



Cambridge City Council Notice of Annual Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Time: 11.05 am

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 11.05 am and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 14 May 2019

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 To elect a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20
- 2 To elect a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2019/20
- 3 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 21 February 2019
- 4 To note the Returning Officer's Report that the following have been elected to the office of Councillor
 - Abbey: Haf Davies

(Pages 5 - 30)

- Arbury: Carina O'Reilly
- Castle: Greg Chadwick
- Cherry Hinton: Mark Ashton
- Coleridge: Grace Hadley
- East Chesterton: Gerri Bird
- King's Hedges: Alex Collis and Kevin Price
- Market: Katie Porrer
- Newnham: Markus Gehring
- Petersfield: Mike Davey
- Queen Edith's: George Pippas
- Romsey: Anna Smith
- Trumpington: Peter Lord and Dan Summerbell
- West Chesterton: Damien Tunnacliffe

- 5 To note the appointment of the Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing year
- 6 To pass a Resolution of Thanks to former Mayor Nigel Gawthrope and Jenny Wood
- 7 Mayor's announcements
To be included in the Information Pack.
- 8 To elect from among the Members of the Council four Bailiffs of the City for the Municipal Year 2019/20
- 9 To consider the recommendations of Committees for adoption
- 9a Civic Affairs: Nominations for Committees for the Municipal Year 2019/20 (Pages 31 - 34)
- 9b Civic Affairs: Nominations for Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs Municipal Year 2019/20 (Pages 35 - 36)
- 9c Civic Affairs: Constitutional Updates (Pages 37 - 60)
- 10 Annual Statements (Pages 61 - 74)
Group Leaders will each have the opportunity to speak for not more than 10 minutes on their Group's priorities for action and objectives for the forthcoming municipal year in the following order:

Councillor Herbert
Councillor Bick

Annual Statement of the Labour Group is appended.

11 Adoption of Policies and Procedures

The scheme for Annual Statements provides that the Statement of the Leader of the largest group on the Council shall be deemed to be a motion for adoption. It may therefore be debated and amendments proposed after which it shall be put to the vote and, if carried, shall be adopted as Council policy for the municipal year. The Council will therefore consider the Annual Statement of the Labour Group as a motion for adoption.

If the adopted Annual Statement contains proposals which fall outside of the Council's budgetary or policy framework, the proposals shall not be acted upon until there has been a report to the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) and Executive Councillor(s) in the normal way and approval at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

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COUNCIL

21 February 2019

6.00 pm - 0.15 am

Present: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Bick, Bird, Blencowe, Cantrill, Dalzell, Dryden, Gehring, Gillespie, Green, Herbert, Hipkin, Holt, Johnson, Martinelli, Massey, McGerty, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Connell, O'Reilly, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones and Tunnacliffe

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

19/1/CNL To elect a Mayor for remainder of the Municipal Year 2018/19, to elect a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of Municipal Year 2018/19 and to pay tribute to Former Mayor and Councillor Nigel Gawthrope.

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Sargeant seconded the nomination of Councillor Gerri Bird as Mayor for the remainder of Municipal Year 2018/19.

Resolved (unanimously) that:

- i. Councillor Gerri Bird be elected for the remainder of Municipal Year 2018/19.

Councillor Bird then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the Office of Mayor.

Councillor Sargeant proposed and Councillor Price seconded the nomination of Councillor Russ McPherson as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of Municipal Year 2018/19.

Resolved that:

- i. Councillor Russ McPherson be elected Deputy Mayor for the remainder of Municipal Year 2018/19.

Councillor McPherson then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Tributes were paid to former Mayor and Councillor Nigel Gawthrope following his untimely death during his Mayoral year.

Tributes were also paid to Honorary Councillor John Durrant.

19/2/CNL Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 October 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

19/3/CNL Mayor's announcements

The Mayor's announcements were contained within the Information Pack and were not read out during the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Adey, Hart and Nethsingha.

Member	Item	Interest
Benstead	19/10/CNLb	Trustee of Cambridge Live
Holt	19/10/CNLb	Trustee of Cambridge Live
Ashton	19/7/CNL	Chair of Cherry Hinton Residents Association

Holocaust Memorial Day

Councillor Bird recently participated in Holocaust Memorial Day, hosted by Great St Mary's. She was very honoured to play a small part in this hugely important remembrance event.

Cambridge Chinese New Year Gala

The Gala was held in the Corn Exchange on 26 January. Each year, more than 1000 people attend the Gala, renowned for its showcase of Chinese culture. Councillor Bird was privileged to be invited to join the celebrations.

YMCA sleep out event

Councillor Bird would be attending the YMCA Sleep Easy event on Friday 15 March. The aim was to raise awareness of the growing problem of homelessness and to raise money which would go directly to local YMCA accommodation services to help homeless young people.

Charity Quiz

This was taking place on 28 February, members were asked to contact Penny Jackson if they wished to enter a team.

Under paragraph 4.2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, the Mayor used her discretion to alter the order of the agenda items. However, for ease of the reader, these minutes will follow the order of the agenda.

19/4/CNL Petition

A petition had been received containing over 500 valid signatures stating the following:

We the undersigned petition the council to

- Declare a Climate Emergency
- Accelerate its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions within the Council's estate and operations, targeting net zero carbon by 2025
- Work with business, the universities, neighbouring local authorities and voluntary organisations to devise and implement a rapid action plan to reduce GHG emissions throughout our city, aiming for net zero carbon by 2025
- Where funding is insufficient, publicly call on the government for more resources to allow Cambridge to meet these targets

Evidence of looming climate breakdown is now overwhelming. Our existence is threatened and we must rapidly reduce GHG emissions. This is the greatest challenge humanity faces.

We recognise the substantial carbon reductions that the Council has made in recent years following the Climate Change Strategy 2016-21. But we now know that it is now even more urgent to quickly reduce GHG emissions. We want Cambridge to demonstrate leadership amongst local authorities by publicly acknowledging the scale and urgency of the climate crisis, setting more ambitious reduction targets, and working quickly to meet them.

We recognise that is a huge ask. We will help.

With love from the people of Cambridge.

Three representatives presented and spoke in support of the petition.

The following points were made:

- i. Emissions needed to be rapidly reduced.

- ii. Requested a statement regarding the Climate Emergency Declaration be included on the cover of Cambridge Matters magazine.
- iii. 3 - 5 degrees of warmth would have catastrophic consequences, which was so scary that people did not want to take it in.
- iv. Asked for the council to show leadership with the issue.
- v. Asked for a well-publicised Climate Emergency Declaration.
- vi. Thanked Councillors for acknowledging a Climate Emergency.
- vii. Commented that actions spoke louder than words.
- viii. The amended motion was disappointing.
- ix. The entire world needed to be zero carbon by 2025.
- x. The clean air zone was insufficient.
- xi. Unambitious clean air zones should be rejected.
- xii. Requested a citizens assembly.
- xiii. Acknowledged the courage of the 15,000 children who marched in protest on 15 February regarding the climate emergency declaration.
- xiv. Local food would lead to a healthier and happier population.

A motion and an amendment were submitted in response to the petition. The approved text of the motion can be found in minute item 19/10/CNLa.

19/5/CNL Public questions time

Members of the public asked a number of questions, as set out below:

1. Residents of Montreal Square had been campaigning for over a year to try and save their homes. The Cambridge Housing Society (CHS) told residents on the 4 February about their plans to demolish 18 homes at Montreal Square. Residents were shocked about this decision and had also been refused a ballot on the decision to demolish their homes. The local community did not want the demolition to take place. Representatives had been outside Mill Road Co-Op every Saturday for the past 41 weeks talking to people about the proposals. Over 3400 signatures had been collected with their petition. Montreal Square had been described as many things; from an Oasis in Romsey, a gem of social housing and the green lungs of Romsey with 30 trees and lots of wildlife.

The square was built in 1928 for the railway workers of Cambridge. Acknowledged that there was a need for social housing but demolishing existing communities without residents' permission was not right. They wanted the council to save this golden piece of heritage in Cambridge. There was no transparency with the

consultation exercise undertaken by CHS. Other options should be explored. Residents would have to wait for CHS to get planning permission and for the development to be built. He asked Councillor Herbert to do something about this.

The Leader responded with the following:

- i. He thanked the resident for bringing their campaign to the Council meeting and acknowledged that it was resident's homes that they were trying to protect.
- ii. Commented that councillors and residents could put pressure on CHS.
- iii. Commented that he wanted a proper dialogue between CHS, residents and councillors so that CHS would listen to residents.

The Member of the Public commented that more should be done to protect social housing.

2. Castle Mound was a Cambridgeshire landmark, for centuries people had used the mound for the purpose of pastimes, sport, recreation, walking, picnics and rest. The public questioner asked what the City Council could do to ensure free, full public access consistent with the practice from time immemorial.

The Executive Councillor for Communities responded with the following:

- i. Castle Mound was a special place in Cambridge that everyone wanted to preserve.
- ii. It was not good that the County Council would not confirm that they would ensure free and public access in perpetuity.

The Member of the public responded:

- i. That he was pleased the Executive Councillor had used the term 'in perpetuity'. He asked whether the City Council had had any assurance from the County Council about the famous landscape.

The Executive Councillor for Communities responded:

- i. That she would be happy to receive an assurance from the County Council regarding free access in perpetuity from the County Council as soon as possible.

19/6/CNL To consider the recommendations of the Executive for adoption

6a Executive Councillor for Housing: HRA Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2019/20

Resolved by 25 votes to 0 to:

- i. Recognise the decision to defer the review of the current approach to treasury management, which requires 25% of the value of the housing debt to be set-aside by the point at which the loan portfolio matures until after it is formally confirmed that the legislation allowing the introduction of a levy in respect of the sale of higher value voids will be repealed.
- ii. Approve capital bids, shown in Appendix D (3) of the HRA Budget Setting Report, to include the replacement of the lifts at Ditchburn Place whilst other major refurbishment work is underway.
- iii. Approve the latest Decent Homes Programme, to include any updated allocation and timing of decent homes expenditure for new build dwellings, as detailed in Appendix E of the HRA Budget Setting Report.
- iv. Approve the latest budget sums, profiling and associated financing for all new build schemes, including new scheme specific approvals for Colville Road, Meadows and Buchan Street and Clerk Maxwell Road, based upon the latest cost information from the Cambridge Investment Partnership (CIP) or direct procurements, as detailed in Appendices E and H, and summarised in Appendix K, of the HRA Budget Setting Report.
- v. Approve re-phasing of budget for the last phase of refurbishment at Ditchburn Place from 2018/19 into 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix E, and summarised in Appendix K, of the HRA Budget Setting Report.
- vi. Approve the revised Housing Capital Investment Plan as shown in Appendix K of the HRA Budget Setting Report.
- vii. Approve delegation to the Head of Finance, as Section 151 Officer, to approve an in year increase or decrease in the budget for disabled facilities grants, in direct relation to any increase or decrease in the capital grant funding for this purpose, as received from the County Council through the Better Care Fund.
- viii. Approve delegation to the Strategic Director to review and amend the level of fees charged by the Shared Home Improvement Agency for disabled facilities grants and repair assistance grants, in line with any decisions s made by the Shared Home Improvement Agency Board.
- ix. Approve delegation to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Head of Finance, as Section 151 Officer, to draw down resource from the

ear-marked reserve for potential debt redemption or re-investment, for the purpose of open market property acquisition or new build housing development, should the need arise, in order to meet quarterly deadlines for the use of retained right to buy receipts.

