

COUNCIL27 May 2010
11.10am – 4.30pm

Present: Councillors McPherson (Chair), Stuart (Vice-Chair), Al Bander, Benstead, Bick, Blackhurst, Blair, Boyce, Cantrill, Dixon, Dryden, Hart, Herbert, Hipkin, Howell, Kerr, Kightley, McGovern, Newbold, Nimmo-Smith, Pitt, Reid, Rosenstiel, Sanders, Shah, Smart, Smith, Taylor, Todd-Jones, Walker, Ward and Wright and Znajek

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**10/21CNL TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011**

Councillor Blackhurst proposed and Councillor Dryden seconded the nomination of Councillor Stuart as Mayor for the municipal year 2010/2011.

Resolved that Councillor Stuart be elected Mayor for the municipal year 2010/2011 (Councillor Stuart then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Mayor).

TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011

Councillor Boyce proposed and Councillor Herbert seconded the nomination of Councillor Nimmo-Smith as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2010/2011.

Resolved that Councillor Nimmo-Smith be elected Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2010/2011 (Councillor Nimmo-Smith then made the statutory declaration of acceptance of the office of Deputy Mayor).

10/23CNL TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2010

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 April 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

10/24CNL TO NOTE THE RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR:

It was noted that the following had been elected to the office of Councillor:

Abbey Adam Pogonowski
Arbury Tim Ward
Castle Simon Kightley

Cherry Hinton Stuart Newbold
Coleridge Lewis Herbert
East Chesterton Susannah Kerr and Roman Znajek
Kings Hedges Simon Brierley
Market Colin Rosenstiel
Newnham Rod Cantrill
Petersfield Sarah Brown and Gail Marchant-Daisley
Queen Edith's Jean Swanson
Romsey Paul Saunders
Trumpington Sheila Stuart
West Chesterton Max Boyce and Damien Tunnacliffe

10/25CNL TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Council noted the appointment of The Reverend, Michael Beckett as the Mayor's Chaplain for the municipal year 2010/2011.

10/26CNL TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

The Council noted the appointment of James Purvis, as Mayor's Cadet for the ensuing year.

10/27CNL TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Resolved, unanimously, on the proposal of Councillor Newbold, seconded by Councillor Blackhurst, that this Council expresses its appreciation of the manner in which the duties of Mayor and Mayoress were discharged by Councillor Russ McPherson and his wife, Carole McPherson, during their period of office and that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution for presentation to them.

Mayors Announcements

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Cllrs Levy and Zmura .

2. CIVIC CHURCH SERVICE – SUNDAY, 6th JUNE 2010

The Mott Sermon will be preached at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, 6th June at 9.30 a.m. Members have received details of this civic occasion, and if you have not yet informed Sue Edwards were asked to do so.

3. WELCOME HOME MARCH BY THE ROYAL ANGLIAN REGIMENT

Arrangements are being made for the Royal Anglian Regiment to undertake a welcome home march through the City on Monday, 14th June.

4. ARMED FORCES DAY - 27th June

In support of national Armed Forces Day, it has been agreed that the Armed Forces Flag would be hoisted onto the Guildhall on Monday, 21st June for one week.

5. PROCLAMATION OF MIDSUMMER FAIR – WEDNESDAY, 23rd JUNE

The Proclamation of Midsummer Fair takes place on Wednesday, 23rd June, and details would be circulated.

6. MAYOR'S DAY OUT

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Mayor's Day Out and arrangements would be made to take our local senior citizens for an outing to Great Yarmouth on Tuesday, 7th September. Councillors were invited to go along and help with stewarding this event.

7. HARVEST FESTIVAL CIVIC SERVICE

The date of the Harvest Festival civic service is Sunday, 10th October. This will take place in Great St. Mary's Church at 9.30a.m. and notification will be sent nearer the time.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
Dryden	Item 15 Oral Question	Personal interest as a

	3	supporter of Friends Of Disability
Shah	16b	Personal Interest as a member of the Board of Cintra
Taylor	16a	Employed by Cambridge University Press
Smith	16a	Employed by Cambridge University
Pitt	16a	Wife employed by Cambridge University
Blackhurst	16a	Member of Cambridge University
Reid	16a	Member of Open University
Pogonowski	16a	Member of Fitzwilliam College
Herbert	16a	Employed as consultant for ARU and partner employed by ARU
Swanson	16a	Employee of Open University
Nimmo-Smith	16a	Occasional Supervisor and Examiner at Cambridge University
Shah	16a	Occasional lecturing at Cambridge University
Walker	16a	Husband employed by Cambridge University

10/29CNL TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011

Councillor Boyce proposed and Councillor Dryden seconded that Councillors Al Bander, Taylor, Wright and Hart be appointed as bailiffs.

Resolved that Councillors Al Bander, Taylor, Wright and Hart be appointed as bailiffs of the city for the municipal year 2010/2011.

TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES WHICH ARE FOR ADOPTION:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(17 MAY) FOR ADOPTION**10/CIV/23 Election of Leader of The Council and Executive Councillors**

RESOLVED (unopposed) to approve the appointment of the Leader and Executive Councillors for 2010/11.

