

# NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 20 OCTOBER 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, 20 October 2016 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 12 October 2016

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 the 27 June and 14 July 2016.**

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- 2 Mayors Announcements**

- 3 Public Questions Time**

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- 4 To consider the recommendations of the Executive for Adoption**

**4a    Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Strategy (Executive Councillor for Housing)**  
*(Pages 37 - 102)*

**4b    Treasury Management Half Yearly Update Report 2016/17 (Executive Councillor For Finance and Resources)**  
*(Pages 103 - 124)*

**4c    Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) October 2016 (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources)**  
*(Pages 125 - 178)*

**5      To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption**

**5a    Civic Affairs Committee: Appointing Person Arrangements For The Appointment of The External Auditor**  
*(Pages 179 - 186)*

**6      To deal with Oral Questions**

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

**7a    Councillor Adey: Fair Votes**

This Council believes a system which more fairly reflects the wishes of electors should be introduced for elections to Cambridge City Council.

Council notes that the Single Transferable Vote system has been successfully in use in both Northern Ireland, and Scotland for local council elections.

Council calls on the Government to allow this City to trial a ward based STV system for the next elections to the City Council in May 2018.

## **7b Councillor Gillespie: Climate Change**

This council notes:

- The 2015 Paris Agreement was the symbolic beginning of a process of international agreement to drastically reduce carbon emissions with the aim of preventing the worst case scenario of climate change.
- The world has now permanently passed 400ppm (parts per million) atmospheric Carbon Dioxide.
- August 2016 marked 16 consecutive months of record-breaking global heat.
- Climate change and the carbon economy are already linked to 5 million deaths a year.
- The “climate cushion”, the period where governments were able to leave the problem for future generations, has entirely disappeared. Responsibility lies with current national governments and current local authorities.
- Cambridge City Council is clear in its ambition to arrest climate change: deciding in October 2015 to divest from fossil fuels, deciding in March 2016 to become zero carbon by 2050, and deciding in October 2016 to source approximately 18,000,000 kWh per year of its own energy from renewables.
- That the British government is seriously proposing airport runway expansion, awarding tax rebates for North Sea oil and gas companies of around £5 billion more than it receives in revenues, and tying the hands of local authorities to make decisions that reduce their own emissions and protect their environment and natural resources.

This council requests the Executive :

- To move swiftly to draw up a clear strategy for becoming zero carbon, and explore opportunities to reach this target before 2050, seeking partnership with appropriate expert groups such as the Global Sustainability Institute and the Cambridge Science and Policy centre, and community groups such as Transition Cambridge and Cambridge Carbon Footprint.
- To set an explicit ambition of being the first UK zero carbon city.
- To apply, in the year following Brexit, to become a European

Green Capital, to mark Cambridge's commitment to sustainability for the benefit of all citizens of the world.

- To begin a city wide consultation and behaviour change exercise targeting personal carbon emission reductions, in partnership with appropriate expert groups.
- To organise an annual sustainability festival, starting in 2017, in partnership with appropriate expert groups.
- To begin in 2017 an annual carbon budget cycle alongside the financial budget cycle, following the example of Worcester and Aberdeenshire councils.
- To implement a new tree-planting strategy that will add 250 trees to the city per year.
- To bring a report to Strategy and Resources committee about setting up a local energy company based on the Robin Hood model from Nottingham.
- To take the lead in bundling residents' energy needs to get a good deal on 100% renewable electricity.
- To investigate funding options for a carbon accounting project, including the Economic and Social Research Council.
- To make budget provision in 2017/18 for a full-time sustainability officer who will work on embedding sustainability into council decision making and envisioning a sustainable, Cambridge in a zero carbon lean economy.

This council resolves to write to the UK Government, asking them:

- To recognise the crisis that the world climate is in, and declare a climate state of emergency.
- To urgently reduce carbon emissions, investment in fossil fuels, and regulation which favours fossil fuels.

## **7c Councillor Nethsingha: Comprehensive Education**

This council notes that Cambridge has a strong and long-standing tradition of comprehensive education with powerful local community links.

Council notes the announcement by the Prime Minister of her intention to allow secondary schools to introduce academic selection.

Council calls upon the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary for State for Education to remind her of the compelling research evidence that selection at 11 does not raise academic standards for the majority of children, is counter-productive in terms of pupils' personal morale and well-being and is socially divisive.

In the absence of overarching local democratic co-ordination of state school organisation, Council resolves to seek informal engagement, on an all-party basis, with school governing bodies to encourage consensus that all secondary schools should continue to offer equal opportunity to pupils without entry by academic selection. It requests the Chief Executive to facilitate such a process.

## **8 Changes to Executive Portfolios**

The Leader of the Council made changes to Executive Councillor portfolios which came into effect on 19 September 2016 and Members of the Council were advised. Members were also advised that the Leader of the Council requested that the changes be reported to Council to answer any questions or for Member comment.

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## **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 Acquisition Of Land Adjacent To Huntingdon Road Crematorium**

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