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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 24 MAY 2012

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 24 May 2012 at 11.00 am and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 16 May 2012

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012/13
- 2 TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012/13
- 3 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2012

(Pages 1 - 22)

4 TO NOTE THE RETURNING OFFICERS REPORT THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Abbey	Richard Johnson
Arbury	Mike Todd-Jones
Castle	John Hipkin
Cherry Hinton	Robert Dryden
Coleridge	George Owers
East Chesterton	Margery Abbott
Kings Hedges	Nigel Gawthrop
Market	Tim Bick
Newnham	Sian Reid
Petersfield	Gail Marchant-Daisley
Queen Edith's	Sue Birtles
Romsey	Catherine Smart
Trumpington	Shapour Meftah
West Chesterton	Mike Pitt

5 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYORS CHAPLAIN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

6 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYORS CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

7 TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND CONSORT

8 MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2012/13

There will then be a break for lunch

10 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION

Civic Affairs (14 May 2012)

- Nomination for Leader
- Appointment of Committee 2012/13
- Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs 2012/13
- Other recommendations of Civic Affairs Committee

(The Mayor will call a recess so that the Special Meetings of Committees can meet to make their appointments) *(Pages 23 - 32)*

11 ANNUAL STATEMENTS

Group Leaders will each have the opportunity to speak for not more than 15 minutes on their Group's priorities for action and objectives for the forthcoming municipal year in the following order:

Councillor Bick
Councillor Herbert
Councillor Hipkin

The Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group and the Labour Group are appended to this summons.

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12 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

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 Liberal Democrat Group as a motion for adoption.

If the adopted Annual Statement contains proposals which fall outside 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.

13 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME - SEE AT THE FOOT OF THE AGENDA FOR DETAILS OF THE SCHEME

14 TO DEAL WITH ORAL QUESTIONS

15 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION, NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN BY:

15a Councillor Dryden

This council recognises the difficulties that face many residents on low incomes in seeking credit facilities. We ask officers to investigate the possibilities of developing recognised credit unions based around the city similar to an existing branch we now have in Cherry Hinton, followed by a report to Committee by the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources.

16 WRITTEN QUESTIONS

17 SPECIAL URGENCY DECISION

Decision taken by the Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and Climate Change – Councillor Sian Reid

- Intelligent Energy Europe Bid re. Cambridge City District Heating Scheme

(Pages 49 - 54)

18 TO NOTE THE RECORD OF MEMBER'S ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2011/12

(Pages 55 - 56)

Information for the Public

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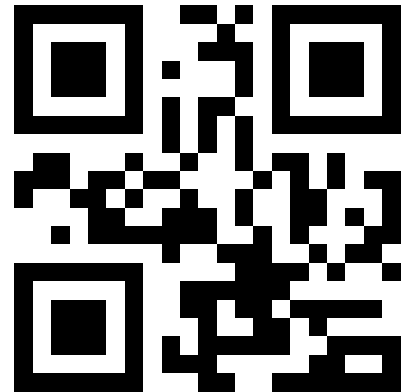
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COUNCIL19 April 2012
6.00 - 11.51 pm

Present: Councillors Nimmo-Smith (Chair), Hart (Vice-Chair), Al Bander, Ashton, Benstead, Bick, Blackhurst, Blencowe, Boyce, Brierley, Brown, Cantrill, Dryden, Herbert, Kerr, Kightley, Marchant-Daisley, McGovern, McPherson, Moghadas, O'Reilly, Owers, Pippas, Pogonowski, Price, Reid, Reiner, Rosenstiel, Saunders, Smart, Smith, Stuart, Swanson, Taylor, Todd-Jones, Tucker, Tunnacliffe, Ward and Znajek

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**12/14/CNL To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

12/15/CNL Mayors Announcements**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bird, Hipkin and Wright.

2. Application for Lord Mayor status

The Mayor confirmed that the City Council's submission to receive Lord Mayor status in connection with Her Majesty The Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations had been unsuccessful. The honour had been awarded to the City of Armagh.

3. Reach Fair

The Mayor confirmed that the annual Proclamation of Reach Fair would take place on Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May. Newly minted pennies were available from the Sergeant-at-Mace.

4. Elections

The Mayor confirmed that Councillor Margaret Wright and Councillor Roman Znajek would not be standing in the forthcoming elections. They were thanked for their contribution to the work of the Council during their respective terms in office. It was also noted that the Mayor would not be standing for re-election.

5. Twinning

At the meeting of the Council held on 20th October, 2011, it was agreed to present the Honorary Freedom of the City to the City of Szeged. The Mayor confirmed that unfortunately it had not been possible to arrange a date for representatives of the City of Szeged to visit Cambridge during this calendar year. However it was hoped that a visit could be planned for 2013.

It was also noted that the Mayor and Consort would be visiting Szeged during the period 18th/20th May at their own expense.

6. City Council annual meeting

The Mayor confirmed that the Council's annual meeting would take place on Thursday, 24th May. Members were asked to let Sue Edwards know as soon as possible if they would like to reserve any guest seating.

7. Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Item	Interest
Ward	12/19b/CNL	Personal – Proprietor of a website offering free adverts for shared housing, which is supported by commercial advertising.
Owers	12/19b/CNL	Personal – Lives in a house of multiple occupation
Ward	12/19b/CNL	Personal and Prejudicial – Frequent user of airport
Reid	12/19c/CNL	Personal – Joint owner of property, which may be subject to increased regulation if the motion was passed.

12/16/CNL Public Questions Time

1) Mr Tom Woodcock addressed the Council and raised concern regarding the provision of affordable housing. Mr Woodcock outlined his view that the numbers on the Council Housing Needs Register were a significant under estimation of the number of people in need of suitable housing in the city, and that the register needed to adequately reflect the need in the city. Mr Woodcock also explained that, in his view, private rental accommodation was difficult to afford and this situation was exacerbated by excessive level of charging from letting agents.

Mr Woodcock highlighted the significant role that universities in the city had to play in the provision of suitable and affordable housing. Mr Woodcock also expressed concern that new provision was often the wrong type, built in the wrong place and at the wrong price.

Mr Woodcock challenged the Motion presented on houses of multiple occupation, and indicated that in his view it started from the wrong point, and that the focus should be on providing decent and affordable places to live.

The Executive Councillor for Housing acknowledged the concerns raised, and expressed considerable sympathy for the need to ensure the provision of affordable housing. It was highlighted that on the fringe sites, the City Council had been successful in obtaining 40% provision of affordable housing (split between social rented and intermediate housing). The Executive Councillor acknowledged the major role that the universities could play in the delivery of affordable housing. The Executive Councillor explained that the current situation was partially as a result of the system reaching "boiling point" due to building slowing, and noted that any efforts to further regulate the sector was likely to make the problem worse.

Mr Woodcock re-iterated concerns regarding the level of fees charged by letting agents and the negative affect that this had on developing cohesive communities. Mr Woodcock encouraged the Council to invest in a significant increase in the building and acquisition of new council housing.

The Executive Councillor explained that changes in the rules related to housing finance would allow the Council to invest in new council house provision. The Executive Councillor also encouraged tenants to report issues to the Citizens Advice Bureau, as charges may be illegal.

2) Mr Richard Johnson addressed the Council and requested the support of the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport for a campaign to increase the quality of bus services between Abbey Ward and Addenbrookes Hospital. Mr Johnson explained that the campaign sought to put pressure on Stagecoach to either add or amend an existing service. Mr Johnson explained that the existing services from Barnwell Road to Addenbrookes involved two separate bus journeys and over 50 minutes journey time. It was also noted that taxi and car travel was either prohibitively expensive, or difficult due to the limited provision of car parking. It was noted that Unison were also supporting the campaign. Mr Johnson also highlighted that he was currently organising a petition, and was hoping to present it to a future Council meeting.

The Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport agreed with the principle of the campaign, and acknowledged that the existing level of service in Abbey was poor when compared with most other parts of the city. The Executive Councillor explained that in other parts of the county the current level of service would represent a significant improvement in existing provision. The Executive Councillor expressed reservations about the ability of the County Council to provide subsidy to new services, as they were in the process of reducing service subsidies. The Executive Councillor explained that the current City Council support for public and community transport would be reviewed in the next 12 months, and this issue would be considered as part of that review.

Mr Johnson welcomed the comments and sought the support of the Executive Councillor for the campaign. He requested a meeting with the Executive Councillor to discuss the campaign further.

The Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport agreed to meet with Mr Johnson, but declined to support the campaign at this stage without sight of the detail of the petition.

