

COUNCIL26 May 2016
11.05 am - 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Abbott, Adey, Ashton, Austin, Avery, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Bick, Bird, Blencowe, Cantrill, Dryden, Gawthrope, Gehring, Gillespie, Hart, Herbert, Hipkin, Holland, Holt, Johnson, McPherson, R. Moore, T. Moore, Nethsingha, O'Connell, O'Reilly, Page-Croft, Perry, Pippas, Price, Ratcliffe, Roberts, Robertson, Sargeant, Sarris, Sinnott, Smart, Smith, Todd-Jones and Tunnacliffe

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**16/22/CNL To Elect a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17**

Councillor Roberts proposed and Councillor Cantrill seconded the nomination of Councillor Jeremy Benstead as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Resolved that:

- i. Councillor Jeremy Benstead be elected for the Municipal Year 2016/17. Councillor Benstead then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor.

16/23/CNL To Elect a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17

Councillor Perry proposed and Councillor Gillespie seconded the nomination of Councillor Holland as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Councillor Cantrill proposed and Councillor Holt seconded the nomination of Councillor Pippas as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Resolved (by 26 votes to 13 votes) that:

- i. Councillor Holland be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2016/17. Councillor Holland then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor.

16/24/CNL To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March and 14 April 2016

The minutes of the meeting of the 23 March and 14 April 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

16/25/CNL To Note the Returning Officer's Report That The Following Have Been Elected to the Office of Councillor

It was noted that the following had been elected to the Office of Councillor.

- Abbey: Richard Johnson
- Arbury: Mike Todd-Jones
- Castle: John Hipkin
- Cherry Hinton: Robert Dryden
- Coleridge: Rosy Moore
- East Chesterton: Margery Abbott
- Kings Hedges: Nigel Gawthrope
- Market: Tim Bick
- Newnham: Lucy Nethsingha
- Petersfield: Richard Robertson
- Queen Edith's: Jennifer Page-Croft
- Romsey: Sophie Barnett
- Trumpington: Donald Adey
- West Chesterton: Mike Sargeant

16/26/CNL To Note the Appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain for the Ensuing Year

The Council noted the appointment of Alan Bateman as the Mayor's Chaplain for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

16/27/CNL To Pass a Resolution of Thanks to the Outgoing Mayor

Resolved (unanimously), on the proposal of Councillor McPherson, seconded by Councillor Tim Moore that:

- i. The Council expresses its appreciation of the manner in which the duties of Mayor were discharged by Councillor Dryden, during his period of office and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution for presentation at the next Council meeting.

16/28/CNL Mayors Announcements

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

CIVIC CHURCH SERVICE - SUNDAY 29 MAY

Members noted that the Mott Sermon would be preached at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 29 May at 9.30 a.m. Members were asked to let Lucy Milazzo know if they planned to attend the service.

OUTGOING MAYOR'S DINNER – THURSDAY 9 JUNE

The Mayor reminded members that the Mayor's outgoing dinner was to take place at Corpus Christi College and that tickets could be purchased from Lucy Milazzo.

PROCLAMATION OF MIDSUMMER FAIR – WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

The Proclamation was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22 June and details would be circulated.

MAYOR'S DAY OUT

The Mayor confirmed that the Mayor's Day Out was to take place on Wednesday 17 August and the venue was once again Great Yarmouth.

16/29/CNL To Elect from among the Members of the Council Four Bailiffs of the City for the Municipal Year 2016/17

Councillor Rosy Moore proposed that Councillors Gawthrope, McPherson, Pippas and T.Moore be appointed as Bailiffs.

Resolved that Councillors Gawthrope, McPherson, Pippas and T.Moore be appointed as Bailiffs of the City for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

16/30/CNL Declaration of Interests

Councillor	Item	Interest
Roberts	16/36/CNLa	Employed by Cambridge University vested interest in staying in

		the EU.
Sarris	16/36/CNLa	Employee of Cambridge University
Smith	16/36/CNLa	Works for the University
Todd-Jones	16/36/CNLa	Employee of Cambridge University
Gehring	16/36/CNLa	Employee of Cambridge University
Sinnott	16/36/CNLa	Intermittent employee of Cambridge University
Gawthrope	16/36/CNLa	Intermittent employee of Cambridge University
Hart	16/36/CNLa	Works subject to EU Directive.

16/31/CNL To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption

9a 16.05.16 Civic Affairs: Constitutional Changes

Resolved (unanimously) to:

- i. Note the changes to the Executive portfolios (as attached to the agenda).

