

# Cambridge City Council

## Notice of Council

**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021

**Time:** 11.00 am

**Venue:** Corn Exchange

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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Corn Exchange on Thursday, 27 May 2021 at 11.00 am and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 19 May 2021

Yours faithfully

Robert Pollock

Chief Executive

### Agenda

- 1 To elect a Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/22
- 2 To elect a Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2021/22
- 3 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 February and 1 March 2021 (Pages 7 - 50)
- 4 To note the Returning Officer's Report that the following have been elected to the office of Councillor (Pages 51 - 52)
- 5 Mayor's announcements
- 6 To elect from among the Members of the Council four bailiffs of the City for the Municipal Year 2021/22

7 To consider the recommendations of the Executive for adoption

7a Council Appointments to the Conservators of the River Cam (Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Sustainable Food and Community Wellbeing)

8 To elect a Leader

The Council is required to appoint a Leader. Article 7.3 of the Constitution states:

The Leader will be a councillor elected to the position by the Council and will remain as Leader until the day of the Annual Meeting of the Council in the year their term of office ends or until:

1. death or disqualification; or
2. resignation from the office; or
3. removal from office by resolution of the Council.

9 To consider the recommendations of Committees for adoption

9a Civic Affairs: Nominations for Committees for the Municipal Year 2021/22 (Pages 53 - 56)

9b Civic Affairs: Nominations for Chairs and Vice-Chairs Municipal 2021/22 (Pages 57 - 58)

10 Annual Statements

Group Leaders will each have the opportunity to speak for not more than 5 minutes on their Group's priorities for action and objectives for the forthcoming municipal year in the following order:

Councillor Herbert  
Councillor Bick  
Councillor Bennett

11 Public questions time

Public questions must be submitted by email and received by midday, Monday 24 May and will receive an oral reply from the relevant Councillor.

12 To deal with oral questions from Councillors

13 To consider the following notices of motion, notice of which has been given by:

13a Councillor Copley: Support the Climate and

## Ecological Emergency Bill

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise. This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. This is described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it.

According to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate Change, our area is at high risk from the effects of climate change and face a future of flooding, heatwaves and water shortages, and our region has such high emissions we will have "exhausted all of our 'allowed' share of emissions to 2050" in just six years unless drastic action is taken now. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities.

### **Council states that:**

- (i) All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to do everything in their power to minimise and prevent Climate and Ecological breakdown. In keeping with this, the council has declared a climate emergency in February 2019 and a biodiversity emergency in May 2019.
- (ii) The council has set out a strategy for the council to reach net zero from its direct emissions by 2030 which represent 1.1% of carbon emissions in Cambridge, and in declaring a Climate Emergency in February 2019 called on government to make the investment and changes needed for Cambridge and the UK to reach net zero carbon.

- (iii) There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the “Climate and Ecology Bill”) which deserves the support of the Government, as it reassesses the urgency of the twin climate and ecological emergencies. According to the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
  - (a) requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
  - (b) ensures that all the UK’s consumption emissions are accounted for;
  - (c) includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
  - (d) protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
  - (e) restores and regenerates the UK’s depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and their resistance to climate heating;
  - (f) sets up an independent Citizens’ Assembly, representative of the UK’s population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

**Council therefore resolves to:**

- (i) Register our support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision;
- (iii) Write to our local MPs (Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire), urging them to support the Bill; and
- (iv) Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

13b Councillor Herbert: Area Committees / Changes to Decision Making

To agree that Area Committees continue to be run virtually up to 31 December 2021 initially, with a review by Civic Affairs Committee in the autumn on a more permanent change and to request that the Monitoring Officer make the necessary immediate amendments to the Council’s Constitution to give affect to this change.

14 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.

15 Officer Urgent Decision

15a Officer Urgent Decision: Non-Councillor appointment  
to Conservators of the River Cam

(Pages 59 - 60)

## Information for the public

The meeting will be live streamed on the Council's You Tube channel.

There will be a limited number of spaces for the public to attend. This is to ensure there is a Covid safe environment for everyone in the meeting. If you wish to attend in person, please contact [democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk) no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 25 May.

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