3) Mr Richard Taylor addressed the Council and questioned the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health:

- An update was requested on the current status of the proposals for dispersal zones in the City Centre and the east of the city.
- Clarification was requested on whether the decision to implement Neighbourhood Restorative Justice would be reconsidered in light of the discovery of a significant error in the information presented to the committee, which implied that the approach would also be available for

more serious offences than previously intended. Comment was also requested on the view of the magistrates on the proposals, in the light apparently negative comments with regards to the scheme.

- An update was requested on the status of the negotiations regarding the formation of the Shadow Police and Crime Panel.
- Clarification was requested on the relationship between the Executive Councillor and the recently appointed Superintendent. The Executive Councillor was also asked if he had any role in the appointment of the Superintendent (Vicky Skeels) for the City.
- An update was requested on whether the City Council was considering requesting police powers for City Rangers.

The Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health responded:

- There were no active discussions regarding a dispersal zone in the east of the city, and the Police were not pursuing a Section 30 dispersal zone for the City Centre. It was noted that the latter had been discussed at West/Central Area Committee on 1st March 2012, and that the withdrawal of the Police request was to be formally reported to West/Central Area on 26th April 2012.
- The oversight in the proof reading of the Neighbourhood Restorative Justice documentation presented to the Executive Councillor and Scrutiny Committee was acknowledged, however it was explained that the intention of the proposals was clear. The Executive Councillor explained that there would be further opportunities to refine the process.
- The Executive Councillor challenged the assertion that the magistrates were against the scheme. It was noted that the response from the magistrates covered a wider range of issues. It was also highlighted that the response from the magistrates emphasised that they were committed to the common goal of making and maintaining Cambridge as a safe place.
- The Executive Councillor explained that each Council was eligible for a seat on any Shadow Police and Crime Panel, but there was also a requirement to ensure political, geographical and skills/knowledge balance. Discussions on these issues were ongoing.
- The Executive Councillor explained that he had no role in the appointment of Vicky Skeels. It was also explained that Cambridgeshire Police was a partner organisation, and that the Executive Councillor was not responsible for their actions.
- The Executive Councillor clarified that the discussion on the power of City Rangers had been initiated by officers, and not by elected

politicians. There was no intention to extend the existing role of City Rangers.

4) Ms Alison Power addressed the Council and spoke in objection to Motion 6b. Ms Power explained that she had been a resident of Cambridge for 18 years, and was worried by the proposal.

Ms Power expressed concern that the current approach could unfairly discriminate against various parts of the community. Concerns were also raised that the approach of the City Council appears to contravene the Housing Act.

Ms Power highlighted the positive benefit of housing co-operatives and the need to support the vital role of houses of multiple occupation in the future development of the city.

The Executive Councillor for Housing clarified the definition of houses of multiple occupation, and that the approach adopted by the City Council was consistent with the Housing Act. The Executive Councillor noted that the proposed Motion was potentially discriminatory and confusing, and did not have her support. The positive benefits of housing co-operatives were acknowledged, and that shared houses provided an essential role in the city.

Ms Power thanked the Executive Councillor for clarifying the current position of the City Council, and welcomed the opportunity for further discussions with the Executive Councillor. In response to a suggestion, the Executive Councillor agreed to ensure that the position of the City Council was clarified on its website.

5) Mr Meftah spoke in objection to the Motion 6b. He explained that shared housing was often the only option for many residents who were not served by social housing.

The Executive Councillor for Housing clarified what constituted a house of multiple occupation, and emphasised the positive benefits that shared housing provided to the city.

12/17/CNL To consider the recommendations of Committees for Adoption

Area Committees - amendment to the Constitution to reflect functions delegated by the Executive

Resolved (22 votes to 0) to:

Amend the terms of reference of Area Committees, as contained in Section 12 of Part 3 of the Constitution, in accordance with the Appendix to the officer's report.

Review of the Council's Audio and Visual Recording Protocol

Councillor Boyce proposed and Councillor Rosenstiel seconded an amendment to insert at the end of item 1 of the revised protocol:

"The Council will supply signs which will be deployed at any meeting all or part of which is to be recorded"

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 22 votes to 11

Resolved (Unanimously) to:

Approve the revised Audio and Visual Recording Protocol as amended.

12/18/CNL To deal with Oral Questions

1. Councillor Dryden to the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

Is the Council's emergency out of hours telephone number 457457, still the correct number to call when residents need to contact the Council for that reason?

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources confirmed that the emergency out of hours number was still in operation and manned by a dedicated call handler. When the call handler is dealing with an enquiry, any new callers would be given the option of leaving a message. These messages were then screened and dealt with in priority order. The Executive Councillor agreed to review the content of the recorded message and amend if more clarity was needed.

2. Councillor Herbert to the Leader of the Council

What further effort is planned to recover the missing Folk Festival ticket money?

The Leader of the Council responded and noted that Councillor Herbert had asked a similar question at a recent meeting. Whilst a full written response had been provided on that occasion, the Leader and the Head of Legal Services would still be happy to meet with Councillor Herbert to discuss the issue in more detail.

3. Councillor Brierley to the Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services

The litter in the area between Cambridge Regional College (CRC) and Campkin Way Tescos has been a persistent problem. I know a significant number of Kings Hedges residents are interested in what actions are being taken to reduce and mitigate the problem?

The Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services acknowledged that this was a heavily littered area but confirmed that work was being undertaken to address the problem. Enforcement Teams undertook regular visits to CRC to discuss the problem with students, and the Tesco store and the Ocean Dragon takeaway had signed up to voluntary clean up activities. Five additional litterbins had also been installed and the City Rangers arranged regular 'clean-up days' in the local area. The City Council also worked closely with national bodies such as 'Keep Britain Tidy' who engaged with national campaigns to lobby supermarkets to use less packaging.

4. Councillor Reiner to the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health

Could you please report back to the Council on the result of your discussions with the Post Office on the shortcomings of its new office on St. Andrew's Street?

The Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health confirmed that, after moving in December 2010, local residents had complained of limited floor space, narrow doorways and the lack of an external post box at the St Andrew's Street location. The Executive Councillor had met with both the Regional and the Branch Manager to discuss the issue and it had been agreed that the Post Office would reposition its floor space, submit a planning application for a new front entrance and install an external post box. Public consultation on the planning application for the new front entrance expired on the 20 April, and as yet no objections had been received.

5. Councillor Price to the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

How effective has the Cam-Conservators implementation from April 1st of only granting punt licences to businesses operating from the 6 identified punt stations been, and, subsequently, what has been the effect on the numbers and behaviour of punt touts operating in the City Centre?

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources confirmed that since the 1 April 2011 the number of touts operating in the City Centre had decreased and that local shops and colleges had reported that their behaviour had improved. In June 2011 there was reported to be 29 touts operating in the Kings Parade area, whilst a recent count had noted 2 on a Sunday and 7 on a Bank Holiday. The Executive Councillor also noted that only two complaints had been received since 1 April and that any ongoing issues would be looked at in partnership with the Cam Conservators and the local Police.

6. Councillor Owers to the Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services

In light of the Council's catastrophically poor record at taking enforcement action against irresponsible dog owners for dog-fouling, are there plans to co-operate with PCSOs and/or Police Officers to bolster enforcement efforts against dog-fouling?

The Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services confirmed that City Council officers continued to target the known hotspots and monitor the situation. To address the problem, over 70,000 dog waste bags had been distributed, three additional Enforcement Officers had been trained and 8 suspected offenders had been contacted by letter. However it was noted that in order to take formal enforcement action, the offence had to be witnessed. A

suggestion was made by the Executive Councillor that Area Committees propose this as a police priority.

7. Councillor Pogonowski to the Leader of the Council

The Citizens Survey results show increasing dissatisfaction with the Lib Dem-led Cambridge City Council. Particularly, results of how well the Council keeps residents informed of how it spends money, committee meetings and what they are for, and how residents can get involved scored high levels of dissatisfaction. What will the Leader and her group do to remedy this situation?

The Leader of the Council responded that results of the Citizens Survey confirmed that overall dissatisfaction had not increased, but remained constant at 15%. It was also noted that, on questions relating to how well residents were being kept informed, the Council had performed well. Ongoing work by the Council included; improvements to the website, continuation of written information and the increased use of social media.

The Leader highlighted that delegating more functions to Area Committees would also ensure that decisions were being made at a local level and with the input of residents.

8. Councillor Pogonowski to the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

What powers does the City Council have to prevent punt-operating companies having too great a market share in Cambridge?

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources said that the Council had taken a number of initiatives to ensure diversity of punt operators on the River. These included establishing opportunities for independent punt operators to offer services to the public from La Mimosa, as well as providing a base for punt operators at the Mill Pond and Mill Pit West in addition to the sites used by Scudamores. Other punt operators used sites not within the Council's ownership such as Trinity Punts, based at Trinity College.