- x. Approve delegation to the Strategic Director, following formal consultation with tenants, to make a decision in respect of the number of rent weeks over which the annual rent is charged for council tenants, and implement any change in policy accordingly.

6b Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources: Treasury Management Strategy Statement Report 2019/20 to 2022/23

Resolved unanimously to:

- i. Approve the estimated Prudential & Treasury Indicators for 2019/20 to 2022/23, inclusive, as set out in Appendix C to the officers report;
- ii. Increase the Money Market Fund (MMF) limit to £15 million per fund, with no maximum limit overall;
- iii. Use Enhanced Money Market Funds (EMMFs) with a credit rating not lower than AAf, as assessed by any one of the credit rating agencies, with an initial counterparty limit of £5m per fund; and;
- iv. Increase the Council's Authorised Borrowing Limit (external borrowing) to £300 million.

19/7/CNL To consider Budget Recommendations of the Executive for Adoption

7a Budget Setting Report (General Fund) 2019/20 to 2022/23

The Executive presented its budget recommendations as set out in the Council agenda.

7b Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to the Executive Budget Recommendations

Members **unanimously resolved** to continue the meeting after 10:30pm rather than adjourn to another day.

Under the Council's Procedure Rules – Budget Recommendations and Amendments, the Liberal Democrat Group's alternative budget was deemed to have been moved and seconded as an amendment.

On a show of hands the Liberal Democrat Group's alternative budget amendment was lost by:

13 votes in favour: Councillors: Bick, Cantrill, Dalzell, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Martinelli, McGerty, O'Connell, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Tunnacliffe

To 24 votes against: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

Councillor Hipkin left the meeting before the vote was taken on this item.

In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules – Budget Recommendations and Amendments, Councillor Bick moved separately the following proposals, which formed part of the Liberal Democrat Group alternative budget:

Reference	Details
B0001	Remove Shop Mobility Charges from 1 February 2019

On a show of hands the proposal was lost by:

13 votes in favour: Councillors: Bick, Cantrill, Dalzell, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Martinelli, McGerty, O'Connell, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Tunnacliffe

To 24 votes against: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

Reference	Details
B0008	Children's Tree Programme

On a show of hands the proposal was lost by:

13 votes in favour: Councillors: Bick, Cantrill, Dalzell, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Martinelli, McGerty, O'Connell, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Tunnacliffe

To 24 votes against: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

Reference	Details
B0009	Development of Project addressing Period Poverty
S0001	Reduce funding of Community Grants Programme

On a show of hands the proposal was lost by:

13 votes in favour: Councillors: Bick, Cantrill, Dalzell, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Martinelli, McGerty, O'Connell, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Tunnacliffe

To 24 votes against: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

Reference	Details
B0010	Reduce saving in BSR S4301 (Planning)

On a show of hands the proposal was lost by:

13 votes in favour: Councillors: Bick, Cantrill, Dalzell, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Martinelli, McGerty, O'Connell, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Tunnacliffe

To 24 votes against: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

Reference	Details
C0004	Housing purchase - capital
S0004	Net income from Town Hall Lettings (see C0004)
S0005	Revenue impact of Housing investment (see C0004)

On a show of hands the proposal was lost by:

13 votes in favour: Councillors: Bick, Cantrill, Dalzell, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Martinelli, McGerty, O'Connell, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Tunnacliffe

To 24 votes against: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

Reference	Details
C0001	CCTV Camera - East Road/Burleigh Street

On a show of hands the proposal was lost by:

13 votes in favour: Councillors: Bick, Cantrill, Dalzell, Gehring, Gillespie, Holt, Martinelli, McGerty, O'Connell, Page-Croft, Payne, Pippas, Tunnacliffe

To 24 votes against: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

Unless otherwise specified, all references in the recommendations to Appendices, pages and sections relate to version 2 of the Budget-Setting Report. This can be found via the Council agenda page:

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=16&MId=3405&Ver=4>

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the Executive's budget proposals by:

25 votes in favour: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Barnett, Benstead, Blencowe, Bird, Dryden, Gillespie, Green, Herbert, Johnson, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, O'Reilly, Price, Robertson, Sargeant, Sheil, Smart, Smith, Thittala, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones

To 0 votes against

To approve the following to:

a) Agree recommendations in respect of:

- Revenue Pressures shown in Appendix C (a) and Savings shown in Appendix C (b) of the BSR.
 - There are no bids to be funded from External or Earmarked Funds (which would be included as Appendix C (c) of the BSR.
 - Non-Cash Limit items as shown in Appendix C (d) of the BSR.
- b) Confirm the delegation to the Chief Financial Officer (Head of Finance) of the calculation and determination of the Council Tax taxbase (including submission of the National Non-Domestic Rates Forecast Form, NNDR1, for each financial year) which will be set out in Appendix A (a) of the BSR.
- c) Approve the level of Council Tax for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A (b) [page 56 -57 refers] and Section 4 [page 27-29 refers] of the BSR.
Note that the Police and Crime Commissioner, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority and Cambridgeshire County Council have issued precepts to the City Council for the year 2019/20.
- d) Delegate to the Head of Finance authority to finalise changes relating to any corporate and/or departmental restructuring and any reallocation of support service and central costs, in accordance with the CIPFA Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (SeRCOP).
- e) Approve an additional contribution of £250k to the Cambridge Live Development Plan Earmarked Reserve to include transition funding, proposal NCL4325.
- f) Approve the proposals outlined in Appendix E (a) for inclusion in the Capital Plan, including any additional use of revenue resources required.
- g) Approve the revised Capital Plan for the General Fund as set out in Appendix E (d), the Funding as set out in Section 7, page 39 of the BSR.
- h) Note the impact of revenue and capital budget approvals and approve the resulting level of reserves to be used to support the budget proposals as set out in the table [Section 8, page 45 refers] of the BSR.

19/8/CNL To consider the recommendations of Committees for adoption

8a Civic Affairs: Pay Policy Statement 2019/20

Resolved unanimously to:

- i. Approve the draft Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 attached as Appendix 1 to the officers report.
- ii. Note the position on the consultation with Unison members on the proposed pay scale changes.

- iii. Introduce the proposed changes to the Council's pay scale with effect from April 2019, attached in Appendix 2 of the Officer's report and to delegate authority to the Head of Human Resources to implement the changes to the Council's pay scale.
- iv. Agree the renaming of the previous grade of JNC1 as 'Head of Service'.

8b Planning Committee Report Concerning Local Government Ombudsman Complaint

Resolved unanimously to accept the officer recommendation to note that:

- i. The LGO had upheld a complaint relating to a private property.
- ii. In these circumstances the Head of Legal Practice as the Council's Monitoring Officer has an obligation to report the findings to Council and that Committee is satisfied with the action that has been taken (set out in Section 4 of the Officer's report).

19/9/CNL To deal with oral questions

1) Councillor Barnett to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Could the Executive Councillor inform Council as to what is being done to bring empty homes back into use?

The Executive Councillor responded the council offered a range of services from providing advice on selling or purchasing properties to helping residents whose properties may be affected by a neighbouring empty property such as being left unsecured. There was also a loan scheme which aimed to help property owners pay for essential improvements to their property and to support them with letting it.

Currently the Council was undertaking a compulsory purchase order (cpo) on an empty property with a possibility that more properties would be considered for enforcement action within the year. From April 2019, the council could double the amount of council tax on those properties which remained empty.

There were currently 551 empty properties in the city which had remained empty for six months or more, of which 107 were new build which had never been occupied.

2) Councillor Bird to the Executive Councillor for Communities

Can the Executive Councillor update us on the community grants which have been awarded in the recent round?

The Executive Councillor responded that community grant funding for 2019/20 totalled £1million; with £900,000 allocated to a variety community groups. £300,000 had been awarded to the Citizens Advice Bureau, with funding also granted to those with learning difficulties, to groups encouraging people to get online, lessons in budget cooking and the Cambridge Women Resource Centre. Funding had also been allocated to those working with individuals who had physical or mental health difficulties. £33,000 had been awarded to Centre 33 who worked primarily with young people. The list of grants made for aspiring reading especially with the grant cuts that other local authorities had to make. The next round of Area Committee meetings would also consider further funding for community groups.

3) Councillor Martinelli to the Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces

Does the Executive Councillor feel that the Environmental Improvement Programme is functioning as efficiently as possible?

The Executive Councillor confirmed that she felt the Environmental Improvement Programme was working effectively particularly when taking into account the Central Government's grant cuts of £5 million pounds. Environmental improvement was taken very seriously by the council and the projects undertaken were very much valued by residents. A rolling programme of works which began in 2004 had allowed flexibility to the scheme to deliver value for money and to speed up project delivery. Over three quarters of 195 projects since 2011 had been completed. There had been issues with those projects which involved footpaths or highways as these could be complicated by working with outside agencies.

4) Councillor Massey to the Executive Councillor for Communities

Can the Executive Councillor update us on our White Ribbon accreditation?

The Executive Councillor explained it was the campaign's mission to call on all men to take a stand against sexism and gender based violence in all forms. The Council first achieved accreditation in 2015 and again in 2017, and had just been reaccredited in 2019. This reflected the hard work that had been carried out by staff from delivering domestic abuse training, information awareness events, and specific events for men and healthy relationship workshops for children. The Council's Housing Support Services was also available to women who were escaping domestic abuse. The Executive

Councillor concluded that she would also like to thank the White Ribbon Ambassadors who also helped to spread the message across the city and beyond.

5) Councillor McQueen to the Leader

How is the council ensuring that local voice of residents in the Cambridge North East area, including in East Chesterton, is heard in the consultation on the action plan consultation?

The Leader identified it was important to ensure that residents were given a platform to express their opinions on the Cambridge North East Area Action Plan. There had been a variety of ways that the Council had undertaken to engage, such as newsletters, posters and leaflets, exhibitions and a Local Liaison Forum to ensure that residents had an opportunity to have their say. Discussion had taken place with officers to ensure that a plain english version of the proposals would be produced. The Leader stated the scheme was subject to a long consultation period and as yet there had been no confirmation that the removal of the Water Recycling Centre would be funded.

6) Councillor Gehring to the Leader

While the Brexit nightmare grows by the day, the information of residents, especially EU citizens, is very limited. What is the Council doing about this?

The Leader advised that the Chief Executive had prepared an update on this issue but with no clear direction from Central Government it was difficult to produce sound information to the public. There had been regular dialogue and information within the Council. The Electoral Registration Office had advised that EU citizens would be able to vote in the City Council election and a media release would be published for public information on this matter.

7) Councillor Cantrill to the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

Does the Executive Councillor agree that many Cambridge residents continue to struggle to make ends meet living in this city?

The Executive Councillor advised the Council had produced two anti-poverty strategies, 2014 -2017 & 2017 -2020 which identified extensive poverty in the city tracked through a number of indicators. The latest available data had shown some improvement in some of the indicators. The weekly earnings of

the lowest 10% had increased from £299.70 (2014) to £329 in 2018. The total number of residents claiming housing benefit and council tax support had reduced from 14,477 (2013) to 13,968 in 2017, during this period the population of the city had increased. The proportion of the working age population (16 years to 64 years) which were unemployed reduced from 7.3% (2013) to 5.3% in 2018. However despite these positive moves forward there was still significant inequality in the city with the Centre for Cities Studies highlighting Cambridge as one of the most unequal cities in the UK in 2014 and 2017. The cost of living remained high with the rising cost of housing meaning that those on low incomes were unable to buy their own property.

