

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING - 23 MAY 2013

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Guildhall on Thursday, 23 May 2013 at **1.00 pm** and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 15 May 2013

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 2013/14**

- 2 TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14**

- 3 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2013**

To follow

4 TO NOTE THE RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR

Abbey Ward - Peter Roberts

5 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

6 TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

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

8 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14

10 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION

Civic Affairs (13 May 2013)

- Executive Councillors and Allocation of Portfolios
- Appointment of Committees 2013/14

- Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs 2013/14
- Appointment of an Employment (Senior Officer) Committee

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

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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 Councillors Owers and Bird

This Council acknowledges the incredibly valuable job done by kinship carers in Cambridge, relatives and friends (most often grandparents) who care for children informally because their parents are no longer able to look after them, usually because of bereavement, ill-health, imprisonment, or addiction problems.

This Council acknowledges that, whilst foster carers and social care workers may make a significant contribution to the care of children unable to remain with their families, children raised by kinship carers typically have better educational and social outcomes relative to children brought up in non-kinship foster or social care. Each child raised by kinship carers also saves the taxpayer up to £56,000 a year.

This Council notes the existence of two Kinship Care support groups in Cambridge: Cambridge Kinship Carers, which meets at Bewick Bridge Primary School in Cherry Hinton, and Kinship United, which meets at Nutfield Children's Centre in Chesterton.

This council notes that these support groups currently receive no community development funding from the City Council, due to problems with the constitution and status of their organisation.

This Council notes the problems faced by such carers, such as the following:

- Although children raised by kinship carers tend to progress better than children raised by non-kinship carers, they still typically experience much higher than average levels of anxiety and mental health problems, usually related to the high levels of adversity they have suffered in their early life. 88% have been abused or neglected.
- Most kinship carers are either on low-fixed incomes, such as pensions, or have to give up work to become carers. 70% of kinship carers themselves have a longstanding health condition or disability. Due to these factors, and the financial burden placed on kinship carers by the responsibilities of bringing up a child, the majority of kinship carers experience severe poverty. They also suffer from a lack of respite care and the difficulties of caring for children who usually have emotional, educational or behavioural problems.
- Local authorities tend to provide support on the basis of legal status, rather than need, which disadvantages the 95% of kinship carers who care informally. LAs tend to discourage kinship carers from becoming formal kinship foster carers, who are entitled to higher levels of support, to keep down costs. This leaves the majority of kinship carers entitled to less help than foster carers, and unclear as to what support they are entitled to.

This Council notes that the 2011 Family and Friends Care Statutory Guidance statutory guidance requires all responsible local authorities to produce a policy outlining a consistent approach to supporting kinship carers based on need, rather than legal status.

This council notes that Cambridgeshire County Council has failed to produce such a policy.

This Council resolves to:

- Request the Cambridge City Council Community Development team to liaise with the Cambridge Kinship support groups to advise them on how they may access support and funding.
- Write to Cambridgeshire County Council, specifically the Cabinet member for Children and Young People's Services, to request the County Council to produce a policy on Family and Friends Care which outlines how they intend to provide consistent and transparent support to kinship carers based on need rather than legal status, and which addresses the discrepancies between the levels of support that kinship carers receive relative to foster carers.

15b Councillors Cantrill and Rosenstiel

This Council:

- notes the results of the recent Cambridgeshire County Council elections and its new political composition
- welcomes any proposed changes in governance structure that increases the democratic accountability and transparency of the County Council
- hopes that any changes in governance will ensure that the residents and representatives of the City will be more effectively involved in decision-making affecting the City
- Calls on the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive to explore the support present at the County Council and neighbouring district authorities to further simplify local democratic accountability for the benefit of the residents of Cambridge

16 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.

17 TO NOTE THE RECORD OF MEMBER'S ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2012/13

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