

# NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 23 JULY 2015

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 23 July 2015 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 15 July 2015

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 28 May 2015**

To confirm the minutes of both the Extraordinary Council Meeting and Annual Council meeting both held on 28 May 2015.

*(Pages 11 - 30)*

- 2 Mayor's 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 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances - HRA**  
*(Pages 31 - 50)*
- 4b 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances – all General Fund Portfolios**  
*(Pages 51 - 98)*
- 4c Review of Capital Plan Processes and Procedures**  
*(Pages 99 - 118)*
- 4d Annual Treasury Management Report 2014/15**  
*(Pages 119 - 138)*
- 4e Replacement Financial Management System**  
*(Pages 139 - 156)*
- 4f General Fund Investment in Housing**  
*(Pages 157 - 168)*
- 5 To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption**
- 5a Civic Affairs: Changes To The Officer Employment Procedure Rules In Respect Of Disciplinary Action**  
*(Pages 169 - 180)*
- 5b Civic Affairs: Assurance Framework, Draft Annual Governance Statement and Draft Code of Corporate Governance 2014/15**  
*(Pages 181 - 220)*

## **6 To deal with Oral Questions**

### **7 To consider the following Notices of Motion, notice of which has been given by:**

#### **7a Councillor Gillespie**

##### Human Rights Act

That Cambridge City Council expresses support for the Human Rights Act and the positive impact it has had on rights protections of individuals in the UK; welcomes the guidance the Human Rights Act provides for public authorities in ensuring policies are developed in line with international human rights standards; and calls on the Government to retain the Human Rights Act, the protections within it, and the UK's international obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights.

#### **7b Councillor Price**

##### Emergency Budget Housing Measures

This Council is very concerned at the implications for its tenants and housing stock (City Homes) in the Tory government's Emergency Budget's housing measures

Namely: a benefit cap of £20,000 a year for couples and £13,400 for single people in the City; Housing Benefit to be withdrawn from 18 - 21 year olds; Housing Benefit and Local Housing Allowance to be frozen for 5 years; Tax Credits and Housing Benefit/Local Housing Allowance only to take into account the first two children in households for children born after April 2017; market rents to be charged in social housing for all households with incomes of £30,000 with additional rent receipts going to the Treasury not the Council.

The Council considers that the impact of these measures in the City will be to seriously worsen the housing affordability crisis in Cambridge and increase poverty, homelessness and the numbers at risk of being homeless in the City, particularly amongst the young and very low income families.

The Council recognises that for individual tenants who have faced significant above inflation rent increases and falling incomes over the last few years, the Budget proposal to cut social sector rents by 1% for the next four years may well be welcome. However, it also notes that a 1% rent cut will mean a loss of rental income to its Housing Revenue Account of £14,883,000 from 2016 /2017 - 2019/2020 and that loss will have very significant consequences for the Council's plans to build new homes and maintain its services to its current tenants.

The Council therefore resolves to write to the two MPs for Cambridge, Daniel Zeichner MP and Heidi Allen MP, to lay out its concerns and ask them to do all they can to highlight the impact on City tenants of these measures in Westminster.

## **7c Councillor Gillespie**

### Transatlantic Trade and Industry Partnership

This Council notes:

1. That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).
2. That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA.
3. That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities.
4. That there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives
5. That MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This Council believes that:

1. TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making.
2. A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities must be undertaken before the negotiations can be concluded.
3. The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)

mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS.

4. The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the US and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA.
5. Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests its communities.

This Council resolves:

1. To write to the secretary of state for communities and local government, local MPs, and all Eastern Region MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
2. To write to the local government association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with government on our behalf.
3. To call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.
4. To publicise the council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP.
5. To contact the local authorities of municipalities twinned with Cambridge asking them to consider passing a similar motion on TTIP.

## **7d Councillor Bick**

### Greater Cambridge Combined Authority

Council calls on the County Council to make a statement, enabling a public debate about the model of devolutionary package it is considering to negotiate with central government and the consequences of this for the already agreed move to create a Greater Cambridge Combined Authority for the governance of integrated planning and transport strategy in the Cambridge city region.

Whilst welcoming the goal of devolving powers from Whitehall, it calls on the Leader, on behalf of this council, to resist any devolution model which frustrates existing moves towards an emergent simpler and more joined-up local government for Greater Cambridge.

It re-confirms the goal outlined in the city council's overwhelmingly supported resolution last November calling for a unitary council for Greater Cambridge. As part of current discussions, Council looks for a 'big agreement' among neighbouring partners, which combines a firm commitment to establish a Greater Cambridge unitary council with consideration of any new regional tier of decision-making

## **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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