9. Councillor Reiner to the Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services

Could the Executive Councillor please report to Council on the success of the Cam Cleanup, which happened over the weekend?

The Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services confirmed that the Cam Cleanup was a volunteer event supported by the City Council. Thanks were expressed to the 100 volunteers that took part and the City Rangers that had helped to manage the event. It was noted that over 100 bags of rubbish had been collected along the river bank from Fen Causeway to Fen Ditton.

The Executive Councillor confirmed that, once appointed, the Street Champion Co-ordinator would encourage other communities to have Cleanup events such as this.

10. Councillor Herbert to the Leader of the Council

Will she support the merging of the Cambridge Local Plan to 2030 into a single joint plan with South Cambridgeshire?

The Leader responded that the current timetable for adopting a new Local Plan was April 2014. South Cambridgeshire District Councils (SCDC) timetable was October 2015. Adopting a single plan and timetable for delivering it would delay adoption of a new joint plan to at least the slower of the two current timetables. It was noted that neither Council has proposed producing a joint plan during the initial plan making stages over the last 12 months.

The Leader confirmed that it was not necessary to have a single plan in order to deliver a successful Local Spatial Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire. Each new Local Plan would have potentially quite different visions and have a number of different issues to address. It would however be necessary to co-operate for the successful planning of the sub-region, particularly with developments on the fringe sites.

It was noted that, in order to take this forward, new political governance arrangements between the three Councils had been put in place, supported by officer working groups (the Strategic Transport and Spatial Planning Group). These would oversee and advise in relation to those issues that were of genuine mutual interest and which required a strategic approach. The arrangements were working well and two meetings had already resulted in consensus around the process that the three Councils should be considering for the fringe sites as part of their issues and options consultation stages. This will be an appropriate approach to securing a joint planning outcome, without needing a single plan to be developed.

The Leader confirmed that both Council's also have discrete issues for their Local Plans that could add to the overall timetable but which may not be of mutual interest e.g. the review of village envelopes in SCDC's 100 or so parishes would result in significant representations being submitted through the local plan consultation stages. These would all have to be dealt with and considered through the democratic process, which would take time. The Leader questioned whether it would be right to delay adoption of a plan for the City whilst these issues were being dealt with. It was noted that a delayed adoption timetable could result in unwanted, speculative development coming forward and the planning of the City being carried out through the appeal process rather than by influencing it locally through a new local development plan.

12/19/CNL To consider the following Notices of Motion, notice of which has been given by:

Councillor Price

Councillor Price proposed and Councillor Dryden seconded the following motion:

“In the light of complaints about work quality following the transfer of the planned maintenance contract to an outside contractor, and the promises made that the first year’s scheduled work would be completed on time and to quality standards after delays in mobilisation, this Council calls for a full internal audit investigation into the effects of the delayed handover, work delivery, management, and costings relating to this contract.”

Councillor Smart proposed and Councillor Blackhurst seconded the following amendment:

Delete all and replace with:

“This Council notes that:

- The Planned Maintenance contract started in July 2011 and at the end of February £2.5 million of the scheduled £5.3 million was due for payment
- Apollo have increased the team on site, mobilized their supply chain and given assurances that the rest of the first year's work will be speeded up and will be completed by July 2012
- Orders have also been placed with Kier Services, the secondary contractor, including the important fire safety work in the Ekin Road flats.

The Council further notes that:

- the level of satisfaction by tenants is 95%
- the quality of work inspections records a level of 95.4%
- that a double inspection regime operates for electrical work in view of the concerns expressed during the previous contract.

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- Council urges any tenant who is unhappy about work that is being done, to let the Council know, either directly or through their councillor or tenant representative so that steps can be taken to improve things.
- Council also requests that a full report covering quality standards, tenant satisfaction, costings and the amount of work completed come to the Housing Management Board after the completion of the first year of the contract."

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 22 votes to 14

Resolved (by 24 votes to 1) that:

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Councillor Marchant-Daisley and Todd-Jones

Councillor Marchant-Daisley proposed and Councillor Todd-Jones seconded the following motion:

"The Council recognises the vital contribution that well-run Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) make in providing housing for families, students, professionals and migrant workers.

However, given problems from some HMOs failing to deliver quality, safe housing, or creating serious problems for neighbours, the Council requests the Executive Councillor for Housing to bring forward a report to assess options to improve the operation and regulation of HMOs in Cambridge, including:

- 1) extending the current HMO definition to include all properties with 3 or more people in two or more unrelated households, regardless of the building layout
- 2) improved enforcement of breaches of licences granted to HMOs, and
- 3) wider adoption of best practice on HMOs by comparable cities including Oxford,

and that the Head of Planning Services also report to the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport and the Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee on the future option of denying permission for additional HMOs in any street or 200 metre stretch of any street where HMO numbers reach 25% of residential properties, to enable inclusion of this proposal in the summer 'issues and options' consultation on the Cambridge Local Plan 2014 to 2031."

Councillor Smart proposed and Councillor Ward seconded the following amendment:

Delete all and replace with:

"The Council recognises the vital contribution that shared rented housing makes in providing homes for students, professionals, migrant workers and many people on low incomes. It acknowledges that housing is expensive in Cambridge and that this is the only way many people can afford to live in the city.

Council therefore rejects the idea of limiting the number of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in the city or part of the city. If restrictions are put in place, rents would rise and people would quickly be priced out of the city. Making it difficult for people to access shared housing in the city, could have a disastrous effect on the economy of the area.

Council notes the desire of some to "extend the current HMO definition to include all properties with 3 or more people in two or more unrelated households, regardless of the building layout" but also notes that the conditions required in the legislation are not present in Cambridge to extend the licensing system in this way and agrees that it should be kept under review. However, Council also recognises that the implementation of the licensing of smaller properties can be deeply intrusive and lead to complex enquiries about details of people's relationships and domestic arrangements which are no business of the council. Any extension of the licensing system

would need to be framed to avoid this.

The Council also notes that, while the majority of landlords are responsible and manage their houses in a satisfactory way, a minority are not, causing severe problems both to their tenants and to the neighbours. It further notes that while the majority of residents are responsible people, some are not and are inconsiderate, irresponsible and cause considerable problems to their neighbours

The Council therefore endorses the actions of the Environmental Health Officers in responding to complaints and working towards changing the behaviour of the irresponsible minority in all types of tenure whether landlords, tenants or home-owners. It notes that advice, warnings, enforcement letters, injunctions, confiscations and full prosecution are all used to this end.

However, Council requests that an annual report is brought to Community Services Scrutiny Committee detailing the number and type of complaints received by the Environmental Health Department and how they have been dealt with, including the number of prosecutions.”

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 22 votes to 14

Councillor Pogonowski proposed and Councillor Ward seconded the following amendment:

To add at the end:

“The Council further recognises that the massive shortage of secure and affordable tenancies in the city is forcing many to live in inappropriate accommodation or in many cases housing poverty.

In order to help the Council implement housing and planning policy effectively, the Council requests the Executive Councillor for Housing conduct a comprehensive survey into city residents living in private rented accommodation, which looks at rents, agents fees, quality and safety, housing security and the location of housing.

The Council requests that the results from this survey go to Community Services Scrutiny Committee and the Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee to look at the findings and to help inform debate around the Local Plan Review with regards to HMOs.”

On a show of hands the amendment was carried unanimously.

Resolved (by 22 votes to 0) that:

The Council recognises the vital contribution that shared rented housing makes in providing homes for students, professionals, migrant workers and many people on low incomes. It acknowledges that housing is expensive in Cambridge and that this is the only way many people can afford to live in the city.

Council therefore rejects the idea of limiting the number of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in the city or part of the city. If restrictions are put in place, rents would rise and people would quickly be priced out of the city. Making it difficult for people to access shared housing in the city, could have a disastrous effect on the economy of the area.

Council notes the desire of some to “extend the current HMO definition to include all properties with 3 or more people in two or more unrelated households, regardless of the building layout” but also notes that the conditions required in the legislation are not present in Cambridge to extend the licensing system in this way and agrees that it should be kept under review. However, Council also recognises that the implementation of the licensing of smaller properties can be deeply intrusive and lead to complex enquiries about details of people's relationships and domestic arrangements which are no business of the council. Any extension of the licensing system would need to be framed to avoid this.

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Councillor Ashton

Councillor Ashton proposed and Councillor Dryden seconded the following motion:

“The Council extends its wholehearted congratulations to Marshall of Cambridge for its outstanding contribution to the city, and most recently for persuading the European Office of ExecuJet to relocate from Switzerland to Cambridge, at a time when other firms are leaving the UK.

The Council is committed to supporting the continued success of all major Cambridge employers and welcomes the Marshall decision to retain its main base in Cambridge, thus helping to protect 2000 direct jobs plus an estimated 4000 further local jobs that currently service this great Cambridge company.”

