



Cambridge City Council

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To: **Scrutiny Committee Members** - Councillors Brown (Chair), Rosenstiel (Vice-Chair), Boyce, Ashton, Benstead, Herbert, O'Reilly and Brierley

Alternates: Councillors Blackhurst and Bird

Leader of the Council: Councillor Bick

Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources: Councillor Smith

Despatched: Monday, 1 April 2013

Date: Tuesday, 9 April 2013

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 1 & 2 - Guildhall

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare at this stage any interests that they may have in an item shown on this agenda. If any member of the Committee is unsure whether or not they should declare an interest on a particular matter, they should seek advice from the Head of Legal Services before the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (*Pages 1 - 30*)

4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

5 RECORD OF URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER OF THE

COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES AND RESOURCES

To note decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources since the last meeting of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

6 IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS TO BE WRITTEN OFF *(Pages 31 - 32)*

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(Pages 31 - 32)

Decisions of the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

Items for Decision by the Executive Councillor, Without Debate

These Items will already have received approval in principle from the Executive Councillor. The Executive Councillor will be asked to approve the recommendations as set out in the officer's report. There will be no debate on these items, but members of the Scrutiny Committee and members of the public may ask questions or comment on the items if they comply with the Council's rules on Public Speaking set out below.

Items for Debate by the Committee and then Decision by the Executive Councillor

These items will require the Executive Councillor to make a decision after hearing the views of the Scrutiny Committee.

There will be a full debate on these items, and members of the public may ask questions or comment on the items if they comply with the Council's rules on Public Speaking set out below

Items for decision by the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources, without debate.

7 OPTIONS FOR THE DEBIT & CREDIT CARD CONTRACT (MERCHANT ACQUIRER) (Pages 33 - 38)

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(Pages 33 - 38)

Items for debate by the committee and then decision by the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources.

8 CUSTOMER SERVICES AND RESOURCES PORTFOLIO PLAN 2013/14 (Pages 39 - 56)

9 CLAY FARM LAND DISPOSAL (Pages 57 - 66)

Appendix 2 – To follow

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10 DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT REPORT

To follow

Decisions of the Leader

Items for debate by the committee and then decision by the Leader of the Council

11 STRATEGY PORTFOLIO PLAN 2013/14 (Pages 67 - 80)

12 SAFER CITY GRANT SCHEME 2012/13: REPORT ON OPERATION

To follow

**13 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME
(2012 TO 2015) *(Pages 81 - 110)***

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