

Cambridge City Council Notice of Council

Date: Thursday, 24 February 2022

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, 24 February 2022 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 16 February 2022

Yours faithfully

Robert Pollock

Chief Executive

Agenda

The meeting held on 24 February will adjourn after agenda item 5c and will re-commence starting with agenda item 5d on 3 March 2022.

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| 1 | Minutes | (Pages 9 - 74) |
| 2 | Mayor's announcements | |
| 3 | Public questions time | |
| 4 | To consider the recommendations of the Executive for adoption | |
| 4a | Executive Councillor for Housing: HRA Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2022/23 | (Pages 75 - 206) |
| 4b | Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources: Capital Strategy 2022/2023 | (Pages 207 - 246) |

4c	Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources: Treasury Management Strategy Statement Report 2022/23 to 2024/25	(Pages 247 - 270)
5	To consider Budget Recommendations of the Executive for Adoption	
5a	Budget Setting Report (General Fund) 2022/23 to 2026/27	(Pages 271 - 422)
5b	Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to the Executive Budget Recommendations	(Pages 423 - 466)
5c	Green and Independent Group Budget Statement	(Pages 467 - 472)
5d	Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy: Corporate Plan 2022-27	(Pages 473 - 498)
6	To consider the recommendations of Committees for adoption	
6a	Licensing Committee: Review of Statement of Gambling Principles	(Pages 499 - 622)
6b	Civic Affairs: Appointing Person: Arrangements for the Appointment of the External Auditor	(Pages 623 - 634)
6c	Civic Affairs: Pay Policy Statement 2022/23	(Pages 635 - 650)
6d	Civic Affairs: Amendment to the Constitution Part 4A Appendix F (A) - Protocol on Media Relations	(Pages 651 - 664)
6e	Civic Affairs: Member Allowances Scheme / Virtual Area Committees	(Pages 665 - 696)
7	To Pass a Resolution of Thanks to Councillor Bird for Mayoral Year February 2019 to May 2020	
8	To deal with oral questions	
9	To consider the following notices of motion, notice of which has been given by:	
9a	Councillor Robertson: Fuel Poverty There is a serious threat of fuel poverty to many residents of Cambridge	

In the last few months international energy costs have risen dramatically. In response the government have announced a scheme to increase the cap on energy bills, and provide some compensation through council tax rebates and pay back loans. However it is apparent there are serious flaws in this scheme.

New analysis from Joseph Rowntree Foundation finds that, even after the new deferral scheme for energy bills and council tax discount are taken into account, once the new energy price cap kicks in:

- *Families on low incomes will spend on average 16% of their incomes after housing costs on energy bills. This compares to 5% for middle-income families*
- *Single adult households on low incomes will spend a shocking 43% on average of their income after housing costs on energy bills*
- *Lone parent families on low incomes will spend 22% on average of their income after housing costs on energy bills*
- *Some families on low incomes will face annual bills as high as £2,326 from April*
- *For low-income families with children, the measures will mitigate just 36% of the increase in their bills on average. This compares to 59% for low-income single-adult households.*
- *Around three-quarters of people eligible for the council tax discount announced are not in poverty*

Cambridge City Council calls on the Government to act now and far more effectively on the national crisis in energy prices and unsustainable supply, to protect thousands of low and middle income Cambridge residents who will get nothing from the council tax rebate plan or payback loan. We call on the government to take the following actions:

1. Increase substantially the Warm Homes Discount for poorer households, and expand the category of households eligible to include all in receipt of either Pension Credit or working age benefits
2. Allow households heated through communal heating schemes to be eligible for the energy cap as they are currently treated as commercial customers and excluded
3. Levy windfall taxes on fossil fuel producing companies
4. Remove from energy bills the burden of paying the debts of failed energy companies since OFGEM failed to require them to

- protect themselves against wholesale cost increases
5. Remove environmental levies from energy bills and pay for them from general taxation.
 6. Cut VAT on energy bills and insulation at least until energy bills return to more usual levels
 7. Set up a National Renewable Energy Fund for long term investment in energy efficiency by homeowners, council and other social landlords, private rental tenants and small to medium sized businesses

We ask our Council leader to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, copied to our two MPs, making the case for intervention and pointing out that the proposed scheme to reimburse people via the council tax system, fails to help thousands of families in need or lead to long term investment to cut future bills and end the use of fossil fuels for domestic heating and power in Britain.

9b Councillor Dalzell: North East Cambridge Area Action Plan

Council calls on the Executive Councillor for Planning & Transport to consider with her scrutiny committee options for the on-site achievement of more of the local plan policy standard for sports facilities as soon as these can be developed by officers, and then to reconsider her decision to approve the currently proposed Reg 19 version of the Area Action Plan in the light of this.

9c Councillor Copley: Non-harmful Advertising Policy

Advertising of products and activities that are, or are potentially harmful to mental or physical health, or are incompatible with limiting global heating to 1.5°C and preventing biodiversity loss are very common on our television screens, radios, social media feeds and across a variety of out-of-home advertising media. Advertising is known to promote behaviour which can be damaging to individual and/or planetary health, including overconsumption which is a key driver of climate and ecological breakdown. The consumption of the average UK citizen, if followed by all citizens globally would require 2.6 Earths worth of resources.

