

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 16 APRIL 2015

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 16 April 2015 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 8 April 2015

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AP Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "A".

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2015**
- 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 Committees for Adoption**
 - 4a Planning Committee 04.02.15: Planning Code of Good Practice**

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4b Civic Affairs 18.03.15: Members Allowance Scheme

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5 To deal with Oral Questions

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

6a Councillor M Smart

Cambridge Central Library

The Council recognises the severe financial problems faced by all councils, including Cambridgeshire County Council being forced to make £30 million cuts in 2015/16 because of the latest annual 7% cut in Coalition Government funding, at a time of major pressures from rapidly rising adult care costs.

The Council considers that library provision is a key priority including for disadvantaged areas of the city and where use is greatest in the centre of Cambridge.

The Council therefore calls on the County Council General Purposes Committee to begin a totally fresh review on options for the Central Library, including all options for the third floor and other space given that

- the planned 3rd floor changes were not properly consulted on, nor the risks of the proposed changes fully assessed
- usage of the space in Central Library is increasing, including for study by young people as the city's population grows
- decisions on plans for relocating the Cambridgeshire Collection to Ely have not been finalised, including the need to take account of public consultation there too
- other alternatives to increase income and increase business use, to compensate for the cuts to the libraries budget, need to be considered instead of the loss of a whole floor in the Central Library.

6b Councillors Bick, C Smart, Blackhurst, Avery & Tucker

General Funds Investment

Council calls on the Executive to reconsider the priority it has adopted to use the council's general funds to invest in commercial property above building more affordable homes for the people of the City.

6c Councillor Pitt

Asylum Seekers

The Council notes that asylum seekers can still legitimately be in the United Kingdom following initial refusal of their claims, because they are appealing the decision or because it is not possible for them to return home. Many originally refused applications are then allowed on appeal. However while waiting for a final outcome they can be left with minimal or no support and in some cases in destitution. The cashless azure card scheme does not give enough money for people to live on, does not allow them to save or use public transport, and is dehumanizing.

The principles of natural justice would suggest that they should have decent support to live and assistance with the legal process to ensure they are heard fairly. Refugees who have been waiting for our processes should be expected and allowed to work to support themselves, both to improve integration and reduce the burden on the state, during the legal processes.

The Council further notes the long standing campaigning of the "Still Human, Still Here" campaign to raise this issue.

The Council should

* Bring a report to the relevant scrutiny committee to consider joining the "Still Human, Still Here" campaign and any impacts this may have on council activity as soon as reasonably possible.

*Write to both Cambridge's MPs and to the Home Secretary and Immigration Minister, following the General Election, asking them to support those seeking protection from persecution.

* Endorse the findings of the All Party Parliamentary Inquiry on Asylum Support for Children.

* Ask group leaders to work through the Local Government Association to encourage other Councils to join the campaign.

6d Councillor Herbert

Conservators of the River Cam

The Council appoints three City Councillors to the Conservators of the River Cam. Following the resignation of Councillor Price, Council is requested to appoint Councillor Robertson to the vacancy so that he can attend the next meeting of the Conservators which is scheduled for 23 April 2015.

7 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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