8) Councillor O'Connell to Executive Councillor for Communities

Does the Executive Councillor know when the Clay Farm Centre, including the GPs surgery, will finally be occupied?

The Executive Councillor reminded those present that Clay Farm opened in 2018, as did the community rooms and the library with 3,000 visits a month to both facilities. The twenty flats on the third and fourth floors had been leased to the housing association bpha. Work on the second floor (the location of the GP's surgery) was still being carried by the main contractor, ISG, undertaking maintenance work. There was currently no handover date with ISG, but this was expected in the next few weeks. Once this had been confirmed officers would work with Trumpington Medical Practice to ensure a quick and efficient move with the doors being opened as soon as possible. The Executive Councillor apologised for the delay but said it was imperative to ensure that the build was carried out to the highest standard expected by the Council and NHS England.

The following oral questions were tabled but owing to the expiry of the period of time permitted, were not covered during the meeting. The Mayor asked Executive Councillors if a written response could be provided to those questions that had not been covered.

9) Councillor Todd-Jones to the Executive Councillor for Housing

The Council is proposing to invest £5 million in estate improvement schemes over the next five years. How would this significant investment benefit tenants and leaseholders?

10) Councillor Thittala to the Leader

Is he persuaded that the County Council is fully safeguarding the public's right of access to Castle Mound in the event that Shire Hall is sold?

11) Councillor Green to the Executive Councillor for Communities

Can the executive councillor update us on our progress as a council towards resettling 100 refugees in the city and surrounding areas?

12) Councillor Tunnacliffe to the Executive Councillor for Housing

Does the executive councillor agree with me that one rough sleeper in Cambridge is one too many?

13) Councillor McGerty to the Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport

Can the Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport tell me what effect the supplementary charge before 10.0am has had on car-park usage?

14) Councillor Dalzell to the Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources

In November, the 3C Shared ICT services suffered a 'major disruption'; can the executive Councillor confirm the scale of impacts on City Council services and steps taken since this event to prevent further issues arising in the future?

15) Councillor Bick to Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport

What is the expected timetable for the 'call for sites' in the run-up to work on the new Local Plan?

16) Councillor Pippas to the Executive Councillor for Housing:

How does the Executive Councillor assess the outcome of the recent annual rough sleeper count in Cambridge?

17) Councillor Price to the Leader

What is the leader's view on the Combined Authority's plans to restructure given its huge overspend on staff and overheads?

18) Councillor Payne to the Executive Councillor for Communities

Could the Executive Councillor provide an update on the known usage of the Ask for Angela scheme?

19) Councillor Baigent to the Leader

Can the leader provide an update on the Council's call for Councillor Adey to stand down from both his positions on the City Council and the County Council?

Secondary Questions

1) Councillor Thittala to the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services & City Centre

Almost a year ago the licensing committee updated the hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licensing to encourage more ultra-low and zero-emission vehicles in the taxi fleet. Please can the executive councillor update us on what effect these changes have had?

2) Councillor Baigent to the Leader

What is the Leader's view on the redevelopment of Montreal Square?

19/10/CNL To consider the following notices of motion, notice of which has been given by:

10a Councillor Cantrill: Declaring a Climate Emergency

Councillor Cantrill proposed and Councillor Martinelli seconded the following motion:

Council notes that:

a) The recent 2018 IPCC report states that we have just 12 years to act on climate change if global temperature rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius;

b) All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate breakdown, and local governments that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. UK cities need to commit to aggressive reduction targets and carbon neutrality as quickly as possible;

c) Cities are well placed to lead the world in reducing carbon emissions, as their higher density opens up a range of sustainable transport, buildings and energy opportunities;

d) The Council's absolute carbon emissions have reduced by 18.4% since the base line year of 2014/15 – and approx.. 9% between 2016/17 and 2017/18 (Source: Item 7 section 3.6 of the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee, 4th October 2018).

In light of the above, the Council therefore agrees to:

1. Join other Councils in declaring a Climate Emergency;

2. Call on the UK Government to provide the necessary powers and resources to make local action on climate change easier (as set out in 3 and 5 below);
3. Aim to make the Cambridge carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions;
4. In light of 3. above, request Scrutiny to urgently review and make recommendations on revisions to the Council's 2016-2021 Climate Change Strategy in light of the recent IPCC report and the latest Cambridge City Council data (published October 2018) in order to achieve the revised target;
5. Continue to work with partners across the city and region to deliver widespread carbon reductions.

Councillor Moore proposed and Councillor Thornburrow seconded the following amendment to motion (additional text underlined and deleted text struck through).

Council notes that:

- a) ~~The recent 2018 IPCC report states that we have just 12 years to act on climate change if global temperature rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius;~~
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This council notes that:

- Human activities are changing our planet and the need for everyone to take action on climate change is more urgent and immediate than ever.
- According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Special Report in 2018, human activities are estimated to have caused approximately 1°C of global warming above preindustrial levels, with a likely range of 0.8°C to 1.2°C.
- The Paris Agreement sets out a global action plan to put the world on track to avoid dangerous climate change by "limiting global warming to well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C".
- In order to prevent further global warming of more than 1.5°C, the IPCC states that this would require global net human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) to fall by about 45% from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching 'net zero' around 2050 and that they would need to peak within 12 years (by 2030) to increase the chances of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees.
- Cambridge City Council set an aspiration in its Climate Change Strategy 2016-21 for Cambridge to achieve zero carbon status by 2050.
- The latest statistics produced by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) shows total emissions in Cambridge have declined steadily over the last 11 years. From 2005-2016, total emissions from the city have reduced by almost 30%.
- Emission reductions in the UK, including Cambridge, since 2012 have primarily come from the decarbonisation of electricity generation in the power sector at a national level, which is shifting progressively from fossil fuels to low carbon and renewable generation.
- To maintain the current rate of emissions reduction and reach zero carbon by 2050, further changes to national policy and infrastructure would be required in all sectors, including industry and commercial, transport and domestic sources.
- Emissions would need to reduce much more rapidly to reach net zero carbon by an earlier date, requiring rapid and widescale changes in energy production, supply and usage at the national level.
- The latest statistics for the source of Cambridge's carbon dioxide emissions are for 2016 and are; 49% from industry and commercial, 31% from domestic sources and 20% from transport.

- Anglia Ruskin University and Cambridge University have also set targets to be zero carbon by 2050.
- We welcome the new building control regulations requiring all new buildings to be nearly zero carbon from 31 December 2020 but note the damage done by scrapping Labour's original 2016 deadline.
- Through the Council's Carbon Management Plan 2016-21 we have taken action to reduce our own emissions, which account for just 1.2% of the city's overall emissions. We have already achieved the target of reducing council emissions by 15% by March 2021, and we are on the way to achieving the aspirational target of reducing them by 20% by that date.

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We are proud that hundreds of local children and young people also marched through Cambridge last Friday as part of "Youth Strike 4 Climate" calling for urgent action to protect the environment from destruction and to halt climate change.

This council declares a climate emergency and we:

- Will continue to reduce the council's building and fleet emissions through developing and investing in carbon reduction projects and we will update our Carbon Management Plan regularly.
- Will continue to support residents and businesses in Cambridge to reduce their emissions using the powers and funding currently available to the council.
- Will establish a Cambridge Climate Charter calling on all organisations, businesses and individuals in the city to each establish their own Carbon Management Plans and to commit to reducing their carbon emissions which will enable us to achieve our city's net carbon-zero aspiration.
- Will continue to work with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to promote sustainable transport.
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To enable Cambridge and the rest of the UK to reach net zero carbon by 2030, we call on government, industry and regulators to implement the necessary changes with funding, transformed national infrastructure, policy, new technologies and legislation, including:

- Invest in clean, efficient renewable energy and end CO₂ emissions from electricity generation.
- Ban fracking.
- Invest in energy-efficient public transport across the country, including the introduction of electric buses.
- End the sale of all new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2030 and make cleaner vehicles more affordable and accessible.
- Establish a long-term nationwide Warm Homes strategy with adequate investment for energy-saving and energy-efficiency measures.
- Support a sustainable food revolution ensuring sustainable, fresh food for all whilst reducing food waste.
- Develop a strategy for all UK businesses to be net zero carbon by 2030.

This will reduce the damage caused by climate change and will also create a strong green economy with new jobs, less waste and with sustainable growth, creating a safer, green, clean and healthy world for our children and grandchildren to inherit.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 25 votes to 13.

Resolved (unanimously):

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10b Councillor McGerty: Cambridge Live

Councillor McGerty proposed and Councillor Dalzell seconded the following motion:

Council welcomes the emergency protection provided to the Cambridge Live programme and its customers, given the projected financial losses which jeopardised its future solvency, by returning it in-house to the council. It appreciates the work of all those involved in implementing the decision.

Recognising the substantial potential public cost of this rescue and the eventual need to decide whether Cambridge Live should in future continue in-house or be re-launched as an independent organisation (as is successful in many other places), it is important to properly understand what went wrong in Cambridge Live and in the Council's relationship with it, both as its founding sponsor and major partner and customer.

We therefore request officers to recommend to the June meeting of the Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee terms of reference for a cross party members' Inquiry addressing these issues, commencing in September.

Councillor Smith proposed and Councillor Johnson seconded the following amendment to motion (additional text underlined, deleted text ~~struck through~~).

Council welcomes the emergency protection provided to the Cambridge Live programme and its customers, given the projected financial losses which jeopardised its future solvency, by returning it in-house to the council. It appreciates the cross-party work of all those involved in implementing the decision and particularly wishes to acknowledge the work of the current Cambridge Live Board.

Recognising Council recognises the substantial potential public cost of this rescue, and the role of the Council as founding sponsor and major customer. It is therefore important to understand how far the Council could have done

~~anything differently, either in setup or relationship management, and what key learning points arise. And the eventual need to decide whether Cambridge Live should in future continue in house or be re-launched as an independent organisation (as is successful in many other places), it is important to properly understand what went wrong in Cambridge Live and in the Council's relationship with it, both as its founding sponsor and major partner and customer.~~

We therefore request officers to recommend to the June meeting of the Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee terms of reference for an independent review of these issues to report back to a subsequent scrutiny committee.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 21 votes to 12.

Resolved (by 32 votes to 0):

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10c Councillor Moore: Tackling the Climate Emergency

Councillor Moore withdrew Motion 10C with the consent of the seconder and the Council under Council Procedure Rule 27 which shall be signified without discussion

19/11/CNL Special Urgent Decision

19/12/CNL Record of Special Urgent Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Communities: Outcome of Cambridge Live Review

The Special Urgent Decision was noted.

19/13/CNL Written questions

Members were asked to note the written question and answer that had been placed in the information pack and circulated around the Chamber.

A copy could be viewed at the following link:

<https://democracy.cambridge.gov.uk/documents/b12385/Information%20Pack%2021st-Feb-2019%2018.00%20Council.pdf?T=9>

The meeting ended at 0.15 am

MAYOR

CIVIC AFFAIRS

13 May 2019
5.30pm - 6.08 pm

Present: Councillors McPherson (Chair), Bick, Dalzell Robertson, Sargeant and Thornburrow

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

18/27/Civ – Civic Affairs: Nominations for Committees for the Municipal Year 2019/20

The Committee considered a paper setting out the proposed Committee allocations by party and the nominations received. The Committee considered the rules on political balance set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in developing the recommendations set out below.

The Committee noted the nominations.