9b 16.05.16 Civic Affairs: Nomination For Committees For The Municipal Year 2016/17

Appointment of Committees:

Resolved (by 28 votes to 0) to:

- i. Agree the number and size of committees and membership of committees as listed below:

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY SERVICES	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	PROPOSED NAMES OF NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE
	Labour	5 (1)	Sinnott, Ratcliffe, Abbott, Bird Barnett R.Moore (Alt)
	LD	2 (1)	Austin, O'Connell Nethsingha (Alt)
	Independent & Green	1	Gillespie
		8 Total	

ENVIRONMENT	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	PROPOSED NAMES OF NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE
	Labour	4 (1)	Gawthrope, Perry, Ratcliffe, Sargeant Smart (Alt)
	LD	2 (1)	Bick, Gehring Adey (Alt)
		6 Total	

HOUSING	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	PROPOSED NAMES OF NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE
	Labour	5 (1)	Todd-Jones, Bird,

	LD		Gawthrope, Moore, Smart Perry (Alt)
	Independent Green	& 1 (1)	Avery, Page-Croft Moore (Alt)
		8 Total	Holland

STRATEGY & RESOURCES	NOMINATION(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	PROPOSED NAMES OF NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE
	Labour	4 (1)	Sarris, Barnett, Baigent, Sinnott Abbott (Alt)
	LD	2(1)	Cantrill, Bick Gehring (Alt)
		6 Total	

REGULATORY COMMITTEES

**Council agreed a departure from proportionality rules*

PLANNING	NOMINATIONS(S)	CURRENT NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	PROPOSED NAMES OF NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE
	Labour	4 (1)	Blencowe, Gawthrope, Hart, Smart Bird (Alt)
	LD	3 (1)	Pippas, Tunnacliffe, Nethsingha Holt (Alt)

	Independent Green	&	1 (1) 8 Total	Hipkin
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JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (2)= Alternate	PROPOSED NAMES OF NOMINEES TO THE COMMITTEE
	Labour	4 (2)	Blencowe, Baigent, Bird, Price, Gawthrope (Alt) Smart (Alt)
	LD	2 (2)	Holt, Tunnacliffe T.Moore (Alt)
		6 Total	

LICENSING	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	PROPOSED NAMES OF NOMINEES TO THE COMMITTEE
	Labour	8 (1)	Benstead, Bird, Ratcliffe, Gawthrope, McPherson, Sinnott, O'Reilly, Abbott TBC (Alt)
	LD	4 (1)	Adey, Holt, T.Moore, Pippas Page-Croft (Alt)
		12 Total	

OTHER COMMITTEES

CIVIC AFFAIRS	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT	PROPOSED
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		NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	CHANGES AND NOMINATIONS
	Labour	4 (1)	McPherson, Benstead, Gawthrope, Robertson Ratcliffe (Alt)
	LD	2 (1)	Holt, Cantrill Adey (Alt)
		6 Total	

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS SUB	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	PROPOSED CHANGES AND NOMINATIONS
EMPLOYMENT APPEALS SUB	Labour	5	Price, Gawthrope, Bird, Blencowe
	LD	3	Holt, T.Moore, Adey
		8 Total	

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	PROPOSED CHANGES AND NOMINATIONS
JOINT AREA COMMITTEE (with County Council)	Labour	4(1)	Blencowe, Bird, Baigent, Robertson TBC (Alt)
	LD	2(1)	Tunnacliffe, Adey

		6 Total	Cantrill (Alt)
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COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS	PROPOSED CHANGES AND NOMINATIONS
CITY ASSEMBLY	Labour LD	2 1	Price, Baigent Bick

9c 26.05.16 Civic Affairs: Nominations of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Resolved:

- i. (By 27 votes to 0) To agree the Chairs and Vice-Chairs as follows (excluding Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee).
- ii. (By 27 votes to 13) To agree the Vice - Chair for Licensing Committee.

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Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Community Services	Sinnott	Ratcliffe
Environment	Perry	Gawthrope
Housing	Todd-Jones	Bird
Strategy & Resources	Sarris	Barnett
Planning	Hipkin	Blencowe
Joint Development Control (City Lead)	Blencowe	
Licensing	Bird	Benstead
Civic Affairs	McPherson	Benstead
Employment Appeals Sub	Price	
Development Plan Scrutiny Committee	Sarris	Gawthrope

26.05.16 Civic Affairs: Independent Person and Deputy

Resolved (nem con) to:

- i. Confirm the appointment of Mr Sean Brady as the Council's Independent Person and Mr Robert Bennett as the Council's Deputy Independent Person.