Councillor Reid proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded the following amendment:

After:

“The Council extends its wholehearted congratulations to Marshall of Cambridge for its outstanding contribution to the city, and most recently for

persuading the European Office of ExecuJet to relocate from Switzerland to Cambridge, at a time when other firms are leaving the UK.”

Delete the rest and replace with:

“The Council is committed to supporting the continued success of employers in the Cambridge area and notes and welcomes Marshall’s longstanding commitment to retaining its operating bases here, thus helping to protect over 2000 direct jobs plus an estimated 4000 further local jobs that currently service this great Cambridge company. It further welcomes Marshall’s apprenticeship programme and the company’s strong contribution both to the community and to the wider interests of the Cambridge economy.

The Council is committed to supporting growth in the Cambridge economy, and notes that the combined South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge jobs have grown from 157,200 in 2000 to 180,300 in 2011 and that those in Cambridge itself have grown from 91,600 to 97,400 in the same period.

The Council further recognises the Centre for Cities report showing how well Cambridge has fared in the downturn compared to 64 other UK cities and how well it is placed for economic growth.

The Council further welcomes measures to improve employment opportunities in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, particularly for young people. These include our partnership’s new Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire grant fund, the Council’s Economic Inclusion grants and Cambridge Regional College’s ‘100 Apprentice’ campaign. “

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 18 votes to 13

Councillor Blencowe proposed and Councillor Owers seconded the following amendment:

After:

“The Council is committed to supporting the continued success of employers in the Cambridge area and notes and welcomes Marshall’s longstanding commitment to retaining its operating bases here,”

Add the wording:

“on its present site,”

The amendment was lost by 12 votes to 17

Resolved (by 17 votes to 0) that:

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Councillor McGovern

Councillor McGovern proposed and Councillor Reid seconded the following motion:

“This Council:

- welcomes news that there will be no programme of post office closures under the Coalition Government.
- recognises that the Post Office is more than a commercial entity and serves a distinct social purpose.
- notes that the Coalition Government will support greater involvement of local authorities in planning and delivering local post office provision.
- asks officers to investigate opening post office branches in locations where Cambridge residents access council services”

Councillor Blencowe proposed and Councillor Price seconded the following amendment:

Add an additional bullet point that reads as follows between original bullet point 3 and 4:

- “Notes that the Liberal Democrats running the City Council have had 12 years in which to investigate opening post office branches in locations where Cambridge residents access council services and only now

Add new bullet point at the end

- Does not welcome the fact that the coalition government is allowing the privatisation of Royal Mail.”

The amendment was lost by 13 votes to 19

Resolved (by 19 votes to 0) that:

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- notes that the Coalition Government will support greater involvement of local authorities in planning and delivering local post office provision.

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12/20/CNL Written Questions

Members noted the written questions and answers circulated around the Chamber.

The meeting ended at 11.51 pm

CHAIR

CIVIC AFFAIRS

14 May 2012
6.00 - 6.40 pm

Present: Councillors Boyce (Chair), Rosenstiel (Vice-Chair), Brierley, Marchant-Daisley, Herbert and Stuart

Officers:

Chief Executive – Antoinette Jackson
Head of Legal Services – Simon Pugh
Committee Manager – Glenn Burgess

Also Present:

Councillor Tim Bick
Councillor Sian Reid
Councillor Mike Pitt
Councillor Tim Ward
Councillor John Hipkin

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

10/22/civ Nominations for Leader of the Council

The Committee received two nominations for the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tim Bick and Councillor Lewis Herbert.

Councillor Bick was invited to state, in the event of being elected Leader, any changes he would make to executive responsibilities. Councillor Bick said that responsibility for community safety and CCTV would be moved to the Leaders portfolio and responsibility for climate change would be moved to the portfolio of the Executive Councillor for Planning and Sustainable Transport. Councillor Herbert was invited to comment in a similar manner and said that he supported the proposed change to executive responsibilities.

Recommended that:

- i. In the event of changes to executive responsibilities, corresponding changes be made to Scrutiny Committee responsibilities

10/23/civ Nominations for Committees for the Municipal Year 2012/13

The Committee considered a paper setting out the proposed size of committees, the allocations by party and the nominations received.

The Committee considered the rules on political balance set out in the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 in developing the recommendations set out below.

Councillor Boyce Proposed and Councillor Rosenstiel seconded a proposal to change the size of committees.

Recommended (by 4 votes to 0):

- i. That Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Environment Scrutiny Committee, Community Services Scrutiny Committee, Housing Management Board and the Planning Committee to be reduced in size from 9 members to 8.
- ii. That the Employment Appeals Panel to be increased in size from 9 members to 10.
- iii. That the Labour Group's proposal that one seat allocated to it on the Joint Development Control Committee and on the Employment Appeals Sub-Committee be allocated instead to the Independent/Conservative Group (as a departure from the rules on political proportionality). This would require Council's approval, nem. con.
- iv. To recommend to Council to agree the size and membership of the committees as follows:

Scrutiny Committees:

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Community Services [with up to 3 co-optees nominated by HMB and a nomination from the PCT]	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Brown, Blackhurst, Kerr, Kightley. Alt: Pippas
	Labour	4 (1)	Birtles, Blencowe (Housing Spokes), Moghadas (Arts, Sport, Public Places Spokes), O'Reilly (Community Development and Health Spokes). Alt: Todd-Jones
		8 Total	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Environment	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Kightley, Reid, Saunders, Tucker. Alt: Brierley
	Labour	4 (1)	Marchant-Daisley (Planning and Sustainable Transport Spokes), Owers (Environmental and Waste Services Spokes), Pogonowski, Johnson. Alt: Herbert
		8 Total	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Strategy & Resources	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Boyce, Brown, Rosenstiel, Tucker. Alt: Blackhurst
	Labour	4 (1)	Ashton, Birtles, Herbert (Climate Change and Strategy Spokes), Benstead (Customer Services and Resources Spokes). Alt: Pogonowski
		8 Total	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1) =Alternate	NOMINATIONS
Housing Management Board	Liberal Democrats	4 (1)	Blackhurst, Brierley, Rosenstiel, Pippas Alt: TBC
	Labour	4 (1)	Price (Spokes), Johnson, Bird, Pogonowski. Alt: Blencowe
[plus 6 elected tenants/leaseholders]		8 Total	

Regulatory Committees:

COMMITTEE/ SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
PLANNING	Liberal Democrat	4 (1)	Brown, Saunders, Stuart, Tunnacliffe. Alt: Tucker
	Labour	3 (1)	Blencowe, Dryden, Marchant-Daisley, Alt: Herbert
	Indep/Cons	1	Hipkin
		8 Total	

COMMITTEE/ SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
LICENSING (Currently meets: Mondays at 10am) [Sub-Cttees appt. during Annual Meeting]	Liberal Democrat	6 (1)	Brierley, Pippas, Reiner, Rosenstiel, Saunders, Smith. Alt: Stuart
	Labour	5 (1)	Benstead, Owers, Gawthrope, Hart, McPherson. Alt: Marchant-Daisley
	Indep/Cons	1 (1)	Meftah. Alt: Hipkin
		12 Total	

Licensing Committee will meet to appoint the four sub-committees (of 3 members each)

Other Committees:

COMMITTEE/ SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
CIVIC AFFAIRS	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Boyce, Pitt, Rosenstiel. Alt: Brierley
	Labour	3 (1)	Herbert, Benstead, Marchant-Daisley. Alt: Pogonowski
		6 Total	

COMMITTEE/ SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
CAMBRIDGE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AREA JOINT COMMITTEE	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Brown, Rosenstiel, Tunnacliffe. Alt: Tucker,
	Labour	3 (1)	Price, Bird, Blencowe Alt: TBC
		6 Total	

COMMITTEE/ SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
STANDARDS COMMITTEE	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Smart, Swanson, Tucker. Alt: Pitt
	Labour	3 (1)	McPherson, Dryden, + 1 TBC. Alt: TBC
	External Members	3 9 Total	
	The External Members (3) will be recommended for re-appointment		

COMMITTEE/ SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE	Liberal Democrat	3 (1)	Reid, Smart, Tucker. Alt: Tunnacliffe
	Labour	2 (1)	Blencowe, Dryden, Alt: Marchant-Daisley
	Indep/Cons	1	Hipkin
		6 Total	

COMMITTEE/ SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	NUMBERS (1)= Alternate	NOMINATIONS
EMPLOYMENT APPEALS SUB	Liberal Democrat	5	Pippas, Reid, Saunders, Smart, Tucker. Tucker.
	Labour	4	Price, Bird, Johnson, + 1 TBC
	Indep/Cons	1	Hipkin
		10 Total	

10/24/civ Nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees

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

Resolved to note the nominations for Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees as follows:

Committee	Lib Dem Nomination		Labour Nomination	
	Chair	Vice Chair	Chair	Vice Chair
Community Services	Kerr	Kightley	O'Reilly	-
Environment	Kightley	Saunders	Marchant-Daisley	-
Strategy and Resources	Brown	Rosenstiel	Benstead	-
HMB	Blackhurst	Tenant Rep	Price	-
Planning	Stuart	Tunnacliffe	-	Blencowe
JDCC	Reid (City Lead)	-	Blencowe (City Lead)	-
Licensing	Rosenstiel	Reiner	-	Benstead
Civic Affairs	Boyce	Rosenstiel	Marchant-Daisley	
Employment Appeals Sub Committee	Smart	N/A	-	-

10/25/civ Nominations for Honorary Councillors

Recommended: that the Council appoints Councillor Nimmo-Smith and former Councillor Roman Znajek as Honorary Councillors.