Resolved (unanimously) to:

Recommend to Council to agree the number and size of committees, depart from proportionality on the Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee and to note the nominations listed below:

Ordinary Committee

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee 8 (5 Labour + 3 Lib Dem)

Smart, Barnett, Hadley, Collis, Davies

Summerbell, Martinelli, Payne

Alternates – O'Reilly, Page-Croft

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee 9 (5 Labour + 3 Lib Dem + 1Independent)

Smart, Sheil, Hadley, Green, Baigent

Bick, McGerty, Chadwick

Hipkin

Alternates – McQueen, Bird, Lord

Housing Scrutiny Committee 8 (5 Labour + 3 Lib Dem)

Todd-Jones, Bird, Thittala, Collis, Sheil

Cantrill, Lord, Porrer

Alternates – Barnett, O'Reilly, McGerty

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee 5 (3 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

Davey, Baigent, Green

Bick, Dalzell

Alternates – Davies, Lab TBC, Cantrill

Civic Affairs Committee 6 (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

McPherson, Sargeant, Davey, Thornburrow

Dalzell, Chadwick

Alternate – Lab TBC, Martinelli

Employment (Senior Officer) Committee 6 (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)

Sargeant, Thornburrow, Herbert, Sheil

Bick, Nethsingha

Licensing Committee 11 (7 Labour + 4 Lib Dem)

Bird, Thittala, McQueen, Massey, Moore, McPherson, Sargeant

Pippas, Gehring, Porrer, Summerbell

Alternates – Johnson, Page-Croft

Planning Committee 8 (5 Labour+ 3 Lib Dem)
Smart, McQueen, Green, Baigent, Sargeant
Tunnacliffe, Lord, Page-Croft
Alternates – Thornburrow, Nethsingha

Cambridge City Joint Area Committee (with County Council) 6 (4 Labour + 2 Lib Dem)
Sargeant, Smart, Massey, Robertson
Payne, Martinelli
Alternates – Bird, Lord

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority - 1 seat
Herbert
Alternate - Sargeant

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 Labour + 1 Lib Dem
Price, Gehring
Alternates – Lab TBC, Summerbell

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Audit and Governance Committee 1 Labour + one alternate
Lab TBC
Alternate – Lab TBC

Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly 3 (2 Labour + 1 Lib Dem)
Davey, Massey, Bick

Joint Development Control Committee - Cambridge Fringes 6 (4 Labour+ 2 Lib Dem)
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Thornburrow, Baigent, Sargeant, Smart

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CIVIC AFFAIRS

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FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

18/28/Civ – Civic Affairs: Nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs for the Municipal Year 2019/20

The Committee received nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees.

Resolved (unanimously) to:

- i. Agree the nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs as below:

	Chair	Vice Chair
Environment and Community Services	Smart	Barnett
Planning and Transport	Smart	Sheil
Housing	Todd-Jones	Bird (nb. Tenant/Leaseholder is Chair of Part 1 of the meeting)
Strategy & Resources	Davey	Baigent
Civic Affairs	McPherson	Sargeant
Licensing	Bird	Thittala
Planning	Smart	McQueen
JDCC	Thornburrow as Lead Cllr	

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CIVIC AFFAIRS

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FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

19/29/Civ – Civic Affairs: Constitutional Amendments

The Committee noted that the Leader of the Council had amended the Executive Councillor portfolios. The Committee agreed to recommend the subsequent changes to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference in Part 3, Section 6 of the Council's Constitution.

The changes to portfolios are set out in the appendix to this Minute.

Resolved:

To recommend to Council the changes to the Constitution as set out below (in capitals and struck through):

SECTION 6: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Council shall have the following Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Their role and functions are set out in Article 6 of Part 2 of this Constitution and their procedure is governed by the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Environment and Community (Scrutiny) Committee

Terms of Reference

Overview and scrutiny of the functions for which the Executive Councillors for (i) Communities (ii) CLIMATE CHANGE, Environment ~~at Services~~ and City Centre are responsible for and; (iii) the community safety responsibilities of the EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

~~Streets and Open Spaces are responsible~~

As required by Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 to be the crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise decisions made by the Council or by the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

Planning and Transport (Scrutiny) Committee**Terms of Reference**

Overview and scrutiny of the functions for which the Executive Councillor for (i) Planning Policy and OPEN SPACES Transport is responsible for and (ii) the transport responsibilities of the EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Revisions to Executive Councillor Portfolios Part 3 discharge of Council functions, Section 2 are indicated by:

- red shows new text
- blue shows text which has moved from the Deputy Leader
- purple shows text which has moved from Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces
- green shows text which has moved from Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport
- brown shows text which has moved from Executive Councillor for Communities.

No change to Executive Councillors for:
Strategy and External Partnerships,
Finance and Resources
Housing

A clean version of all the Executive Councillor Portfolios follows.

2.3 The Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships

No Change

2.4 Deputy Leader

2.4.1 The responsibilities of the Deputy Leader are set out in the Executive Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution. ~~In additional as a Deputy Leader function – Council communications and consultancy strategy and delivery, including the Council's website.~~

2.5 Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

No change

2.6 Executive Councillor for Housing

No change

2.7 Executive Councillor for **Climate Change Environmental Services and City Centre**

2.7.1 The Executive Councillor shall be responsible for the exercise of Executive functions in the areas listed in this section.

Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Waste management and recycling
- Environmental Health and licensing (excluding those functions which are the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Housing or Licensing Committee).
- City strategies including on the city centre, economic development and training, tourism, and partnerships with the Universities.
- Climate change

The Council's responsibilities for food and occupational safety i.e.

- Food hygiene and safety
- Health and safety
- Drinking water
- Sale of game
- Control of infectious diseases
- Acupuncture, tattooing, ear piercing and electrolysis.

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- Co-ordinating work by all Executive Councillors and Committees on Climate change (environmental considerations to specifically include Climate Change)
- Contaminated land; radioactive substances
- Refuse collection, waste disposal and recycling
- Monitoring and control of water, air and noise pollution, including lead for the Council on reducing air pollution in the city centre from vehicles
- Control of pests and nuisances

- Street trading, subject to compliance with the planning policy framework set by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport
- Markets
- Tourism policy, including work with the Destination Management Organisation (DMO)
- City Centre Management and working with the Business Improvement District (BID)
- Hackney carriage and private hire vehicles
- Fleet management.
- Neighbourhood enterprise co-ordination
- street cleansing and maintenance
- work with the County Council on street lighting ~~and on shared responsibilities relating to the portfolio~~
- public toilet provision
- environmental enforcement
- control of dogs and other animals and all matters concerned with animal welfare

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

2.8 Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces

2.8.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Land use planning, including implementing the adopted Local Plan and developing local planning briefs and supplementary planning guidance, and the development of future planning policy **including the Joint Local Plan**, working with South Cambridgeshire District Council and other partners
- Conservation and urban design, and the sustainability of new development
- ~~Transport and highway, working with the county council, with the Leader in relation to the City Deal and the Combined Authority~~
- Tree strategy.
- Open spaces, nature reserves, parks, recreation grounds, commons and closed churchyards, allotments, rivers and other water recreation areas

- Cemeteries and crematoria.
- Inclusive access including for all ages, people with disabilities and ethnic minorities in Cambridge
- Biodiversity

It also includes responsibility for making the Council's contribution to local, regional and national plans, policies and strategies formulated by other bodies or by joint bodies in which the Council participates.

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- Development control and building control services through the development and management of shared services, and leading on all operational matters and improvement in relation to planning and building control
- Optimising additional income and infrastructure funding generated by new development
- Powers of compulsory purchase relating to the areas listed in Paragraph 1
- ~~• Bus services and bus shelters~~
- ~~• Cycling provision, except secure cycle parking~~
- ~~• Parking and off street parking, and working with the County Council to improve the integrated management of parking and policy~~
- ~~• Schemes to provide better travel facilities for people with disabilities~~
- The Council's statutory responsibilities for drainage and sewerage.
- Open space maintenance
- play facilities
- recreation grounds including park paddling pools/splash pads
- allotments
- closed churchyards
- commons, nature reserves, parks and open spaces
- rivers and other water recreation areas, adopted watercourses and drainage, including work with the Cam Conservators and the Council's Conservator representatives
- events on public spaces
- nature conservation
- environmental improvement
- Biodiversity

Tree management and planting (~~linked to tree strategy led by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport~~, except for those under housing management which are within the remit of the Executive Councillor for Housing).

Environmental Improvements programme management.

Capital expenditure on the public realm including relevant s106 budgets

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

N.B. In discharging responsibilities relating to the formulation and issue of planning briefs and planning guidance, the Executive Councillor should seek to consult the appropriate Committee.

2.9 Executive Councillor for Communities

2.9.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- The local welfare and community development needs of all neighbourhoods throughout the City.
- The provision, promotion and development of policies and programmes to provide children and young people to play and participate in community life, including providing direction and advice to other committees of the Council in pursuance of these aims; the provision and promotion of leisure, sporting, artistic and cultural activities
- Anti-poverty initiatives and the Sharing Prosperity Fund, including the powers and duties of the Council in respect of issues relating to tackling inequality and the provision of opportunities for individuals and communities in the City to overcome disadvantage
- The provision and promotion of advice relating to citizens' legal rights and responsibilities, social security benefits, money management , employment and immigration
- Supporting the Leader in the delivery of Equalities initiatives, and measures to tackle discrimination.
- Detailed oversight of race equality, disability equality and equal opportunity in service delivery and Council policy

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- The powers and duties of the Council in respect of children's activities and youth facilities
- Community strategy including the powers and duties of the Council in respect of opportunities for individuals and communities in the City including:
 - education and self-development
 - play programmes
 - artistic, cultural, sporting and leisure activities and entertainments
 - the provision, maintenance and management of places of public entertainment, sport and recreation (including the Guildhall Halls)
 - council owned or operated community facilities
 - museums and art galleries
 - the Council's responsibilities for public health, working with the county council and health services.
 - health promotion
- ~~Community Safety Including the Community Safety Partnership work with the police and the CCTV system and, working with the Leader, work with Cambridge police, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel.~~
- cemeteries and crematoria
- Public art
- Council communications and consultation strategy and delivery, including the Council's website

Progressing the objectives set out in this section by:

- direct provision
- grant aid and other financial assistance to voluntary sector and other agencies
- partnership, joint work and liaison with public, private or voluntary sector organisations, including community and joint use agreements, community primary school agreements and support for national lottery projects
- regenerating and encouraging the development of community life and enabling local communities to take action on their own behalf

- giving advice and guidance to other Executive Councillors and committees of the Council on community engagement addressing, in particular, the needs of those experiencing social or economic inequality
- advocacy.

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

2.10 Executive Councillor for Streets and Open Spaces

2.10.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Improvement of accessibility of the public realm within Cambridge for people with disabilities
- Training, information, advice and other means to improve employment opportunities and access to employment
- Open spaces, nature reserves, parks, recreation grounds, commons and closed churchyards, allotments, rivers and other water recreation areas
- Cemeteries and crematoria.