16/32/CNL Annual Statements

Councillor Herbert spoke to a written Annual Statement on the Labour Group's priorities for the forthcoming Municipal Year, which had been appended to the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Bick spoke to a written Annual Statement on the Liberal Democrat Group's priorities for the forthcoming Municipal Year, which had been appended to the agenda for the meeting

Councillor Hipkin gave an oral Annual Statement on the Independent/Green Group's priorities for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

16/33/CNL Adoption of Annual Policies and Priorities

Under the Scheme for Annual Statements, that of Councillor Herbert was deemed to be a motion for adoption by the Council.

Resolved (by 29 votes to 0) that:

- i. The Annual Statement of the Labour Group, as appended to the agenda, be adopted as Council policy for 2016/17.

16/34/CNL Public Questions Time - see at the foot of the agenda for details of the scheme

Mr Hagard addressed the Council and made the following statement:

- i. As Cambridge City Council's only representative on the three person City Deal Executive, which comprises Councillor Lewis Herbert plus two Conservative, non-Cambridge City, councillors, who meet in private to agree major decisions about the City, can Councillor Herbert please assure those who live and work in Cambridge:
 - that he privately fought strongly for a proper scientific review of the case, for and against peak hour congestion charging, and its potential for consequent massive funding of world class bus services, and second:
 - that he privately fought against the major highway re-engineering proposals that will split the two sides of Milton Road, as proposed by the City Deal Executive, for the "removal of a large number of highway trees, with or without cycle lanes, with limited opportunities for replanting on the highway", and finally:
 - would Councillor Herbert agree that in future he will always tell the public the position that he takes on the key issues coming before the City Deal Executive, and also the evidence that underlies his future stances on these key issues, and

- would Councillor Herbert also agree to meet and discuss the issues and the evidence with the public of Cambridge, before and after each of these critical meetings.

The Leader responded:

- i. There was the opportunity to hold him to account at Council meetings.
- ii. The meetings of the City Deal Assembly were open to the public and there was a meeting scheduled on the 2 June 2016.
- iii. There was a set of Officer proposals, which would be publicly consulted on. There would be a debate on the way the consultation was shaped.
- iv. The City Deal Board comprised 5 members and not 3.
- v. He had appeared several times in the Cambridge News detailing his opinions on City Deal issues.

Mr Hagard made the following supplementary point:

- i. He asked whether Councillor Herbert would commit to fight for all City Deal decisions to be brought urgently under a single democratic authority (for example under a Unitary Authority) which would be subject to full democratic scrutiny and engagement.

The Leader responded with the following:

- i. The governance arrangements for the City Deal were set up under the Liberal Democrat administration.
- ii. He could not stop majority decisions by the City Deal Board but could seek to persuade the other board members.
- iii. The City Deal was a partnership arrangement.
- iv. Comments made to the City Deal were genuinely taken into consideration.

16/35/CNL To deal with Oral Questions

1) Councillor O'Connell Executive Councillor for Environment and Waste

Does the Executive Councillor believe that the City Council is doing enough to tackle air pollution in the city and the effect it has on public health?

The City Council had a good record of review and assessment of air quality in Cambridge and of delivering actions to improve air quality based on the evidence gathered.

There had been a recognised air quality problem in the city formalised by the declaration of an Air Quality Management Area Plan in 2004. Air quality was known to be an issue in the city centre, in particular the area around the Bus Station and at busy junctions on the inner ring road where EU Limit Values for Nitrogen Dioxide were regularly exceeded. The largest locally derived impact was from road traffic emissions.

Whilst significant progress has been made to reduce emissions in Cambridge a combination of challenges persisted these included: population growth which increased demand for transport and the historic streets in the city centre were constraining factors.

The City Council had a statutory duty to monitor, review and assess key pollutant levels through Local Air Quality Management Regulations.

2) Councillor Nethsingha to the Leader

Please could the leader tell me whether he will be supporting any new "devolution" deal which includes a directly elected mayor for the Cambridgeshire/Peterborough area?

The Leader advised that he would share with the political parties the best deal that Cambridge was able to get. There were some good things which formed part of the deal however only elected Mayors were going to be able to get control on business rates and bus franchises. He confirmed that there would be a report back to Council regarding devolution.

3) Councillor T. Moore to the Executive Councillor for Communities

Last week was international Mental Health Week, and in the UK Mental Health Awareness Week. Our Council funds a variety of valuable services which can help those with Mental Health issues, and their families, in the community. What services are being provided to assist this group of residents?

The Executive Councillor for Communities advised that the Mental Health Awareness Week was the previous week and that this was an important issue for the City. The Council had various policies and strategies to support residents which included: the Anti-Poverty Strategy, Single Equalities Scheme, the Corporate Strategy, the Homelessness Prevention Grant, Independent Living Service and training sessions which supported people to access Council

services. The Council was also a signatory to the Mental Health Crisis Concordat.

