

Cambridge City Council Notice of Council

Date: Thursday, 18 July 2019

Time: 6.00 pm

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 Thursday, 18 July 2019 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 10 July 2019

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 Minutes
- 2 Mayor's announcements
- 3 Public questions time
- 4 To consider the recommendations of the Executive for adoption
- 4a 2018/19 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances – Housing Revenue Account (Executive Councillor for Housing) (Pages 7 - 28)

- 4b New Build Housing - Campkin Road (Executive Councillor for Housing) (Pages 29 - 56)
- 4c Annual Treasury Management (Outturn) Report 2018/19 (Executive Councillor for Finance & Resources) (Pages 57 - 78)
- 4d 2018/19 General Fund (Overview) Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances (Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources) (Pages 79 - 122)
- 5 To deal with oral questions
- 6 To consider the following notices of motion, notice of which has been given by:
- 6a Councillor Martinelli: Making Cambridge a Pesticide-Free City

Cambridge City Council notes:

- Pesticides are currently used by the City Council to control plant growth within Cambridge, including in our open spaces.
- City Council teams also use pesticides for the management of grass areas associated with highways under a Service Level Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council.
- Exposure to pesticides is associated with human disease, harm to wildlife and contamination of our natural resources.
- Safe and effective alternatives to the use of chemical pesticides exist and are in use by other local authorities who have committed to becoming pesticide-free.
- Trials this year of stopping herbicide use in a number of parks in Cambridge have been successful without significant negative impact on either the quality of the area or the Council's resources.
- The City Council does not operate in isolation and engagement from the wider community and other bodies will be necessary to phase out the use of pesticides within the city.

Cambridge City Council therefore resolves to:

- 1) Commit to stopping all use of pesticides on Cambridge City Council's open spaces within the next year
- 2) Bring a report to the Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee defining a strategy for the complete phase out of pesticide use by the end of 2022
- 3) Establish a stakeholder forum including Cambridgeshire County

Council, members of the public and local landowners to assist in implementing the strategy

6b Councillor McQueen: Universal Basic Income Pilot

Council welcomes the concept of a Universal Basic Income (UBI) where citizens are paid a non-means tested sum from the state to cover the basic cost of living. The amount is paid to all citizens, regardless of employment status, wealth, marital status or any other circumstance.

Council believes that UBI is an idea that could address challenges faced by new technologies, the changing world of work, the emergence of extreme poverty for many citizens and increasing wealth inequalities by:

- Rethinking how and why we work
- Contributing to better working conditions
- Ending artificial distinctions between paid and unpaid work, recognising the contribution of unpaid caring, for example
- Contributing to fewer working hours and a better distribution of jobs.

Council also welcomes the recent announcement by Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell that a future Labour Government would bring in a pilot UBI scheme to test the idea and evaluate its operation.

Council therefore requests that the Leader of the City Council writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking the Government to introduce a trial UBI as a matter of urgency and also write to the Shadow Chancellor sharing this motion and asks that Cambridge is considered for any pilot UBI scheme introduced by a future Labour Government.

Council furthermore requests that the Leader writes to our local MPs with the motion and requests they also write to the Chancellor and Shadow Chancellor with the same message.

6c Councillor Massey: EACH Hospices

Council considers we are very lucky here in Cambridge city to be served by the East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH) that is based in Milton just outside of our city. EACH provides much need care and support to many families in Cambridge city and around East Anglia.

The City Council notes that:

1. On 27 December 2018, NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens announced that, over the next five years, up to £7million additional funding would be made available to children's hospices each year on top of the existing £11million Children's Hospice Grant, if CCGs also provide additional match funding.
2. That NHS England subsequently rowed back on this promise in its Long Term Plan and instead, this stated that the additional funding would not be exclusively for children's hospices. Since then, Charity Together for Short Lives* has also received no reassurance from NHS England or government that the children's hospice grant will still be available beyond 2020.
3. A recent survey by charity "Together for Short Lives" of children's hospices found that:
 - i. Overall, the level of funding children's hospices receive from the state has dropped to 21%, down from 27% in 2013/14.
 - ii. The average amount given to each children's hospice charity by local NHS clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) fell by 2% between 2016/17 and 2018/19.
 - iii. This combination of falling funding and increasing costs is hitting our most vulnerable children and their families at a time when Labour Party national policy states that "We will ensure high quality, personalised care for people approaching the end of their life, wherever and whenever they need it."

In response, the Council asks the Leader to

1. Write to the CCG and NHS England and ask that funding for our children local service East Anglia Children's Hospice, and other children's hospices, is protected.
2. Also write to our MP's and encourage them to press The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock to protect the funding for children's hospices and increase it to £25 million.
3. Write to East Anglia Children's Hospices expressing the Council's thanks on their 30 years anniversary of service to children and families in Cambridge and East Anglia.

6d Councillor Cantrill: Proposed Meadows & Buchan Street Development

Councillor Cantrill

This Council recognises that there is an urgent need to build social housing in the city to meet the needs of those 2,500 families (approximate) who are currently on the Council's Housing Register.

The programme to build 500 council houses goes some way to address this need. However, the Council is deeply concerned about the proposed Meadows & Buchan Street scheme to provide some of these and the proposal to take a part of St Albans recreation ground in order to deliver the scheme, which provides new homes at the cost of removing public amenity for existing ones. The Council is also concerned that residents have not had a proper opportunity to comment on the proposals through the Council's consultation process.

The Council asks the Executive Councillor for Housing that he:

- I. pause the project and rerun the consultation exercise again, giving residents a further chance to give their input on the scheme on a proper basis; and
- II. should the public response to the new consultation be against St Albans rec land being used that the Executive Councillor for Housing accepts this view and commits to adjust the current proposals accordingly.

7 Written questions

No discussion will take place on this item. Members will be asked to note the written questions and answers document as circulated around the Chamber.

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