the previous Labour government and, in particular, its failure to deliver new social housing at social rent levels whilst causing a significant decrease in existing social housing stock through its revitalisation of Right to Buy.

The Council acknowledges, however, that the latest planning changes have met with almost universal condemnation from councils across the political spectrum, and it resolves to work through the Local Government Association and with other councils to seek their reversal by government.

9 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.

10 Urgent Decisions

10a Additions to the Capital Plan: Refurbishment of the Cambridge Access Surgery: Executive Councillor for Housing 18.11.14

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