4) Councillor Bick to the Executive Councillor for City Centre and Public Places

Based on the feedback that has been received and the physical aftermath, what specific instructions has she issued or will she be issuing to the North Pole Experience about the running of ice rink on Parker's Piece over next Christmas?

The Executive Councillor for City Centre and Public Places advised that the ice-rink had over 80,000 visitors. Officers had met with Ice Box Limited who operated the Ice Rink to debrief the event and give the Council's feedback from comments and complaints which had been received in 2015/2016. Ice Box Limited had considered this feedback. Proposed changes to the event would go to the West Central Area committee in early to mid-July. There was a contract in place with Ice Box Limited but it was hoped that changes could be made to the contract. Health and Safety considerations would also need to be taken into consideration.

5) Councillor Pippas to the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport

Does the executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport believe it is a good idea to implement a 20 mile per hour speed limit throughout the city of Cambridge?

The Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport advised that the Council was fully committed to the introduction of 20mph controls across the majority of streets in Cambridge.

6) Councillor Nethsingha to the Leader

Is he aware of the serious public concern about the changes to street lighting proposed in Burrell's Walk?

The Leader was aware of the serious public concern over the County Council's street lighting proposals.

There had been a close dialogue with the Open Spaces Team regarding the street lights which had led to the use of DW Windsor heritage style Class One

columns. These street lights would be fitted with the iconic Cambridge brackets. There would be 9 street lights compared to the 18 street lights before. The Open Spaces Team would ensure that the trees were trimmed as this was a heavily used pedestrian and cycle route.

16/36/CNL To consider the following Notices of Motion, notice of which has been given by:

14a Councillor Cantrill: Cambridge City Council and the UK Membership of the European Union

Councillor Cantrill proposed and Councillor Bick seconded the following motion:

Cambridge is an international city, with two EU twin cities. Its residents include individuals from all parts of the European Union.

Cambridge's economy, in particular its universities together with its educational, science, medical and technology sectors benefit enormously from EU funding. For example Cambridge University receives approximately £65m in EU funding per year and gains from participating in key European Union research projects. This economic activity benefits everyone in Cambridge generating jobs, income from taxation, a lively retail offer and entertainment scene.

In addition the Cambridge area benefits from European companies such as Siemens that have chosen to be located in the greater Cambridge area and from the large number of EU tourists.

Workers in Cambridge are better off as a result of the EU employment directives on equal opportunities, holidays, pensions, working hours, health and safety, and protection from discrimination.

The EU has had an overwhelmingly positive effect on the environment. This is particularly important for Cambridge, with its range of fragile environmental resources as it faces the impact of expansion. The range of policies and targets that this involves demonstrate how properly-targeted EU regulation is a force for good.

This Council believes that EU reform should make the EU better for the UK and that means remaining a member to lead that reform, not being a spectator on the side lines.

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14b Councillor Nethsingha: Energy Saving Street Lamps

Councillor Nethsingha proposed and Councillor Bick seconded the following motion:

Council requests its officers to work with county council officers to define options for co-investment in the conversion of Cambridge's street lamps to energy-saving LED, with a view to eliminating the city council's current open-ended subsidy and to take a lead in mitigating climate change; bringing a report to the October meeting of the Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Robertson seconded the following amendment to the motion (deleted text ~~struck through~~ and additional wording underlined).

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Council notes that

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b) in a written response to the City Council from the County Council ahead of 2016 budget decisions, the County Council advised that the current replacement of lights part-funded by the city with LED had been assessed as non-viable given the terms of the PFI contract and pre-agreed installation programme, and the County Council ten year payback criteria,

c) the City Council will continue to review this, including ahead of our three year agreement to part fund overnight street lighting being reviewed before 2019.

Council asks the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources, who leads also on climate change and energy-saving investments, to

a) meet with the relevant County Council Chair and county officers, and then circulate an update to all Councillors and, should (b) above have changed, consider appropriate action,

b) review this issue and wider opportunities from increased City Council use of LED as part of 2017 budget preparation.

Council also asks its members who are also Cambridge County Councillors to take the direct route and raise LED issues at Shire Hall, as key decisions and County Council proposals for new LED lighting including active plans for main highways are decided there.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 29 votes to 12.

It was resolved (unanimously) that:

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16/37/CNL Written Questions

Members noted the written questions and answers that had been included within the Information Pack.

16/38/CNL Urgent Decision

16a Approval of funding for improvements to 20 Newmarket Road, Cambridge

The urgent decision was noted.

The meeting ended at 3.00 pm

MAYOR