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- play facilities
- recreation grounds—including park paddling pools/splash pads
- allotments
- closed churchyards
- commons, nature reserves, parks and open spaces
- streets and open space cleansing and maintenance
- work with the County Council on street lighting and on shared responsibilities relating to the portfolio
- public toilet provision
- control of dogs and other animals and all matters concerned with animal welfare
- rivers and other water recreation areas, adopted watercourses and drainage, including work with the Cam Conservators and the Council's Conservator representatives

- ~~environmental improvement and protection partnerships, including in local shopping centres and communities~~
- ~~cemeteries and crematoria~~
- ~~events on public spaces~~
- ~~nature conservation~~
- ~~environmental enforcement~~
- ~~secure cycle parking provision.~~

~~Environmental Improvements programme management.~~

~~Capital expenditure on the public realm including s106 budgets~~

~~Public art delivery.~~

~~Tree management and planting (linked to tree strategy led by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport, and except for those under housing management which are within the remit of the Executive Councillor for Housing).~~

~~Progressing the objectives set out in this section by:~~

- ~~direct provision~~
- ~~grant aid or other assistance to voluntary bodies and external organisations~~
- ~~partnership delivery.~~

~~The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.~~

2.10 Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety

2.10.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Lead on City Council contribution to transport projects impacting on Cambridge
- Public Transport and congestion plans including bus services and bus shelters, and role of rail and Metro proposals
- County Council roads, pavements and cycle route issues including maintenance and road safety

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- Schemes to provide better travel facilities for people with disabilities
- Cycling including secure cycle parking
- Parking and off-street parking,
 - working with the County Council to improve the integrated management of parking and policy
- Council lead on Cambridge Joint Area Committee
- GCP Assembly Member
- Member for the Council of the Combined Authority Transport Committee
- **Lead on Community Safety and Policing**
 - Council representative on the Community Safety Partnership and city policing priority setting,
 - Responsibility for the CCTV system
 - Work and regular meetings with Cambridge police, the Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Working with Lead Councillor on Community Safety who is expected to be the Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel.

Progressing the objectives set out in this section by:

- direct provision
- grant aid or other assistance to voluntary bodies and external organisations
- partnership delivery.

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

Clean version of the proposed changes to the Executive Portfolios**2.3 The Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships**

2.3.1 The Leader shall be responsible for exercising functions on behalf of the Executive in the circumstances set out in the Council's Executive Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

2.3.2 The Leader shall have the power to determine which Executive Councillor shall have responsibility for the exercise of executive functions in cases of doubt or in cases for which provision has not been made in the Constitution. Where the Leader decides to lead, or to co-ordinate work with one or more Executive Councillors, or take decisions on a matter within another executive portfolio (e.g. a major project), it will be identified in the Forward Plan

2.3.3 The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- corporate objectives, policies and strategies of the Council subject, where necessary, to the approval of the Council and excluding those objectives, policies and strategies which are the responsibility of another Executive Councillor
- programmes which give direction to, and co-ordinate, the implementation of the Council's corporate policies and priorities.
- the need for, and the development of, new services and policy not within the terms of reference of other Executive Councillors
- matters falling substantially within the Terms of Reference of more than one other Executive Councillor, where not otherwise delegated.

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- Strategy and Partnerships - including the devolution Combined Authority, City Deal, and the expansion of joint working with other councils, the Universities and other partners
- All matters concerning national local government associations and corporate projects with Government, including council-wide bids for resources
- The giving of any guarantee or incurring of any other commitments not specifically referred elsewhere

- The exercise of compulsory purchase powers except where these are allocated to Executive Councillors relating to their portfolio responsibilities.

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Data protection and freedom of information.

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services in respect of the areas listed in Paragraph 1 including, by way of illustration:

Corporate And Other Services

- The Independent Complaints Investigator Service
- The Council's emergency planning functions
- Democratic Services
- Other responsibilities which do not fall within the remit of another Executive Councillor.

Civic functions (insofar as these are not within the remit of the Civic Affairs Committee)

- Matters relating to the democratic functions of the Council, including
 - The mayoralty
 - Civic hospitality and town twinning and other partnerships with local authorities overseas
 - Relationships, including the appointment or nomination of Council representatives, with outside organisations not directly related to the programme area of any committee or other Executive Councillor.

2.4 Deputy Leader

2.4.1 The responsibilities of the Deputy Leader are set out in the Executive Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

2.5 Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources

2.5.1 Strategic control of the use of the financial resources of the Council, (subject to the necessary financial approvals of the Council) Treasury Management including for the Housing Revenue Account Insurance and banking services

The approval of Council contributions towards projects being funded from the National Lottery

Supervision of the borrowing of money and management of the Council's cash flow

Management of other income and specific reserves

Other detailed financial management matters, including the writing off of debts except where the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Housing

Collection and management of Council Tax, National Non-Domestic Rates and Housing Benefit.

Strategic information technology issues, information technology projects which either have implications for the Council as a whole or which fall significantly within the remit of more than one Executive Councillor.

- corporate implementation of improvements and efficiency reviews, and the development and monitoring of core performance indicators and targets
- Business Transformation-internal service reviews and responsibility for leading plans, where not otherwise delegated, for new externally facing shared services, trusts, service reviews and joint projects involving other councils and organisations. The creation of new external shared services, or joint structures including trusts and joint projects with other councils and organisations which involve the responsibilities of more than one other Executive Councillor
- Corporate and support services as exemplified under “Functions and Services” below.
- Procurement (at a strategic level - oversight of individual procurement exercises will remain with the portfolio-holder for the relevant service area).
- The policy and management of moorings

Trading Services

- Council strategy to expand trading activities and additional income generation opportunities, including responsibility for those which do not fall within the remit of another Executive Councillor

Customer Services and ICT

- Delivery of quality customer services and the customer access centre
- Corporate telephony and IT systems to support joined up customer service delivery.
- The delivery of front line services to Council customers through the Council's reception areas and telephone services
- Council's evolving digital strategy and the benefits it will deliver for residents, and also to staff in helping them do their jobs better and more easily

Property Matters

- Leadership on corporate and cross-portfolio major capital projects and oversight of the council's overall capital programme, including the development, redevelopment, change of use or other major change to land or property owned by the Council considered by the Chief Executive to be major, significant or sensitive in terms of the Council's policies and priorities.
- Any realisation of assets programme which may be considered necessary to generate capital receipts for the Council.
- The approval of any proposal to re-allocate land between functions and any formal appropriation of land or property from one purpose to another.
- Management of all land and buildings held by the Council, except for:
 - property in use for specific operational purposes which fall within the responsibility of another Executive Councillor
 - those parts of council sites developed for housing including new council housing, and dwellings held within the Housing Revenue Account and land held by the Council for housing purposes used for or in connection with the provision of facilities or amenities for local tenants or residents, which shall be the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Housing.
- The acquisition (by purchase or lease) of property by the Council.
- Management of the Council's office accommodation
- The Council's Land Charges service.

Shared Services and Service Reviews, and Employee and Management Matters

To be responsible for:

- corporate service reviews and other efficiency and effectiveness reviews which involve the responsibilities of more than one other Executive Councillor, or have not been otherwise delegated.

- the performance of corporate and other shared services in meeting financial performance objectives in business plan, except that responsibility for operational matters in relation to non-corporate shared services shall be the responsibility of the appropriate other Executive Councillor.

To establish, monitor and ensure funding for Council-wide employment and training and apprenticeship policies and delivery

- To comply with all relevant employment legislation and the Council's corporate strategy, policies and objectives.
- To exercise strategic control of, and agree policies for, the use of the staffing, property and information technology resources of the Council.
- To co-ordinate and monitor the arrangements for employee Health and Safety at Work
- To oversee the provision of professional and central support services, including:
 - Corporate human resources support and information including training
 - Financial services
 - Legal services.

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

2.6 Executive Councillor for Housing

2.6.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- The provision of housing in the City, including the Council's Housing Investment Programme and the construction of new council homes
- The provision and management of housing accommodation and associated services under the Housing Acts, including the approval of the Housing Revenue Account and the fixing of rents for Council dwellings and garages

- The Council's responsibilities towards homeless people and people in housing need, including lead responsibility for city centre homelessness working with appropriate Executive Councillors in relation to their relevant responsibilities
- The Council's responsibilities in respect of private sector housing
- The Council's responsibilities in respect of social housing and Registered Providers
- The Council's responsibilities for residential caravan sites and travellers.

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services in respect of the areas listed in above including:

- The improvement and maintenance of dwellings and associated facilities funded from the Housing Revenue Account.
- The management of the Housing Revenue Account, including debts owed to it by tenants and former tenants, working with the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources on their overall treasury management responsibility
- The making of loans for house purchase and improvement
- The giving of aid and advice in respect of housing
- The Council's powers and responsibilities under homelessness legislation.

The powers and responsibilities of the Council in relation to private sector housing, including enforcement of standards and allocation of grants.

- The exercise of compulsory purchase powers
- Liaison with, and funding of, Housing Associations and other relevant outside bodies and agencies in pursuance of the housing objectives of the Council
- Formulating and implementing programmes of environmental improvements in housing estates or other land falling within the Housing Revenue Account.
- The freehold or leasehold disposal of land or property and the terms for disposal, except for Right to Buy dwellings sold under the Housing Act 1985, properties in shared equity schemes and other land or property held for housing purposes or for the provision of facilities and amenities for local residents or tenants

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

2.7 Executive Councillor for Climate Change Environmental Services and City Centre

2.7.1 The Executive Councillor shall be responsible for the exercise of Executive functions in the areas listed in this section.

Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Waste management and recycling
- Environmental Health and licensing (excluding those functions which are the responsibility of the Executive Councillor for Housing or Licensing Committee).
- City strategies including on the city centre, economic development and training, tourism, and partnerships with the Universities.
- Climate change

The Council's responsibilities for food and occupational safety i.e.

- Food hygiene and safety
- Health and safety
- Drinking water
- Sale of game
- Control of infectious diseases
- Acupuncture, tattooing, ear piercing and electrolysis.

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- Co-ordinating work by all Executive Councillors and Committees on Climate change (environmental considerations to specifically include Climate Change)
- Contaminated land; radioactive substances
- Refuse collection, waste disposal and recycling
- Monitoring and control of water, air and noise pollution, including lead for the Council on reducing air pollution in the city centre from vehicles
- Control of pests and nuisances

- Street trading, subject to compliance with the planning policy framework set by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport
- Markets
- Tourism policy, including work with the Destination Management Organisation (DMO)
- City Centre Management and working with the Business Improvement District (BID)
- Hackney carriage and private hire vehicles
- Fleet management.
- Neighbourhood enterprise co-ordination
- street cleansing and maintenance
- work with the County Council on street lighting
- public toilet provision
- environmental enforcement
- control of dogs and other animals and all matters concerned with animal welfare

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

2.8 Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces

2.8.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Land use planning, including implementing the adopted Local Plan and developing local planning briefs and supplementary planning guidance, and the development of future planning policy including the Joint Local Plan, working with South Cambridgeshire District Council and other partners
- Conservation and urban design, and the sustainability of new development
- Tree strategy.
- Open spaces, nature reserves, parks, recreation grounds, commons and closed churchyards, allotments, rivers and other water recreation areas
- Cemeteries and crematoria.
- Inclusive access including for all ages, people with disabilities and ethnic minorities in Cambridge

- Biodiversity

It also includes responsibility for making the Council's contribution to local, regional and national plans, policies and strategies formulated by other bodies or by joint bodies in which the Council participates.

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- Development control and building control services through the development and management of shared services, and leading on all operational matters and improvement in relation to planning and building control
- Optimising additional income and infrastructure funding generated by new development
- Powers of compulsory purchase relating to the areas listed in Paragraph 1
- The Council's statutory responsibilities for drainage and sewerage.
- Open space maintenance
- play facilities
- recreation grounds including park paddling pools/splash pads
- allotments
- closed churchyards
- commons, nature reserves, parks and open spaces
- rivers and other water recreation areas, adopted watercourses and drainage, including work with the Cam Conservators and the Council's Conservator representatives
- events on public spaces
- nature conservation
- environmental improvement
- Biodiversity

Tree management and planting, except for those under housing management which are within the remit of the Executive Councillor for Housing).