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

CHAIR

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Annual Statements

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DRAFT ANNUAL STATEMENT 2012-13

Our vision

The Council has a clear vision for the future of our city, a vision which we share with Cambridge citizens and with partner organisations.

Cambridge – where people matter

- A city which celebrates its diversity, unites in its priority for the disadvantaged and strives for shared community wellbeing
- A city whose citizens feel they can influence public decision making and are equally keen to pursue individual and community initiatives
- A city where people behave with consideration for others and where harm and nuisance are confronted wherever possible without constraining the lives of all

Cambridge – a good place to live, learn and work

- A city which recognises and meets needs for housing of all kinds – close to jobs and neighbourhood facilities
- A city which draws inspiration from its iconic historic centre and achieves a sense of place in all of its parts with generous urban open spaces and well- designed buildings
- A city with a thriving local economy that benefits the whole community and builds on its global pre-eminence in learning and discovery
- A city where getting around is primarily by public transport, bike and on foot

Cambridge – caring for the planet

- A city in the forefront of low carbon living and minimising its impact on the environment from waste and pollution “

The strategic objectives we are working towards in 2012-13 are set out in seven portfolio plans which are available in full on the City Council [website](#).

These plans include a range of actions to protect everyday services, protect services for vulnerable people and make sure we do well what we only have one chance to get right. For instance:

- Working on a framework for the City’s growth over the next two decades in the new Local Plan;
- Supporting economic development in the City and its surrounding region, in partnership with businesses and other agencies;
- Working with developers, housing associations and others to ensure that the city’s social and market housing stock continues to grow, including additional houses for City Homes;

- Improving support to rough sleepers and taking action to prevent homelessness, including completion of the Jimmy's assessment centre project;
- Setting high energy efficiency standards for new homes and helping residents improve the energy efficiency of existing homes
- Planning and delivering community facilities in the new communities being built on the city's fringes;
- Improving facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users, including consideration of extending areas with a 20mph limit;
- Widening participation in domestic recycling by inclusion of plastic pots, tubs and trays and exploring further opportunities;
- Commencing a programme of providing new recycling bins in streets and open spaces;
- Establishing a model of restorative justice appropriate to Cambridge that helps to reduce re-offending, anti-social behaviour and low-level crime;
- Initiating a health partnership for Cambridge working with GPs and others to improve the health and wellbeing of Cambridge residents;
- Delivering inclusive public events including the Big Weekend and Olympic Torch Relay evening celebrations;
- Devolving decisions on environmental and community projects funded by developer contributions to councillors and residents in their own areas;
- Investing in projects to reduce our carbon footprint and our energy bills;
- Improving the efficiency of council services to maintain high standards and value for money;

In addition to these improvements we will deliver the core services that those who live, learn and work in Cambridge rely on, including housing, planning, waste collection, street cleaning, maintaining the city's open spaces, parking, bereavement services, community development, and arts and recreation.

We will consult residents and others on key issues that affect them and their communities. We will redevelop our website to make more information and data more easily accessible to residents, and to allow residents to do more of their business with us online, at their convenience.

We will continue to speak up for Cambridge; to support diversity, equality, respect and tolerance in the city; to promote a high quality and sustainable environment in all parts of the city; and to work in partnership wherever this will help us achieve our goals more effectively.

May 2012

LABOUR'S 'CONTRACT WITH CAMBRIDGE'

Labour's Annual Statement 2012 Cambridge City Council

**For a Safer, Fairer, Cleaner, Greener
and More Prosperous Cambridge**

Cambridge City Council - Labour Annual Statement 2012

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1 Overview

Labour's vision for Cambridge is of a **socially just city** in which frontline Council services are protected, and the contributions and rights of Cambridge residents as well as voluntary and co-operative organisations are harnessed and expanded. We would combine the **strong leadership** required to make this vision a reality with sensitivity to the needs and views of residents – unlike the complacent Lib Dem administration, which has stopped listening to local people.

Cambridge is a city of contrasts. Some areas are wealthy, enjoying the fruits of the city's high tech industry and the research, studying and teaching opportunities offered by the universities. However, other areas particularly in the north and east, have not shared as fully in the benefits of growth, and suffer from relatively high levels of unemployment and deprivation. These areas also suffer more anti-social and criminal behaviour, which adds to a feeling of neglect, and to the feeling that Cambridge is a **'two-tier' city**.

The wider contrast is also between **security and insecurity**. Too many Cambridge residents live in poor quality, crowded or insecure housing, often with high rents. Others are being priced out of their own city by rising housing costs, caused ultimately by the lack of supply of social and low-cost housing and by Lib Dem-Tory coalition government cuts. This particularly applies to the crucial low-paid workers upon whom Cambridge depends, such as hospital workers, carers, workers at the colleges and universities, cleaners and construction workers. It is hardly surprising that these groups, who do not share in Cambridge's prosperity, feel that their city is not looking after them.

We will work with partner organisations to end 'two-tier Cambridge'. Our vision is of **one, united Cambridge**, where the areas and sectors enjoying growth, prosperity and a high quality of life can prosper, but where solidarity between them and the less prosperous areas is fostered and relative inequalities evened out by raising everyone up and spreading Cambridge's wealth and opportunities. This will require purposeful council planning and economic policies; concentrating on improving the quality of Cambridge's environment and surroundings; robust action to make Cambridge safer; the use of co-operative values in the provision of services; higher standards and robust enforcement to tackle unacceptable and anti-social behaviour; real political will to build additional housing for rent; and standing up against the regressive policies of the Lib Dem-Tory

government. A Labour City Council would make a **real difference**. This will provide a marked contrast to the tired Lib Dem administration and its misjudged priorities.

The Lib Dems have had 12 years to tackle the city's social housing problems, and the housing needs register is now at crisis levels at 8,500. Labour's number one priority will be additional affordable housing. We will identify housing sites and opportunities, and work to build **new, sustainable neighbourhoods for people of all incomes**.

The biggest Cambridge Lib Dem failure has been in not standing up for residents against their own government as it slashes funding and services, and attacks the poor and vulnerable by introducing regressive policies on housing, benefits, and employment. A Labour City Council's first duty will be to all **stand up for all Cambridge residents**.

As confirmed by their own Council 2012 Citizens Survey, the Lib Dem council has been neglecting **basic frontline services** like street-cleaning, bin-collection, maintaining our green spaces and parks, tackling anti-social behaviour, and providing community services to older and young people. Their policy-making is short-sighted and reliant on gimmicks rather than any determined attempt to tackle the city's fundamental problems based on a mature strategy that is supported by partnerships with key organisations.

Cambridge Labour Councillors also recognise that the Cambridge area **needs proper control over its own destiny**. Having a separate city and county council is pointless and creates expensive extra bureaucracy, which leads to buck-passing between the two councils, which makes getting things slow and inefficient. It also means that crucial local policies on issues such as transport, social care, education, and libraries are not made by Cambridge, but by rural councillors. We need to give the Cambridge area real power over its own fate by developing a single unitary council covering the 'Cambridge City Region', preferably a single council with South Cambridgeshire. We can't do this without resident support, and government policy changes, but we will explain why and seek resident and South Cambridgeshire backing to lobby Government for this change.

A Labour council will make your city **safer, fairer, cleaner and greener, and more prosperous**.

2 Labour Principles

- Collective action to protect the interests of all residents, particularly those who struggle: 'by the strength of our common endeavour we achieve more than we achieve alone'.
- Universal and fair provision of public services, including to promote social justice and equality.
- Economic and social intervention to correct the failures of private competition, regulate markets in the common interest, and promote objectives wider than private profit and individual materialism.
- Social, political and economic organisations that are co-operatively and democratically organised and managed, local and decentralised, and which prioritise the common good.

- The responsibility of all groups and individuals to act considerately and socially, including the wealthy and powerful.

