

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 25 OCTOBER 2012

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 25 October 2012 at 6.00 pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 17 October 2012

Yours faithfully

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

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2011**
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- 4 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION**

4a The Medium Term Strategy (The Executive)

Report published separately

4b Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Mid-Year Business Plan Update (Executive Councillor for Housing)

Report published separately

4c Council Appointments to the Conservators of the River Cam (Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change)

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5 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION

Licensing - 8 October

5a Review of Gambling Principles

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5b Statement of Licensing Policy

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6 TO DEAL WITH ORAL QUESTIONS

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

7a Councillors Ward and Smart

This Council wishes the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to note the following:

Cambridge City Council believes that local people, through their democratically elected local authorities, are the most suitable judges of what development is acceptable in an area and the suitable level of contributions that developers need to make;

The Council opposes:

1. The Secretary of State's proposals for the Planning Inspectorate to have powers to override agreements between Councils and developers over the number of affordable housing units allocated to planning applications.
2. The Secretary of State's proposals for planning permission – currently required for extensions of more than three or four metres from the rear wall of any home – to only be needed for those reaching beyond 8m for detached homes and 6m for others
3. The Secretary of State's intention to override Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act of 1990 which will allow developers to immediately appeal to the Planning Inspectorate over the allocation of affordable housing units in any scheme they maybe concerned with.
4. The Secretary of State's proposals for the Planning Inspectorate to take planning powers away from local authorities which he deems to be slow or of making poor quality planning decisions in determining applications.

This Council notes that the current Coalition government did listen earlier in the year over concerns regarding the National Planning Policy Framework and revised its plans accordingly, so urges the Government to listen to the concerns being expressed by the cross-party LGA;

This council however welcomes other parts of the stimulus package including:

- a) £300 million to provide 15,000 affordable homes across the country
- b) An extension of the refurbishment programme to bring an extra 5,000 empty homes back into use
- c) £280m for FirstBuy, the shared equity scheme to give a further 16,500 first time buyers the chance to own their own homes
- d) Up to £10bn of guarantees to housing associations, property management companies and developers which will be able to use the guarantees to secure lower borrowing costs. This will lead to hundreds of thousands of extra rental homes being built.

This council also notes:

- A. The record of the previous Labour government on providing affordable social housing – and that during their 13 years in power, the social housing stock fell by another 420,000 houses, as Labour continually failed to build more homes than they were selling off. In the meantime, social housing waiting list soared to almost 1.8 million, a rise of 741,000 families.
- B. The record of previous Conservative Governments where 1.1 million social homes were lost from the stock during the 18 years of Tory rule up to 1997, through a combination of Right to Buy sales and a failure to invest in replacements. When the Major government left office more than 1 million families were on social housing waiting lists.

This council resolves to formally write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, outlining this council's opposition to the plans.

7b Councillors Price and Ashton

This Council

1. Supports the continued building of additional Council affordable housing, with the aim of building at least 650 additional homes by 2020.
2. Requests officers to report on all sites in the Council's current programme proposing redevelopment of existing housing to Community Services Scrutiny Committee for a full member review.
3. Requests the Committee to carry out a scrutiny review of present processes and procedures:
 - (a) To recommend radical consultation improvements to ensure that there is proper and meaningful consultation, in line with the Council's agreed Code of Practice on Consultation with residents, before any further sites are approved for redevelopment;
 - (b) To ensure processes take into account the fact that many of the residents at these locations are vulnerable and/or elderly and need support, in consultation with Independent Living, County Council Social Services and the mental health team at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust; and
 - (c) To instigate a fresh land review to identify further deliverable sites for new housing, including land that can potentially be obtained from wider Council or other public or housing association land holdings in Cambridge.
4. As part of this review, to hold a city wide review meeting with wider support organisations, and tenant representatives from each significant review site, and representatives of the County Council and NHS Foundation Trust and undertake and publish a full and effective Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA).

7c Councillor Owers

The Council is deeply concerned at the recent Royal Mail announcement that it is considering the closure of Cambridge mail sorting office on Clifton Road which

- Is likely to reduce service quality for Cambridge residents including reduced late posting times and the loss of the 7.30pm last post
- Threatens 200 skilled blue-collar jobs in the city
- Will add unnecessary increased lorry congestion on the A14 and increased carbon emissions, including local Cambridge post that will have to be transported all the way to Peterborough and back every day
- Could remove the Cambridge post-mark for non pre-franked mail.

The Council is opposed to the proposed closure, opposes the inevitable erosion in service to the public from relocation, at a time also of enforced rises in postage costs, and opposes the negative environmental impact of the proposal.

The Council resolves to write to Royal Mail expressing these views and calls on Royal Mail to retain the sorting office in Cambridge.

7d Councillors Benstead and Herbert

The Council supports the opportunity of city centre businesses to make a clear choice one way or other on a Business Improvement District (BID).

The Council notes that it holds a power, in limited circumstances, to veto the Business Improvement District (BID) proposals, on which businesses within the BID area are being balloted. Depending on the outcome of the ballot, the Council asks officers, immediately after

the conclusion of the ballot:

- To prepare a report setting out the circumstances that might justify a veto
- To send the report to the Leader and to the Chair and Spokes of Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, so their comments may inform the Leader's decision on whether or not to use the veto power.

The Council also requests a report by officers to the next meeting of the Committee on options for working with the County Council to improve city centre policy making and service deliver. This needs to include improved engagement of residents as well as business representatives, the University and wider parties, and recognise that all Cambridge residents have an interest in, and the right to a say, in the effective running of the City Centre.

7e Councillors Cantrill and Reiner

Council notes:

- A living wage was first established in the UK in 2001
- Currently the living wage rate is £7.20p per hour outside London (the "Living Wage"), calculated using incomes and prices data on a system developed and maintained by the Centre for Research and Social Policy at Loughborough University
- According to charity Barnardo's over 58% of children who live in poverty in the UK have at least one parent in paid work
- The Living Wage Foundation estimates over 10,000 families have been helped out of working poverty across the UK as a result of the living wage
- Recent tax changes put in place by the Liberal Democrats as part of the Coalition Government that provided a tax cut of £220 per year for low paid individuals has lifted many of the

low paid out of the tax threshold

- That key components of the cost of living (food and utilities) continue to being challenging for residents of the city
- The Living Wage Week during 4th – 10th November 2012 will actively promote the living wage across the UK

Council believes:

- The national minimum wage was an important development to ensure a basic level of income for the lowest paid
- However, given the cost of living in Cambridge the minimum wage is not enough for an individual or a family to avoid living in poverty with all the ill effects that has
- A living wage is considered the minimum wage needed to provide 'adequate income' to ensure social inclusion for an individual or their family
- As one of the City's biggest employers, the City Council can help promote the living wage in Cambridge by becoming a 'living wage employer'
- That the procurement strategy of the City Council can influence and encourage our partners in service delivery to uphold the same approach as ours

Council requests that the Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources:

- Bring forward proposals that:
 - Ensure all employees receive at least the Living Wage as soon as practicable and by no later than April 2013; and
 - Explore agency staff receiving the Living Wage as part of the Budget process for 2013/2014; and
 - Explore changing the Council's procurement processes to encourage contractors to adopt a similar position and as

legislation permits insist that contractors meet the living wage obligation

- Writes to the MPs in Cambridge seeking their support and asking them to campaign for the living wage in the City

8 WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

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