Environmental Improvements programme management.

Capital expenditure on the public realm including relevant s106 budgets

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

N.B. In discharging responsibilities relating to the formulation and issue of planning briefs and planning guidance, the Executive Councillor should seek to consult the appropriate Committee.

2.9 Executive Councillor for Communities

2.9.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- The local welfare and community development needs of all neighbourhoods throughout the City.
- The provision, promotion and development of policies and programmes to provide children and young people to play and participate in community life, including providing direction and advice to other committees of the Council in pursuance of these aims; the provision and promotion of leisure, sporting, artistic and cultural activities
- Anti-poverty initiatives and the Sharing Prosperity Fund, including the powers and duties of the Council in respect of issues relating to tackling inequality and the provision of opportunities for individuals and communities in the City to overcome disadvantage
- The provision and promotion of advice relating to citizens' legal rights and responsibilities, social security benefits, money management , employment and immigration
- Supporting the Leader in the delivery of Equalities initiatives, and measures to tackle discrimination.
- Detailed oversight of race equality, disability equality and equal opportunity in service delivery and Council policy

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- The powers and duties of the Council in respect of children's activities and youth facilities
- Community strategy including the powers and duties of the Council in respect of opportunities for individuals and communities in the City including:
 - education and self-development

- play programmes
- artistic, cultural, sporting and leisure activities and entertainments
- the provision, maintenance and management of places of public entertainment, sport and recreation (including the Guildhall Halls)
- council owned or operated community facilities
- museums and art galleries
- the Council's responsibilities for public health, working with the county council and health services.
- health promotion
- cemeteries and crematoria
- Public art
- Council communications and consultation strategy and delivery, including the Council's website

Progressing the objectives set out in this section by:

- direct provision
- grant aid and other financial assistance to voluntary sector and other agencies
- partnership, joint work and liaison with public, private or voluntary sector organisations, including community and joint use agreements, community primary school agreements and support for national lottery projects
- regenerating and encouraging the development of community life and enabling local communities to take action on their own behalf
- giving advice and guidance to other Executive Councillors and committees of the Council on community engagement addressing, in particular, the needs of those experiencing social or economic inequality
- advocacy.

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

2.10 Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety

2.10.1 Plans, policies and strategies

The development, implementation and monitoring of the Council's plans, policies and strategies relating to:

- Lead on City Council contribution to transport projects impacting on Cambridge

- Public Transport and congestion plans including bus services and bus shelters, and role of rail and Metro proposals
- County Council roads, pavements and cycle route issues including maintenance and road safety

Functions and Services

The exercise of the Council's functions and the delivery of services including

- Schemes to provide better travel facilities for people with disabilities
- Cycling including secure cycle parking
- Parking and off-street parking,
 - working with the County Council to improve the integrated management of parking and policy
- Council lead on Cambridge Joint Area Committee
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- **Lead on Community Safety and Policing**
Council representative on the Community Safety Partnership and city policing priority setting,
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Work and regular meetings with Cambridge police, the Police and Crime Commissioner
Working with Lead Councillor on Community Safety who is expected to be the Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel.

Progressing the objectives set out in this section by:

- direct provision
- grant aid or other assistance to voluntary bodies and external organisations
- partnership delivery.

The relevant exercise of compulsory purchase powers.

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL LABOUR ANNUAL STATEMENT 2019

FIVE COMMITMENTS TO DELIVER *ONE CAMBRIDGE, FAIR FOR ALL*

This Annual Statement sets out the Council's ambitions for the year 2019/20 and five core commitments.

COMMITMENT ONE - WE WILL TACKLE INEQUALITY AND SHARE THE CITY'S PROSPERITY

In 2019/20 the City Council will:

Help Cambridge residents who need us the most with targeted projects to tackle inequality, and fund and support voluntary organisations helping disadvantaged people.

Cambridge - A Tale of Two Cities

Our city remains one of the most unequal in the country. Data from the think tank Centre for Cities suggests that, in 2018, 6% of earners took 19% of the total income generated by the city, with the bottom fifth of earners making up just 2% of Cambridge's income last year. There is a ten-year difference in life expectancy between the most prosperous and more deprived neighbourhoods of the city.

Cambridge is the fifth-worst city in the UK for social mobility outcomes, particularly for children from lower income families, despite a fast-growing economy and two-thirds of our residents possessing a degree.

These differences have been hugely worsened by the cruel austerity agenda of successive governments over the last nine years, which has decimated our public services, starving them of funds and – together with swingeing cuts to welfare benefits – have made many people's lives more insecure and challenging.

Creating One City Fair for All

The Council will, as our central priority, continue efforts to build one city that is fair for all. It believes the levels of inequality experienced, as described above, is simply not acceptable. We will continue into the 2020s our vital work over the last five years, through our Anti-Poverty Strategy, to help improve the standard of living and daily lives of Cambridge households on the lowest incomes.

We have invested over £1.6 million since 2014 in targeted initiatives including:

- Helping people get online and develop their digital skills;
- Promoting financial inclusion, supporting credit unions, allowing residents to avoid loan sharks and payday lenders;
- Outreach advice for people with mental health issues as a result of low income and debt, and

- Addressing fuel and water poverty through the promotion of smart meters, collective energy switching and other efficiency measures.

This is in addition to funding of over £4.5 million to community groups targeting help and advice to Cambridge people in need, and over £3 million for groups helping the homeless since Labour took control of the Council in 2014.

Campaigning for All Employers to Pay a Real Living Wage

Payment by Cambridge employers of at least the Real Living Wage is a central Council priority. The administration proposed, when in opposition in early 2012, that the Council pay the Real Living Wage rate to its employees, to staff employed by its contractors and subcontractors, and to promote it widely amongst local businesses. The Council completed the Living Wage Foundation's formal accreditation process in 2014, and we will continue to fund a member of staff to lead work on persuading wider city employers to do the same.

Since 2014, the number of Cambridge businesses becoming accredited by the Living Wage Foundation as paying the Real Living Wage has so far increased from 16 to 68. The Council has directly supported roughly half of these employers through their accreditation process. However, the cost of living in Cambridge continues to increase, particularly the cost of housing (both buying and renting), whilst wages have not kept pace for the majority of employees. In acknowledging this fact, we introduced in 2018 a minimum wage rate of £10 per hour to our directly employed staff.

We will continue encouraging local businesses, and major employers like all the colleges of the University of Cambridge - taking the lead of the University itself in 2018 - to pay their employees the Real Living Wage rate of £9 per hour. In promoting the Real Living Wage, the Council believes this rate ought to be the absolute minimum when setting rates of pay.

Supporting our Essential Voluntary and Community Sector

In the coming year, the Council will invest approximately £1 million in the voluntary and community sector through our Community Grants programme, focused on tackling inequality. In the most recent round of awards, over sixty organisations were awarded funding for their work in tackling inequality and sharing prosperity in our city. We will also organise another successful 'Volunteer for Cambridge' fair at the Guildhall. In 2018, more than 80 groups participated in the event, with over 800 members of the public attending, and many recruited as new volunteers.

Helping People Impacted by Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit

Universal Credit is now being fully rolled out in Cambridge. Like the benefit cap and Bedroom Tax before, it is clear that this latest round of social security "reforms" is making life difficult for many claimants, especially the most vulnerable. The Council will proceed with plans to expand the level of support on offer for those affected by these benefit changes, including specific support for council tenants who may be at risk of going into rent arrears.

We have funded a Financial Inclusion Officer to provide advice to residents. We also arranged for council officers to be on site at Cambridge Jobcentre during the initial rollout, working

collaboratively with Department for Work and Pensions officials to help them understand the intricacies of renting in Cambridge. We have also increased our funding of the Cambridge Citizens' Advice Bureau to assist them in their work helping people navigate the tricky terrain of the system.

Financial Support for People on Low Incomes

The Council made sure in its recent budget that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme supported vulnerable households – we are now one of very few councils in the country who preserve levels of support within its Local Scheme. We also provide Discretionary Housing Payments which protect many recipients from increased rent arrears and help prevent many households from becoming homeless. Our Housing Benefit Plus scheme also tops-up local housing allowance rates to those assessed to be most in urgent need, to allow them to meet the cost of renting privately.

Ensuring Wider Access to Leisure and Culture

The Council will continue to provide swimming, sports facilities and leisure services that are accessible to all, with discounted entry to centres for city residents on low incomes, and specific initiatives to encourage active lifestyles like providing 3000 free swims a year for children and families. The Council will also continue to place a special focus on addressing health inequalities through specific and targeted initiatives like our recently expanded Exercise Referral programme.

We will continue to use the power of the arts in promoting equality of opportunity, learning new skills, building confidence and enhancing wellbeing, through initiatives like the 'My Cambridge' education partnership which gives young people from low incomes access to culture.

The Council is proud of its Children's and Young People's Participation Service and services it provides to young people in the city, and we remain committed to supporting them especially those experiencing disadvantage. We will continue our work in involving young people in the Council's decision-making processes, engaging them in forums so they have a role in the future of the Council and Cambridge as a city.

We will support a partnership with Cambridge Junction to redevelop and extend its existing site (owned by the Council). These plans will leverage external funding and grants, providing additional space for the arts, education and creative industries, taking advantage of Cambridge's location and prestige.

Bringing Our Communities Together

The Council will continue to implement its Building Stronger Communities strategy, investing in community centres and community development initiatives that are focused on helping communities thrive and develop, bringing people together. The Council is involved, with partners, in the running of the recently-opened Clay Farm and Storey's Field centres, based in the growth sites in Trumpington and the Eddington development in North West Cambridge respectively.

As part of our council house building programme, the Akeman Street centre in Arbury will be redeveloped, and there are proposals to create a new community hub at the Meadows centre site,

integrating current facilities there and at Buchan Street. We will also provide community facilities at the Mill Road and Cromwell Road developments (subject to planning permission).

Our recent Council budget also underwrote funding towards the redevelopment of Cherry Hinton Library, creating additional space to meet community needs following the closure of the Royal British Legion hall there.

In the late 1990s, the Council created several Neighbourhood Community Partnerships (NCPs), with financial support, to help communities to deliver projects and to address local issues and concerns in their neighbourhood. We will continue to support the NCPs in King's Hedges/Arbury (NCCP) and Abbey (Abbey People) to fully realise their potential as independent charities, to operate on a sustainable basis in the long term.

The Council will continue to ensure there is a focus in delivering our services on the needs of people who are isolated due to significant mental health issues, and remain committed to implementing the Mental Health Concordat in partnership with other organisations.

We will look at ways to encourage the development of befriending schemes and resident associations in areas of high need, plus promote initiatives like 'community wardrobes' and 'community fridges' which could help to encourage community cohesion, and overcome isolation and loneliness.

A recent survey showed that one in ten in the UK have had found it hard to afford basic sanitary products. We will develop a scheme to alleviate period poverty in our city, working with the County Council and community groups.

Cutting Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

The Council will continue to work closely with the police, partners and residents in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in our city. We are deeply concerned about the impact Government funding cuts are having on police resources and their ability to fight crime, especially knife crime, drug dealing and 'County Lines' criminal activity. We will continue to challenge the effect these cuts are having on community policing initiatives in our neighbourhoods.