3 ... Safer

The Lib Dems have failed to take the **robust action** we need to make Cambridge safer for all. Tackling anti-social behaviour, addressing the problem of street-drinking, and boosting enforcement will be among Labour's top priorities.

A Labour council will:

- Look into opening a 'wet centre', which will give street drinkers an off street environment where they can get help and treatment.
- Work with police to introduce targeted alcohol-free zones via Designated Public Places Orders where there is evidence of a problem and where local communities want it.
- Commission a report that outlines effective new policies to ensure that street-drinkers and drug-takers get the rehabilitation and wider support they need.
- Work with local hostels to improve management.
- Work with the police to implement Section 30 dispersal orders in areas where persistent anti-social behaviour is a real problem.
- Re-examine recent Lib Dem cuts to city centre CCTV.
- Ensure that the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership engages with community organisations and residents more openly and effectively.
- Create a single Antisocial Behaviour Hotline.
- Expand and retarget the Council's Enforcement Team, including employing a new City Centre enforcement officer to take tough action against anti-social behaviour.
- Work with local off-licences and supermarkets to crack down on the sale of alcohol to those already drunk or under-aged.
- Look with the police to extend Cumulative Impact Zones where evidence supports this.
- Investigate, with a view to implementation, a 'nil policy' on sexual entertainment venues, making the appropriate number lap-dancing and strip clubs in every part of the city.
- Work constructively with the local taxi trade to tackle the problems surrounding taxi licensing. There are now too many taxis and too few rank spaces, so we'll look at a moratorium on new plates.
- Improve accessibility for disabled people. Poor quality pavements, impassable puddles, advertising boards on footpaths and pavements, lack of seating and local toilet facilities, and badly placed street furniture make getting around difficult and hazardous for disabled people. We will look to work closely with the County Council to review the nature of these accessibility issues and formulate solutions.
- Improve parking and road safety. A lack of on-street parking is a significant problem across the city. A Labour council would work closely with the County Council, local schools and local parking review groups to work towards solutions in these areas.
- Use the new City Centre Enforcement Officer to encourage positive cycling behaviour and crack down on dangerous and illegal cycling in the city centre.

- Work with police around the whole city to tackle dangerous cycling, such as cycling on the pavement and not wearing lights, and also bike theft.

4 ... Fairer

The Local Plan review is a major opportunity for the whole community to decide future plans for the Cambridge area. Labour's vision is of a **fairer city** where the wealth and opportunities of Cambridge's vibrant economy are shared more widely, where everyone can rely on help when they're struggling, where basic services are prioritised and where we care for everyone, including the young, the old and the vulnerable. Building affordable housing will be one of our top priorities, to ensure that people aren't priced out of their own city.

A Labour council will:

- Identify new and replacement sites that can be used for significant house-building. This will involve reopening assessment of the Northern Fringe East site and working to develop a fully integrated Joint Plan with South Cambridgeshire.
- Rule out house building on the main 'Cambridge East' Marshall Airport site, while supporting suitable, sustainable development north of Newmarket Road.
- Commit to clear joint housing targets for the Cambridge area with South Cambridgeshire – targeting 34,000 new homes overall, with targets of 14,000 in Cambridge City and 20,000 in the wider South Cambridgeshire area by 2031.
- Not accept commuted sums in lieu of affordable house-building in major new developments.
- Set the Council an overall target of at least 40% affordable housing in new development in the city.
- Use the opportunities provided by housing self-financing to build as many new council homes as possible.
- Change planning rules to ensure that small developments contribute to tackling the affordable housing shortage.
- Take action to bring empty homes back into use.
- Work with universities to boost dedicated student accommodation, reducing the overspill of students into the private rented sector.
- Investigate the possibility of launching a Cambridge Community Land Trust together with small, community based housing co-operatives, with the objective of building co-operatively owned, low cost housing to allow people to get onto the housing ladder.
- Give council tenants opportunities to move to a housing co-operative structure if they wish.
- Conduct a review of housing department staffing levels, and improve them if necessary in order to make sure that City Homes is responsive to its tenants.
- Aggressively lobby the government to step in to cap rent rises.
- Oppose the privatisation and contracting out of housing services, and examine the possibility of bringing services already privatised back in-house (especially the City Homes maintenance contract).

- Strengthen the Landlord accreditation scheme in order to provide tougher standards, and enforce them better.
- Ensure that Tenancy Relations Officers have the resources to advise private tenants properly.
- Help to bring down rents by expanding the supply of all types of low-cost private and non-council sector housing.
- Use the powers provided by the last Labour government to improve Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), particularly where landlords of very large multi-occupied properties are evading control and detailed inspection, and improve standards for tenants.
- Consult on options to use planning powers to limit additional increases in the percentage of houses where HMOs have become the predominant tenure, provided this does not reduce net shared housing supply across the city.
- Tackle low pay in the city, starting with a staged implementation of a 'Living Wage' minimum of £7.20 per hour by the City Council for its employees, with the aim of also applying this to our main contractors.
- Consult with other Cambridge public sector or public-funded organisations paying under £7.20 per hour to persuade them where possible to offer a 'Living Wage'.
- Help to tackle youth unemployment by increasing trainee places in all parts of the Council for young people, and encourage all our contractors to do likewise.
- Conduct a review of fuel poverty, to improve insulation and energy efficiency in council properties, particularly for over 60s and those on low incomes.
- Look to use the council's procurement policies to promote local, sustainable and/or co-operative enterprises that are more socially responsible.
- Look to use our influence in council contracts to minimise the use of workers in contracts who are underpaid, casual, or have poor working conditions.
- Examine the viability of instituting a bylaw prohibiting loan shark companies.
- Promote and support the development of Cambridge Credit Union through the establishment of a central credit union support unit.
- Conduct a review of community services to look at how coherently provision works, what is required and what we could do better.
- Protect the overall budget of Community Development Grants.
- Merge the many city small Community Development and similar grant funds into a single integrated council-wide grants budget.
- Examine how to increase the low take-up rate for Social Entrepreneurship grants, which promotes self-sustaining enterprises.
- Support the Cambridge Children and Young People's Participation Service (ChYpPS) to become more self-financing and defend its principle of universality and role as a gateway for passing children on to targeted services.
- Review provision of community centres, ensuring that historic under-provision in areas such as Abbey, Coleridge, Cherry Hinton and Petersfield is addressed.
- Work with Age UK to investigate the viability of allowing them to develop an Older People's Centre within the city centre, if residents desire it.
- Fund extra training for frontline council staff advising on welfare changes.

- Work closely with local advice and support organisations, such as the Citizen's Advice Bureau to ensure that they have the resources they need.

5 ... Cleaner

Keeping the city clean is among the most basic of the council's functions, and the one that residents value the most. Many residents feel that the area where they live is dirty and has not been given sufficient attention by the Lib Dem-run council.

Labour will prioritise outlying residential street-cleaning and tidy up Cambridge.

A Labour council will:

- Implement 'Cleaner Cambridge Blitzes' on the dirtiest residential streets, tackling one ward every month combined with co-ordinated and high-visibility enforcement sweeps on littering, dog fouling, gum, leaf collection and graffiti.
- Use a new City Centre Enforcement Officer and wider enforcement team to tackle littering, damage to parks, blocked drains and other cleanliness issues, and related offences.
- Implement a crackdown on dog-fouling, including more enforcement and funding 50 new dog bins, to be placed around the city in dog-fouling hotspots.
- Conduct a review of staffing and priorities in the Environment and Waste department including a review of the City Rangers in order to ensure that they work effectively and in the right places.
- Improve maintenance and cleanliness standards in public places/parks.
- Tackle icy and snowy conditions better. A Labour Council will create an initial city wide network of 150 winter-only salt bins plus free large salt bags for more resident groups.
- Work with the County Council, tackle poor drainage and puddles, and make sure neglected pavements and potholes are tackled in a co-ordinated way, and improve main cycle routes.

6 ... Greener

Improving the state of Cambridge's environment is central to Labour's vision of a Cambridge that can be enjoyed safely by everyone. We will steward our green spaces, parks and trees responsibly. We also have a duty to make sure the city plays its part in becoming a **sustainable, low carbon city** that can be enjoyed by generations to come.

A Labour council will:

- Introduce free bulky waste collections for those on lowest incomes.
- Improve recycling communication, especially for transient residents, students and those living in HMOs, by looking at new methods of communication, like text messaging services.
- Help people improve their internal recycling routine.
- Review recycling schemes in flats which rely on residents taking recycling to communal recycling sites, which can be difficult for some residents.
- Redirect funding from the Lib Dem ineffective 'Recycling Champions' scheme to invest in improved recycling communication, with a specific focus on new residents.