There is however a strong precedent for halting harmful forms of advertising. Tobacco advertising and sponsorship on billboards and in printed publications were banned from 2003, and tobacco sponsorship of international sport from 2005. The Greater London Authority (GLA), which controls Transport for London (TFL) property, enacted a

Healthier Food Advertising Policy in 2018 prohibiting High Fat, Sugar or Salt (HFSS) food advertising on TFL property. Liverpool City Council passed a 'Low Carbon Advertising Policy' motion (aimed at excluding advertising of polluting cars, Sport utility vehicles (SUVs), airline flights and fossil fuel companies); Bristol City Council banned advertising of HFSS food, gambling and payday loans on those sites for which it has responsibility; and Norwich City councillors have unanimously supported developing a policy to limit harmful categories of advertising and sponsorship such as gambling, "junk food" and environmentally-damaging products.

Cambridge should be following these examples as a matter of urgency, in line with its commitment to the health and wellbeing of the city's residents, and its declarations of climate and biodiversity emergencies, and recent stated commitment to the goal of the Paris Climate Agreement to limit global heating to 1.5°C. The very purpose of advertising is to stimulate demand for goods and services, and that some of those goods and services undermine the council's objectives regarding public health, air pollution and sustainability.

This council resolves to:

1. Given the harmful effects to individual and planetary health that the promotion of harmful activities and products can have, ask officers to explore and report back to the relevant scrutiny committee of the policy, legislative, financial and contractual constraints and implications of the implementation of a non-harmful advertising policy (including products and services that can contribute to poor physical or mental health, high carbon emissions, air pollution and biodiversity loss).
2. To formally submit a policy proposal to the next phase of the emerging Local Plan regarding digital advertising boards, which entails a presumption against granting planning applications for all new digital advertising screens in the City due to the high reported electricity use of these technologies.
3. Write to the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport, asking for a ban on advertising that is harmful to mental or physical health, or incompatible with the Paris Climate Agreement to limit global heating to 1.5°C, nationally, noting that in Italy, a 'Dignity Decree' was introduced in 2018 that banned all advertisements for gambling services on television, radio,

print media, the internet, or any other public forum.

9d Councillor Payne: Cambridge's Response to the Spiking Crisis

Council notes:

- Drink spiking can affect anybody, but statistics show that the majority of victims, as well as those most likely to feel unsafe due to the risk of drink spiking are women and those of marginalised genders.
- That the parliamentary Home Affairs Committee opened a new enquiry into drink spiking on 12th January 2022.
- That the worrying trend of injection spiking has received a raised profile in the media recently. This highly dangerous practice has caused increased concern for users of the night-time economy.
- That there were 43 reports of drink spiking made to Cambridgeshire Constabulary between January and October 2021.
- That Anglia Ruskin University Students' Union has raised direct concerns about drink spiking in an open appeal to clubs in Cambridge to ensure there are safety measures in place to prevent drink spiking such as providing drink covers and serving drinks directly into the hands of the customer.
- That Cambridge University Students' Union has issued guidance to university event organisers to improve safety at nighttime events.
- That Cambridgeshire Constabulary have recently received a large grant to improve safety in the nighttime economy and have issued drink testing kits to clubs in Cambridge and Peterborough.

Council believes:

- Spiking is entirely the fault of the perpetrator and never the victim.
- Everyone has the right to feel and be safe at night.
- While preventative measures are required to limit the impact of drink spiking in the short-term, education is required to ensure a

long-term cultural change.

Council will:

- Continue to work with our partners in the nighttime economy, including but not limited to pubs and club owners, the police and CAMBAC, to emphasise the need for urgent action to tackle drink spiking.
- Produce an easily accessible information resource to share with the universities and nighttime economy venues and publicise this through the council's channels, to educate and inform people about what to do if they believe they have been a victim of spiking, including how to take care of themselves or a friend, and where to report the incident to.
- Encourage all venues serving alcohol to provide free drink stop tops and covers to prevent spiking, as well as education for club bouncers and security staff about how to recognize and advise someone who may have been spiked or injected and commit to offering funding for this in the next budget cycle, following an assessment of the demand and options available.
- Bring a report to the next Environment and Communities Committee to outline the activities of other partners across the city to prevent drink spiking, and to make recommendations to the Committee which identify further steps the Council can take to facilitate and support this work.

References

Anglia Ruskin Students' Union Safer Nights Out appeal:
<https://www.angliastudent.com/news/article/union/Safer-Nights-Out/>
Cambridge University Students' Union guidance for party organisers:
<https://www.cambridgesu.co.uk/news/article/jobs/BEST-Night-Out-Support-for-Event-Organisers/>

- 10 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.
- 11 Officer Urgent Decision
- 11a Appointment of Council Representatives to the (Pages 697 -

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