In the face of these challenges, we believe the proposal to deprive Cambridge of a direct police presence in the city centre by the Police and Crime Commissioner is wrong. We will make the argument for the need for a station in a central location whether the proposed closure of Parkside Police Station occurs, or preferably does not, in several years' time.

We will use our influence on the Police and Crime Panel, the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, and other forums, to ensure residents' views on what should be local priorities for the police are taken on board and implemented.

The Council will continue to prioritise work in tackling and preventing domestic violence and sexual exploitation. We are proud that, in recognition of the Council's activity in this area since 2015, this year we have had its accreditation status confirmed for the third time in a row by the White Ribbon Campaign.

The introduction of the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) on Punt Touting in the city centre, dog control on council land, and the open drinking of alcohol at Petersfield Green, Mill Road cemetery and the front garden at Ditchburn Place, have actively assisted in improving the quality of these spaces for the law-abiding majority. We will not hesitate to use our powers in proposing PSPOs when there is evidence to suggest it is in the public interest to do so and it can assist with tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Council will also continue to invest in infrastructure to assist with the fight against crime. Despite this being a County Council responsibility, we have funded brighter overnight street lighting across our city which otherwise would be dimmed or lost completely. And, last year, we commenced a £600,000 upgrade of our city's CCTV cameras, replacing cameras no longer operating and providing enhanced pictures. This new equipment is already assisting our anti-social behaviour team, car park staff and the police follow up on crimes in and near the city centre.

Making Cambridge an Inclusive City

We are proud of Cambridge's status as a welcoming, inclusive city that recognises and celebrates diversity, and stand full square against any attempt to divide our communities through racist, sexist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, homophobic or transphobic actions.

The Council will continue to lead on important events that highlight this diversity, including LGBTQ+ History Month, Black History Month, Disability History Month, Holocaust Memorial Day, International Women's Day and Mental Health Awareness Week.

We have met our commitment to help resettle in Cambridge an additional 100 refugees from Syria and other war-torn countries. We will investigate opportunities to extend this scheme and we will continue to support our new residents to live peaceful and fulfilling lives, given that the conflicts that drove them from their homes may not be resolved for several years yet. We will continue to support a wider advice service, in partnership with the Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum and Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign, to assist other refugees and asylum seekers in our city or arriving here.

The Council will proceed with a 'Making Space for People' supplementary planning document. Working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and County Council, this document will set out, amongst other things, how to improve access to transport for pedestrians and cyclists, and give particular attention to improving and enhancing accessibility for the disabled and less mobile. We will continue to work with Cambridge taxi licence holders to improve disabled access and ensure customers who possess a wheelchair have a reliable service. We will continue to provide equality and accessibility training to taxi operators.

We have met our pledge to include intelligence from the Street Charter to identify a range of funding opportunities for environmental improvements that support accessibility for people with disabilities, and we commit to adding another 'Changing Places' toilet in the city centre. We will fully fund a free Shopmobility service in the city, following the County Council's decision to withdraw its share of the budget.

COMMITMENT TWO - WE WILL BUILD MORE COUNCIL HOMES AND TACKLE HOMELESSNESS

In 2019/20 the City Council will:

Build over 500 badly needed new homes at council rents, ensuring all 500 have started on site by 2022. In 2019/20, we will invest over £700,000 in organisations who work with the homeless, and boost the supply of affordable homes in the city.

Building More New Council Homes

Providing adequate, affordable and comfortable housing is an important and key priority for the Council. We have now identified sites for all the new council homes to be built with the £70 million devolution funding provided by Government, and are likely to now exceed the target of 500 homes we pledged to deliver as a result of this funding.

536 new council homes are proposed to be built across the city, with the largest sites being at Mill Road (116 new council homes) and Cromwell Road (118 new council homes). Roughly one quarter of these new homes are currently being constructed, or have been completed, with the remainder subject to planning permission. The figure of 536 is in addition to the 242 which have been completed since Labour took office in 2014, meaning we will have built nearly 800 new council homes by 2022. Most of these new council homes will be built via the Cambridge Investment Partnership, a joint venture involving the council and Hill Residential.

The Mill Road depot and Cromwell Road sites being developed will have a mix of council housing and homes for sale on the open market.

We will consider, subject to market conditions and if it is prudent to do so, the possibility of acquiring several of these open market properties for the Cambridge City Housing Company, with a view to these being let for 'intermediate' rent (a form of tenure for people not likely to obtain social housing, but find it hard to rent at market rent levels).

Building these new homes - whilst making a huge difference to those who are on the housing needs register, and helping to offset the additional loss of council homes following Government reforms to Right-to-Buy - should only be the first step of a renaissance in council house building in Cambridge. We want to continue being bold and ambitious, providing the homes our city desperately needs and taking full advantage of the newly-acquired freedom the council now has to borrow, unrestricted against our Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

The Council will bring forward a plan in 2019 setting how we will deliver further new council homes after 2022 using new powers for borrowing against the HRA, Right-to-Buy receipts and other sources of funding and land. This will be central in achieving the administration's goal to build and/or acquire an additional 1,000 new council homes by 2030.

In addition to investing in building new homes, we want to improve existing ones. We will invest £5 million over the next few years in schemes to enhance the environment of our council estates for the benefit of current and future tenants and leaseholders.

Projects will include, for example, new LED lighting, increased security measures for bin stores to prevent fly-tipping, more planting, and bike racks. Need will be evidenced through local engagement with housing officers, residents and councillors.

Boosting the Supply of Affordable Homes

The Council created the Cambridge City Housing Company (CCHC) three years ago as a means of providing additional homes at 'intermediate' rents. Any return on investment is pumped back into the company and providing council services. These properties are let out via our social lettings agency, Town Hall Lettings. It is our intention to continue to develop CCHC and add to its existing homes as market conditions allow.

We will work closely with housing associations and others in maximising opportunities to boost the numbers of homes let for social and affordable rent. We will also lobby Government to reform the calculation of local housing allowance (LHA) rates to better and more accurately reflect the rental market in expensive towns and cities, like Cambridge. The current Broad Market Rental Area calculation for Cambridge takes into account the market rent levels for not just the city itself, but those areas which surround it, pushing down the LHA rate payable. This mechanism prices people out of the city on low incomes.

In addition, we will work in partnership with neighbouring councils, registered providers and developers to build affordable homes across all types of tenure in accordance with our new joint Local Plan with South Cambridgeshire.

In realising this aim, we will continue to develop a framework, using national planning policy as a starting point, to ensure viability assessments (provided by developers in requesting to deviate from providing 40 per cent affordable housing on relevant sites) are properly and fully scrutinised.

Bringing Empty Homes Back into Use

The Council will continue with efforts to reduce the number of homes in the city that lie empty. Over the last four years, we have helped bring around 130 empty homes back into use. We will review how we can ~~continue to~~ bring even more empty homes back into use each year.

We will make full use of new powers to charge double council tax on existing empty homes, and continue to offer other incentives to homeowners, like loans to help with renovations to make a property habitable. Where incentives fail, we will pursue enforcement action including Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Making Renting Fairer for Private Sector Tenants

Nearly one-third of the city's households are privately rented out to tenants. We have recently implemented the extension of mandatory licensing for Homes in Multiple Occupation which came into effect last year, and will continue to encourage landlords in the private rental sector to deliver

safe, well-managed energy-efficient homes that are of a good standard, and tackle those who do not. We will consult on the expansion of property licensing to cover more privately rented homes in the city.

Tackling Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

Homelessness has long been a significant issue in Cambridge but, as is the case nationally, it has become more acute over the last couple of years. A combination of rising rent levels fuelled by high demand, together with Government welfare reforms, have contributed towards a rise in homelessness in Cambridge and across the country.

No-one should have to sleep rough or be homeless in our city, and we are strongly committed to helping prevent and alleviate it wherever it occurs. The Council has a dedicated team in its Housing Advice and Support section that works closely with highly-valued and important organisations like Jimmy's and Wintercomfort, among others, providing a joined-up approach in tackling homelessness. In 2019/20 the Council will provide grant funding of £720,000 per year to these organisations to aid their work.

We also have delivered initiatives such as:

- The creation of a new "Housing First" programme for the benefit of long-term rough sleepers, a scheme we will look to expand including with additional offers of accommodation;
- A dedicated street-life partnership group with agencies set up to help rough sleepers into accommodation;
- Creating Street Aid, a charitable fund that has raised over £50,000 since it was created, helping vulnerable people get off or stay off the streets with small grants;
- A dedicated homelessness prevention officer with a specific remit towards prison and hospital leavers;
- Continuing using the Council's social lettings agency (Town Hall Lettings), set up to provide shared accommodation for single homeless people;
- A Single Homelessness Service that has housed over 450 local people since its inception, and
- Providing a 'Housing Benefit Plus' scheme which tops-up local housing allowance rates to those assessed to be most in urgent need, allowing them to meet the cost of renting privately.

The Council will take stock of our work to-date and commit to undertake a review of its strategic response to rough sleeping. Our review should consider how best to achieve the twin objectives of ensuring a bed is available every night for every rough sleeper, and to end street homelessness in Cambridge by, at the very latest 2025, two years before the Government's own target.

Planning for Sustainable Homes, Jobs and Infrastructure

We will implement the approved joint Local Plan with South Cambridgeshire which sets out how to best accommodate the needs of a growing city and Greater Cambridge area to 2031 whilst keeping intact what makes our city special. We will engage with the community on options for the next Joint Plan.

The Council led efforts in a successful joint bid for £227million of Government funding to help develop the north-east fringe of Cambridge, situated at the current wastewater recycling works near Cambridge North rail station. This project will unlock over seven thousand new homes of varying tenures – with our planning policies seeking that at least 40 percent of these will be affordable. It will also provide thousands of new jobs in a sustainable location that will be well connected by public transport. We are committed to building a significant number of council housing units on city land included in the project.

We will continue to ensure that new council housing meets rigorous and tough design, low carbon and sustainability standards as set out in the Cambridge Sustainable Housing Design Guide. All new council homes will be adaptable and accessible for people with limited mobility. And, as a minimum, 2 percent of new council housing developments will conform to wheelchair accessible standards, rising to a minimum of 5 percent in developments of over 20 homes. We will continue to persuade Cambridge developers to adopt these standards, standards which goes beyond national requirements. We restate our previous commitment to requiring biodiversity and long-term sustainability plans for all larger development sites. We will also adopt the improved planning “Quality Charter” being developed by the Combined Authority.

We reaffirm our commitment to putting forward formal planning guidance on strategically-important new residential and commercial sites, setting out how they can be developed to appropriate parameters. This includes land north of Cherry Hinton, the Grafton Centre area and area plans for Mitcham’s Corner and other parts of the city. We will continue our policy in not allowing speculative student developments with no identified end users, by tying student accommodation proposals to established and existing educational institutions.

COMMITMENT THREE - WE WILL MAKE CAMBRIDGE GREENER AND INCREASE JOINT WORK TO BECOME A ZERO CARBON CITY

In 2019/20 the City Council will:

Strengthen action on climate change and biodiversity, cut the city’s carbon emissions faster, reduce use of herbicides, plant more trees and create more wildflower gardens.

Declaring a Climate Emergency

The Council recently declared a Climate Emergency because we believe action is needed now to ensure the current crisis does not become a catastrophe.

We will use our position in speaking for the city by lobbying Government, the County Council, Cambridge companies, industry and regulators to take seriously the need for immediate decisive action so that real progress can be made for Cambridge - and the UK - to reduce our carbon emissions.