- Set up a city-wide Cambridge Energy Co-operative, which will make it cheap and easy for Cambridge households, streets and neighbourhoods to come together to purchase their energy needs at lower prices, and to purchase more energy from affordable sources.
- Reform the council's Climate Change Fund by making it open to bids from external bodies wishing to limit their carbon footprint and merging it with the Sustainable Cities Grant.
- Improve energy efficiency and insulation in council-owned homes, and encourage up-take in the private sector.
- Work with local groups such as Transition Cambridge to help Cambridge make the transition towards a carbon neutral city.
- Strengthen planning standards on water consumption and supplies, to address Cambridgeshire's water shortage and its impact on Cambridge.
- Explore the city's options for cutting water consumption in Cambridge.
- Reverse the current policy of allowing developers to pay commuted sums in order to get out of their obligation to provide adequate green space or in new developments.
- Invest in tree-planting on our parks and green spaces, ensure that the trees we already have are protected properly, and ensure that we maintain a diverse range of interesting trees.
- Take firm action to protect grass verges. We will conduct a survey of the most damaged green verges in Cambridge, and review ways of protecting them.
- Expand allotment provision with the aim of bringing down allotment waiting times.
- Reinstate a full-time Cycling Officer with a remit of promoting safer cycling through planning and other projects.
- Work with the County Council to implement a city-wide 20 mph residential, school area and shopping centre speed limit. We will press the County Council to pay its fair share.
- Tackle the shortage of secure cycle parking, particularly in the city centre, and oppose charging for cycle parking.
- Restore the City Centre Shuttle Bus, including using money from the Climate Change fund.
- Work with the County Council to change pedestrian crossing timing systems to maximise convenience and safety for pedestrians.
- Lobby the County Council to use the powers given to it by the last Labour government to properly regulate bus fares and routes.
- Lobby to end Stagecoach's monopoly on bus services.

7 ... And More Prosperous

A Labour council will be an **enthusiastic champion of sustainable growth and the needs of innovative and socially responsible business**. We are acutely aware of the concerns of local residents over unemployment, and we will seek to counterbalance the regressive economic policies of the Lib Dem-Tory government. We will also look to improve our tourism industry and make our city centre more accessible, especially to the old and vulnerable.

A Labour council will:

- Work with South Cambs and the County Council to create a 'Welcome to Cambridge' Office, focusing on supporting potential and current employers.
- Seek to split the new Peterborough and Cambridge Local Economic Partnership in half, as the 'Cambridge City Region' needs its own strategy and delivery structures.
- Establish a Cambridge Jobs and Skills Partnership to support local firms and social enterprises and assist education/skills development and expansion.
- Meet major local employers and identify their top 10 priorities for support and input.
- Develop this new partnership with the Universities, Cambridge Regional College and organisations like Cleantech.
- Look at the funding of a regular 'Cambridge City Region' strategy and skills analysis.
- Set up a City Centre Residents Panel to advise a Lead Councillor for the City Centre. This will support and democratise 'Love Cambridge'.
- Review and improve the Market Square with a view towards ensuring that it can also be properly used in the evenings.
- Increase access to the town centre for all, especially older and disabled people, by ensuring access at all sides of Lion Yard, investing in Lion Yard toilets, providing more seating, and fixing pavements and ramps.
- Address city centre planning issues via the revised Local Plan, including requiring retail diversity in designated streets, and encourage a full range of retail outlets, including affordable shops.
- Work to protect pubs that are important to the community, and wider community assets.
- Implement a community toilet scheme which works with local businesses, cafes and pubs to open up their toilets to public usage.
- Develop the core zone further with the County council in order to prioritise non-car journeys and make them easier.
- Investigate with Cambridge University the creation of a new tourist venue and learning zone in the Silver Street area, providing residents with an engaging way to enjoy the city's fascinating history.
- Crackdown on anti-social punt touts by investigating punt touting licensing and allowing sales only from approved booths.
- Open up the Guildhall to public usage and access, and make the city's building an accessible showcase for the city.

8 Addressing Other Challenges and Resident Priorities

Running the Council

A Labour Cambridge City Council will be an outward-looking council that properly consults and genuinely listens to people, and changes policy if things go wrong. We will run a council which absorbs the best ideas and energies of everyone.

A Labour council will:

- Reform area committees. Labour would remove planning from area committees and refocus them towards genuine engagement of communities including ward based plans and neighbourhood planning.
- We will make the public forum central to area committees, where residents can air their views and problems, and councillors can report back. We would invite executive councillors to attend each area committee at least once a year. We would devolve more ward budgets to area committees, and make them genuinely responsive to the priorities of residents.
- Create a central Planning Sub-Committee for smaller applications. These meetings could be in different locations in rotation, in accessible venues and during early evenings.
- Reform scrutiny arrangements and committees to improve councillors' ability to scrutinise and challenge the decisions and policies of executive councillors and to maintain the independence of council scrutiny functions.
- Implement wider measure to increase accessibility and transparency, including filming and webcasting of Committees, subject to appropriate rules protecting resident rights.
- Seek genuine, constructive engagement with all opposition councillors.
- End the 'Cambridge Matters' magazine and replace it with locally targeted communications.
- Make savings by reviewing repair and renewal funds, and review the Council's use of reserves to make sure we maximise secure income from financial investments.
- Look to increase rental income from the council's commercial properties.
- Consult the public better, through regular consultation forums with residents associations, business, and unions, made accessible for those, particularly older people and those on low incomes, who may not own a computer or have access to the internet.
- Give every ward a small budget to fund local projects in consultation with councillors and local residents.
- Improve staff morale, work constructively with employees and trade unions, and reinstate full-time union staff, since low morale ultimately has a detrimental impact on the services provided to the public.

Leisure Projects Involving the Whole Community

A Labour council will ensure that the council provides a varied and interesting programme of leisure events that reflect what the public wants, while also catering for a wide range of tastes.

A Labour council will:

- Create a 'Celebrate 2012' fund. This will provide dedicated extra grant funding for community-led Olympics sporting events and Jubilee street events.
- Examine funding levels of leisure grants.
- Reform the Corn Exchange. We will never privatise the Corn Exchange leisure operations, but we will aim to ensure that it becomes self-financing. We will conduct a review examining the option of co-operative customer ownership.
- Review the provision of a city centre youth centre, and examine funding options.

- Investigate the possibility of developing a new model of democratically-managed sports facilities managed on a co-operative basis, in the style of Greenwich Leisure.

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL Record of Executive Decision

Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) Bid re. Cambridge City District Heating Scheme
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Decision of:	The Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy Climate Change – Councillor Sian Reid		
Reference:	Special Urgency		
Date of decision:	23 April 2012	Recorded on:	24 April 2012
Decision Type:	Key		
Matter for Decision:	To support the IEE bid as described in the briefing note attached.		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The IEE bid submission deadline is Monday 23 rd April.		
The Leader's decision(s):	The Leader agreed to support the IEE bid as set out in the briefing note.		
Reasons for the decision:	The reasons for the decision are explained in the briefing note by the Director of Environment and Head of Corporate Strategy which is attached.		
Scrutiny consideration:	The Chair of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision of the Executive Councillor cannot be reasonably deferred. The Chair's agreement is a requirement under Special Urgency as stated in the Council's Constitution paragraph 16 of Part 4B Access to Information Procedure Rules.		
Report:	Attached		
Conflicts of interest:	None		
Comments:			

BRIEFING NOTE

Intelligent Energy Europe Bid Cambridge City District Heating Scheme

1. Purpose of this Note

- 1.1 On the 16th January 2012 the Executive Councillor for Strategy and Climate Change gave delegated authority for officers to negotiate and complete the IEE Bid subject to consultation on the proposed governance arrangements and formal financial details.
- 1.2 The Intelligent Energy Europe Bid paperwork is being finalised and final agreement of the wording in the Bid is required before close of play on Monday the 23rd April. The purpose of this note is to report back on the outcome of the negotiations and to consult before the IEE Bid wording has been completed.
- 1.3 The matter is being dealt with as an emergency item as there is a fixed deadline for submission of the IEE bid wording to Brussels and the terms of the bid have only today been finalized.

2. Background

- 2.1 Cambridge City Council has been working with partners (principally Anglia Ruskin University, the Low Carbon Development Initiative, Cambridge University and the colleges) to develop proposals for a District Heating Scheme.
- 2.2 For the City Council, the primary objectives from such a scheme would be:
 - Reduction of the Council's own carbon footprint by using electricity and heat generated by the scheme (which is lower carbon than the sources we would otherwise be buying electricity from); and
 - Providing the potential for an income from selling the electricity and heat generated by the scheme to other users (expected to be primarily the University and colleges) for more than it costs to develop, set-up and run the scheme.
- 2.3 There would secondary benefits of
 - helping to develop a scheme that would allow key partners (and therefore the city overall) to reduce the city's carbon footprint through the use of this lower-carbon heat and electricity;
 - demonstrating the city's commitment to being at the forefront of low carbon living and inspiring other agencies and the wider community to explore or invest in renewables and/or energy efficiency;
 - working in partnership to explore and develop new forms of investment in and delivery of renewable or low carbon technologies; and

- helping to offset the impact of future rises in electricity prices for the City Council.

