

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 25 FEBRUARY 2016

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ on Thursday, 25 February 2016 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 17 February 2016

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 22 October & 30 November 2015**
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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 Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement Report 2016/17 to 2018/19 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)**
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- 4b 2016/17 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 - 2015/16 (Revised), 2016/17 (Budget & Council Tax) and 2017/18 (Forecast)**
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- 5b Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to the Executive Budget Recommendations.**
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- 6 To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption**
- 6a 26.01.16 Licensing Committee: Annual Review of Licensing Fees**
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- 6b 26.01.16 Licensing Committee: Incorporation of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 into the Council Constitution**
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- 6c 17.02.16 Civic Affairs: Pay Policy Statement 2016/17**
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- 6d 17/02/16 Civic Affairs: Constitutional Changes, For Council Meetings, Procedure Rules, Amending the Constitution**
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6e 17.02.16 Civic Affairs: Localism Act 2011 and Standards of Conduct: Appointment of "Independent Person" and Deputy

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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 Gillespie: Tourism Levy

The Motion:

"This council is working hard to deal with the significant funding reductions being administered as part of the Government's austerity agenda which is giving rise to the current funding crisis in local government and the limits on the council's powers to control council tax and to raise revenue.

Council appreciates the contribution of tourism to our local economy and notes that major city tourism destinations such as Vancouver, New York and Venice, as well as many other cities in the United States and Europe, place a small levy on visitors.

Cambridge notes the potential of a relatively small levy of around £1-2 per night stayed to generate at least £1 - 2 million per annum - and that this scale of levy is unlikely to discourage visitors or drastically affect the hotel trade.

Council agrees in principle that Cambridge should pursue a policy that could introduce a Tourism Levy; and therefore formally agrees that a full report on the approach to introduction of a Tourism Levy should be presented to the Strategy and Resources Committee by July 2016."

8b Councillor Gillespie: Fair Tax

The Motion:

"This council notes that:

- * Corporate tax evasion and avoidance are having a damaging impact on the world's poorest countries, to such a level that it is costing them far more than they receive in aid

- * This is costing the UK as much as £30bn a year

- * This practice also has a negative effect on small and medium-sized companies who pay more tax proportionately.

This council further notes that the UK Government has taken steps to tackle the issue of tax avoidance and evasion by issuing Procurement Policy Note 03/14 (PPN 03/14). This applies to all central government contracts worth more than £5m.

This council also notes the existence of voluntary schemes promoting tax compliance such as the Fair Tax Mark, which can serve as an independent means of verification. In early 2015 new regulations required public bodies, including councils, to ask procurement qualification questions of all companies for tenders over £173,000 for service contracts and £4m for works contracts.

However, these questions are not as detailed as the PPN 03/14.

This council believes that bidders for council contracts should be asked to account for their past tax records, using the standards in PPN 03/14, rather than the lower standards in the recent regulations. This council therefore calls for procurement procedures to be amended to require all companies bidding for service contracts worth more than £80,000 and for works contracts worth more than £2m to self-certify that they are fully tax-compliant in line with central government practice using the standards in 03/14, applying to contracts of the size specified above."

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 Decision

10a Amendment to the Capital Plan

(Pages 393 - 394)

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