We will establish a Cambridge Climate Charter, which will set out how Cambridge can become a zero-carbon city by 2030. It will call on all organisations, businesses and individuals to establish

their own Carbon Management Plans and commit to reducing their carbon emissions which will combine in delivering the city's net zero carbon target.

The Charter will also detail what else is required for Cambridge to become zero carbon. It will include the changes that city and the Council would need to make, the obstacles Government has to remove, and extra national policies and incentives that are essential to enable cities like Cambridge to achieve this ambitious but essential carbon reduction target.

We will also declare a Biodiversity Emergency, and pledge to update and reassess our Biodiversity Strategy as a first step.

Building on the Council's work with local partners on sustainable food, detailed below, we will undertake further work to increase Cambridge food sustainability and seek Sustainable Food Cities silver status in November 2019.

Becoming a Greener Council

The Council has reduced its own carbon emissions by 15 per cent since 2016, and is on track to reduce it by one-fifth by next year. We will continue to cut emissions produced by the Council's buildings and fleet through developing and investing in carbon reduction projects, such as the completed installation of solar panels at Parkside Pools, and a biomass boiler at King's Hedges Learner Pool, and a Combined Heat and Power plant in the Guildhall.

As stated above, our Climate Charter will set out the further steps the Council need to take in helping Cambridge and the UK become zero carbon by 2030. This will include investigating and researching opportunities to invest in renewable energy initiatives inside and outside of the city, with a view to making a financial return that can be reinvested in providing front line services, while boosting the National Grid's supply of green energy. We will target reductions in fuel costs, as well as supporting the city economy, by procuring local goods and services wherever it is possible and reasonable to do so.

Keeping our City's Environment Special

Our vision includes making our green spaces even greener, so present and future generations can continue to enjoy Cambridge's unique and special natural environment. We will increase the overall percentage of the city's parks and open spaces that are actively designated and managed for biodiversity purposes. We will continue to work with the police to identify the small number responsible for repeat graffiti around the city and tackle this and other antisocial acts that damage our precious environment.

The Council will continue to reduce our use of herbicides and trial a 'zero chemical' approach to the upkeep of two of our parks. We restate our commitment to boosting the number, and quality, of trees in the city, as set out in the Council's 2016 tree strategy, with an aspiration to add 16,000 trees so that for one-fifth of the city will be covered with tree canopy by 2030 through new initiatives, as well as existing ones like our 'Trees for Babies' scheme. We commit to adding to our thirteen city wildflower gardens.

We will pursue a “Your Cambridge” focus in Council public realm management, emphasising what all residents can do to help their city and their rights and responsibilities, working with residents and local groups and volunteers. We will assess how effective the increased fine levels for littering have been and consider further measures to reduce littering, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour.

We recognise the importance and significance of the River Cam in our city. In the last year, a local artist has been appointed to work with the local community as part of an art commission to celebrate its importance to Cambridge. We will undertake an assessment on making the River Cam corridor more accessible, while protecting its fragile environment.

Cambridge as a Place to be Enjoyed

The Council recognises the importance of our city centre for our residents and as a location that people all over the world visit. As well as looking to improve the quality of air, we will proceed with efforts to improve the built environment. We will consult on proposals to renovate the historic Market Square, the goal being to improve cleanliness, accessibility, and to enhance the use of the space for community use during the non-market hours. We will proceed with plans to redevelop the toilets at Silver Street, bringing them up to a modern and high-quality standard to be expected of such a highly-visited location.

We will work and collaborate with the County Council, local businesses and retailers, Cambridge BID and Visit Cambridge and Beyond on business and tourism-related issues so our city continues to be an important, accessible and attractive place to visit. We will lobby Government, working with the Local Government Association and other councils, for the implementation of a tourist tax, the proceeds of which would be invested in local services and city infrastructure. We will continue work with the County Council to reduce the impact of coaches, including at Queen’s Road.

Becoming a Sustainable City

We will ensure that sustainable growth of the city, growth that balances economic success with the quality of life and place (including in the design of new buildings) as set out in the new Local Plan, is supported. We will engage, in a variety of formats, with residents, developers and stakeholders how best to deliver this on an ongoing basis.

We continue to be committed to Cambridge being recognised nationally as a leading sustainable food city with easy access to locally-sourced produce and seek to promote a vibrant and sustainable local food system from field to fork. We are committed to understanding the ecological footprint of Cambridge and seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by supporting food processing and production that protects natural resources and ecosystems. We support Cambridge Sustainable Food and other like-minded organisations in promoting such practices.

We will build on our work over the last twelve months in encouraging people to take part in water refill schemes in the city. We will explore the possibility of further water fountains in public spaces, following the recent installation of one at Parker’s Piece.

Cleaning our Air and Cleaning our City

To enable a green and zero-carbon city, Cambridge has to find sustainable solutions to existing and future transport problems. Our city remains congested, and our air, especially in the city centre, is of unacceptable quality.

As well as taking a lead on reducing carbon emissions, we will proceed with a new Air Quality Action Plan, with proposals for a Clean Air Zone in the city centre to improve the quality of the air that we breathe. We recently signed up to the Charter for Cleaner Air, backed by Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and other councils, to signal our intent to maintain pressure on Government to take steps to reduce illegal levels of air pollution.

These commitments will complement existing work in reducing diesel and petrol vehicle movements into the city centre. The Council will add to initiatives like the recent investment of more than 20 electric taxi charging points, and support residents and businesses who wish to pursue the option with the County Council of 'car-free days' in areas of congestion like Mill Road.

We remain fully committed to ensuring all Cambridge-licensed taxis are zero or ultra-low emission by 2028 and, where possible, our fleet of council vans is being replaced with electric vehicles on renewal. We will continue the peak-time parking tariff at Council multi-storey car parks, following its introduction last April, to assist with reducing peak-time congestion and increase the number of non-car journeys into the city centre.

We will continue to find ways to make recycling easier and more efficient across the city and South Cambridgeshire through the Shared Waste Service, encouraging residents and businesses to do more in recycling their waste. We've successfully installed new recycling bins alongside litter bins throughout the city, and we've reorganised every bin round, saving 20,000 lorry miles. We commit to keeping a free pest control service for residents. This valuable service used by over a thousand households each year.

Investing More in Sustainable Transport for Cambridge

The Council will continue working with partners to deliver a new Cambridge South rail station near Addenbrooke's by the Government's target of 2025, or sooner if possible, and help to secure increased rail services including those serving Cambridge North station. We support initiatives that will deliver improvements to the central rail station, and we will continue to lobby for additional wider investments in the rail network benefitting our city and county, including the planned East-West rail route from the East Coast main line to Cambridge.

We will continue to use our position on the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) to assist with the delivery of infrastructure schemes to increase non-car journeys in Cambridge. We want to ensure the future growth of the city is properly and sustainably managed, reducing traffic on our roads and encouraging, instead, the use of cycling, pedestrian and public transport options. Over £20million in extra cycling investment has been committed since 2014, including the important Chisholm Trail cycleway - construction now underway - that will link up the north, east and south employment hubs of the city. We will continue to pursue, with the Combined Authority and GCP, innovative solutions on bus transport, and support the Combined Authority in seeking the funding necessary to deliver the proposed CAM Metro.

We reaffirm our commitment to increase secure cycle parking in locations across the city to encourage more people to cycle, including taking opportunities in 2019/20 to add secure parking and cycling connectivity at community centres and within major new developments.

Cambridge is a place where bus usage rates lag behind the national average, with its current services deemed by the Government to be some of the least reliable or punctual in the whole country. We will support the GCP in leading on plans to substantially increase funding for local bus services and to cut congestion, subject to consultation input from residents and travellers. We will continue to press the Combined Authority to introduce bus franchising, under the powers at their disposal to do this, and to bring about other improvements like community transport, smart ticketing and the extension of Park and Ride usage and services. These initiatives will make a real and tangible difference to passenger numbers and reduce the traffic on our roads.

COMMITMENT FOUR - WE WILL PROTECT VITAL SERVICES OUR COMMUNITY RELIES ON

In 2019/20 the City Council will:

Protect vital services despite receiving zero core grant from Government by transforming how the Council operates, assisted by its dedicated staff.

Striving to Protect Vital Services Despite Government Cuts

Since coming into office in 2014, the Labour-led City Council has protected the vital services Cambridge residents rely on, despite the loss of all of the core Government grant the council received to assist with providing these services. Only five years ago the Council received £5.6 million in that grant. Since 2010, the Government has incrementally cut the Council's core funding, money which previously made up over half of our net budget. *There is a risk that the Government could decide to radically change the funding regime for district councils. If this occurs, protecting services into the future will become more challenging and we will focus on protecting those services that matter most to local residents, and services that make the greatest difference for those in real need.*

To minimise as much as possible the impact of cuts on the Council, we have found new ways to generate income by releasing over £40 million in previously idle and unused bank balances, making strategic investments in commercial property and housing to make a return that is above available interest rates. This increased income works out to over £2million a year which supports essential services, as well as raising ongoing income to continue supporting those services in future years. We will explore additional investment opportunities for the further generation of income following completion of a comprehensive review of the Council's assets.

Investing in our City's Future

Investment in capital adds value to our city and benefits our residents. As well as generating income for the Council, our £6 million investment in Lion Yard will help improve that shopping centre, and our proposed investment in a new community centre at the Meadows in King's Hedges ward will not only provide enhanced facilities but will release land for up to 100 badly

needed new council homes.

We will take forward proposals to redevelop the Park Street Car Park site, and consider options for the regeneration of other car park sites following the aforementioned review of assets.

The Council will strive to provide services to maximise the value of taxpayers' money. For example, we have created a new depot site for our cleaning and maintenance teams at Council-owned land at Cowley Road, freeing up the previous depot at the Mill Road for new social and market housing.

We will invest in facilities at the city crematorium and cemetery to ensure the Council's bereavement services are efficiently-run but, most importantly, continue to improve the service and focus on the needs of the bereaved.

Sharing Services and Working Smarter

We have successfully established shared waste and internal audit services with South Cambridgeshire, and information technology, building control and legal services with South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire councils. We will continue to develop our new shared planning service with South Cambridgeshire, which will assist with the delivery of the joint Local Plan with that authority.

In addition, we will proceed with our planned £2million investment in IT software and associated digital infrastructure to improve customer response and service accessibility, reliability and efficiency for residents and council staff alike.

Our Continued Commitment to Cultural Services

Given the problems at the Cambridge Live charitable trust, we acted decisively to return its services back in-house, saving jobs. We will undertake an independent review so the Council can learn from what happened. We will this year continue work formerly undertaken by the Cambridge Live trust, including delivering the Corn Exchange event programme, the internationally-regarded Cambridge Folk Festival, and the highly popular Big Weekend and other open space events.

Making Devolution Work for Cambridge

We will work with the Combined Authority Mayor and neighbouring authorities, particularly South Cambridgeshire, to deliver maximum benefit for our city, achieving progress in the devolution deal areas of affordable housing, transport infrastructure and skills. We will continue to lobby Government for the devolution of business rates so investment in our area be brought forward. To enable adequate delivery to occur, however, the CA and Mayor need to work constructively with us and partners and operate transparently.

We will continue on the Combined Authority to ensure the interests of Cambridge are represented effectively, including proper scrutiny of proposals and decisions made by the Mayor and Authority, and to achieve real benefits for Cambridge.