3. Proposed Scheme

- 3.1 The full background to the scheme is set out in reports to Strategy and Resources Committee on 10th October 2011 and 16th January 2012.
- 3.2 The proposals have been evaluated as part of a study by Aecom and are based on a single local energy centre that is gas fired close to the city centre or Mill Road. The total capital costs of the proposed scheme would amount to £22.2 million, which would include over £1 million of preliminary costs (including detailed design costs. Since the Aecom study, the LCDI advisor has recommended that the local energy centre should be future-proofed to allow carbon neutral energy generation and it is possible that a future proofing could lead to additional costs.

4. Intelligent Energy Europe Bid

- 4.1 The Intelligent Energy Europe Project, led by Cambridgeshire County Council, presents an opportunity to meet a portion of these development costs. The City Council has a notional budget through this initiative of around €100,000 to pay for some staff time working on this scheme, if matched by the City Council's own budget at a ratio of 3:1 (i.e. IEE would contribute €75,000 and the City €25,000 in staff time).
- 4.2 The IEE Project also proposes to develop a financial model for securing large scale investment in renewable technologies in Cambridgeshire including an investment fund or funds for low carbon infrastructure; and to develop a delivery vehicle / vehicles (such as an Energy Services Company - ESCO) to deliver such schemes.
- 4.3 It is proposed that the City Council element of the IEE Bid would support the work of a Cambridge District Heating Delivery Vehicle and support the development of the Cambridge District Heating Scheme from the stage when LCDI has completed early development work (including a detailed financial viability assessment) to the point that a delivery partner is commissioned to prepare detailed designs; obtain planning permission and deliver the energy centre and network.
- 4.4 It is proposed that the relationship between the Cambridge District Heating Delivery Vehicle and the IEE Project will follow the following principles:
- (a) the City Council, together with its chosen partner(s), will both determine the precise nature and governance of the Delivery Vehicle, and be in control of the decisions of that Delivery Vehicle;
 - (b) there may be co-ordination between the Delivery Vehicle and the IEE Project and the details of this would be agreed between the City Council and partners; and
 - (c) the Delivery Vehicle will be able to decide whether or not call on any available funding low carbon infrastructure funding held within the IEE Project.
- 4.5 There are financial risks for the City Council in pursuing the Bid and these are twofold, firstly, if the Project does not reach procurement of the design and build project within 36 months then the City Council would have to pay back €75,000

(possibly with interest) that would have been received from IEE. It is proposed that any draw down of funding is phased to minimize this risk. Secondly, there would be a collective responsibility with the County Council and other local authority partners to the whole IEE Bid with the potential for the claw back of an additional payment of no more than €26,000.

- 4.6 However it has been agreed through Cambridgeshire County Council that if the City Council withdrew from the IEE Project within the first three months from the start date, and decided not to draw down funds from the project, then there would be no clawback of any sum of money from the City Council including any of the moneys referred to in 4.5.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Cambridge District Heating Scheme provides a significant opportunity to reduce carbon emissions and in both the medium term (through greater energy efficiency and local electricity generation) and in the longer term through the development of a carbon neutral energy centre.
- 5.2 The Project is still at an early stage and a number of uncertainties remain. These uncertainties have been described in the previous reports to the Strategy and Resources Committee.
- 5.3 It is recommended that the IEE Bid goes forward on the basis that within 36 months it may allow the procurement of a delivery partner that can design and build the scheme. The Executive Councillor for Strategy and Climate Change is requested to support the Bid on the terms expressed in 4.6.

Simon Payne
Director of Environment

23 April 2012

Cambridge City CHP/District Heating Project

Capital Costs

The AECOM study identified the capital costs (excluding land costs) to be the order of :

Component	Base case £million	Option 1 £million	Option 2 £million
DH network	£0.9	£5.5	£5.5
CHP plant	£1.3	£6.4	£6.6
Energy centre boilers	£0.5	£2.9	£2.9
Energy centre building	£0.4	£0.8	£1.5
Thermal store	£0.3	£0.3	£0.3
DH connections	£0.9	£4.9	£4.9
Gas connections	£0.1	£0.1	£0.2
Electricity connections	£0.1	£0.1	£0.2
Private wire (to ARU)	£0.2	£0.2	£0.2
Preliminaries (at 5%)	£0.2	£1.1	£1.1
Total capital cost	£5.1	£22.2	£23.4

Note: The study examined in detail three network layout options as described in the table above:

- Base case – A single scheme connecting Parkside Pool to ARU and a few other smaller sites around the East Road/Mill Road area. The location of the energy centre housing the CHP plant for this option was the Kelsey Kerridge/Queen Anne Terrace car park area;
- Option 1 – A single scheme comprising the base case and a higher density western area comprising the New Museums Site, the Downing Site, Old Addenbrookes site and a number of other Council, University of Cambridge, College and private buildings in the city centre. An energy centre could be located at the Kelsey Kerridge/Queen Anne Terrace car park area;
- Option 2 – A single district heating scheme covering the same area as in Option 1, but with two energy centres, one located at the car park and the other located somewhere within the New Museums site/Downing Site.

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2011/12

User Name	Group	Total Meetings	Present	% Present
Councillor Amanda Taylor*	Liberal Democrat	16	15	94%
Councillor Andrea Reiner	Liberal Democrat	30	30	100%
Councillor Andy Blackhurst	Liberal Democrat	24	24	100%
Councillor Catherine Smart	Liberal Democrat	42	41	98%
Councillor Colin Rosenstiel	Liberal Democrat	53	51	96%
Councillor Damien Tunnacliffe	Liberal Democrat	47	41	87%
Councillor George Pippas	Liberal Democrat	37	35	95%
Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith	Liberal Democrat	42	40	95%
Councillor Jean Swanson	Liberal Democrat	31	30	97%
Councillor Julie Smith	Liberal Democrat	22	19	86%
Councillor Max Boyce	Liberal Democrat	37	37	100%
Councillor Neil McGovern*	Liberal Democrat	25	25	100%
Councillor Paul Saunders	Liberal Democrat	60	60	100%
Councillor Philip Tucker	Liberal Democrat	23	21	91%
Councillor Rod Cantrill	Liberal Democrat	20	17	85%
Councillor Roman Znajek*	Liberal Democrat	60	53	88%
Councillor Salah Al Bander*	Liberal Democrat	31	23	74%
Councillor Sarah Brown	Liberal Democrat	48	46	96%
Councillor Sheila Stuart	Liberal Democrat	64	56	88%
Councillor Sian Reid	Liberal Democrat	26	21	81%
Councillor Simon Brierley	Liberal Democrat	39	37	95%
Councillor Simon Kightley	Liberal Democrat	25	23	92%
Councillor Susannah Kerr	Liberal Democrat	24	19	79%
Councillor Tim Bick	Liberal Democrat	24	23	96%
Councillor Tim Ward	Liberal Democrat	36	31	86%
Councillor Adam Pogonowski	Labour^	30	17	57%
Councillor Carina O'Reilly	Labour	26	19	73%
Councillor Caroline Hart	Labour	30	27	90%
Councillor Gail Marchant-Daisley	Labour	53	48	91%
Councillor George Owers	Labour	20	20	100%
Councillor Gerri Bird	Labour	31	30	97%
Councillor Jeremy Benstead	Labour	35	34	97%
Councillor Kevin Blencowe	Labour	52	51	98%
Councillor Kevin Price	Labour	30	30	100%
Councillor Lewis Herbert	Labour	46	41	89%
Councillor Mark Ashton	Labour	20	20	100%
Councillor Mike Todd-Jones	Labour	25	22	88%
Councillor Robert Dryden	Labour	40	33	83%
Councillor Russ McPherson	Labour	24	24	100%
Councillor Sue Birtles*	Labour	1	1	100%
Councillor Zoe Moghadas	Labour	21	19	90%
Councillor John Hipkin	Independent	27	24	89%
Councillor Margaret Wright*	Green Party	25	17	68%
Councillor Shapour Meftah*	Conservative	1	1	100%

^ Member of the Green Group until 3rd May 2012

This table only includes Committees, Meetings and Sub-Committees administered by the City Council. Councillors are also involved in a range of partnerships, cross authority, informal bodies and meetings for which attendance information is not always readily available.

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