Leader – Cllr Reid

Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation	Cllr Cantrill
Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth	Cllr Blair
Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health	Cllr Bick
Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources	Cllr McGovern
Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services	Cllr Pitt
Executive Councillor for Housing (and Deputy Leader)	Cllr Smart

RESOLVED (unopposed):

To agree that the Executive responsibility for community safety (including CCTV and responding to Police consultation on the use of dispersal powers under section 30, Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003), and the racial harassment service is moved from the Leader to the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health;

10/CIV/24 Appointment of Committees 2010/11

The Mayor drew the Council's attention to the updated nominations to Committees laid around the Chamber. Councillor Herbert proposed that Councillor Hipkin be appointed to the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED (unopposed) to agree the size and membership of Committees as follows:

Scrutiny Committees**Community Services**

Liberal Democrat

Labour

Kightley	Todd-Jones (Spokes: Housing)
Kerr	Walker (Spokes: Community Services)
Blackhurst	Newbold (Alternate)
Sanders	
Al Bander	
Brown	
Shah	
Brierley (Alternate)	

Environment

Liberal Democrat	Labour	Green
Ward	Newbold (Spokes: Environmental Services)	Pogonowski (Spokes)
Kightley	Herbert (Spokes: Climate Change)	Wright (Alternate)
Znajek	Marchant-Daisley (Alternate)	
Saunders		
Kerr		
Tunnacliffe		
Shah (Alternate)		

Housing Management Board

Liberal Democrat	Labour	Green
Blackhurst	Todd-Jones (Sp Housing)	Pogonowski
Levy	Walker	Wright (Alternate)
Brierley	Newbold (Alternate)	
Swanson		
Nimmo-Smith		
Zmura		
Ward (Alternate)		

*Plus the following 6 elected tenant/leaseholder representatives:
Diane Best, Beverley Dennis, Brian Haywood, John Marais,

Terrance Sweeney and Kay Harris

Strategy and Resources

Liberal Democrat	Labour	Conservative
Taylor	Herbert (Spokes: Strategy)	Howell
Boyce	Dryden (Spokes: Customer Services and Resources)	
Ward	Benstead (Alternate)	
Al Bander		
Shah		
Nimmo-Smith		
Brown (Alternate)		

Regulatory Committees

Civic Affairs

Liberal Democrat	Labour
Boyce	Herbert (Spokes)
Rosenstiel	Benstead
Ward	Marchant-Daisley (Alternate)
Pitt	
McGovern (Alternate)	

Employment Appeals Sub Committee

Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
Smart	Dryden	Hipkin
McGovern	Walker	
Blair		
Stuart		
Smith		
Saunders		

Licensing

Liberal Democrat	Labour	Green
Smith	McPherson (Spokes)	Pogonowski
Rosenstiel	Benstead	Wright (Alternate for main Committee only)
Stuart	Hart	
Shah		
Znajek		
Boyce		
McGovern		
Saunders		
Pitt (Alternate for main Committee only)		

Planning

Liberal Democrat	Labour	Green	Independent
Dixon	Dryden (Spokes)	Wright (Spokes)	Hipkin
Stuart	Herbert (Alternate)	Pogonowski (Alternate)	
Nimmo-Smith			
Znajek			
Blair			
Tunnacliffe			
Zmura (Alternate)			

Standards

Liberal Democrat	Labour
Stuart	McPherson (Spokes)
Swanson	Dryden
Taylor	Marchant-Daisley (Alternate)
Levy	
Blair (Alternate)	

*Plus the following three co-opted external Members: Alan Clarke, Ashish Dasgupta and Mike Williams

Joint Committees**Joint Development Control Committee**

Liberal Democrat	Labour	Green
Nimmo-Smith (LEAD)	Dryden	Wright
Smart	Herbert (Alt)	Pogonowski (Alternate)
Blair		
Ward		
Zanjek (Alternate)		

Joint Planning Policy (Cambridge Fringes)

Liberal Democrat	Labour
Blair (Spokes)	Herbert
Ward	Newbold (Alternate)
Reid (Alternate)	

Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint (AJC)

Liberal Democrat	Labour
Smith (C/LEAD)	Newbold
Rosenstiel	Marchant-Daisley
Zmura	Herbert (Alt)
Brown	
Blair - Alt	

10/CIV/25**Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs 2010/11****Appointment of Chairs**

The Liberal Democrat Group nominations tabled at Civic Affairs Committee and the Labour Group nominations proposed at the meeting by Councillor Herbert and seconded by Councillor Newbold for Committee Chairs were as shown below:

Committee Chair	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Strategy and Resources	Cllr Taylor	Cllr Dryden
community services	Cllr Kightley	Cllr Walker
Environment	Cllr Ward	Cllr Newbold
Housing Management Board	Cllr Blackhurst	Cllr Todd-Jones
Civic Affairs	Cllr Boyce	Cllr Herbert
Licensing	Cllr Smith	Cllr McPherson
Planning	Cllr Dixon	Cllr Dryden

Appointment of Vice Chairs

The Liberal Democrat Group nominations tabled at Civic Affairs Committee were as shown below:

Scrutiny Committee Vice Chair	Liberal Democrat
Strategy and Resources	Cllr Boyce
Community Services	Cllr Kerr
Environment	Cllr Kightley
Civic Affairs	Cllr Rosenstiel
Licensing	Cllr Rosenstiel
Planning	Cllr Stuart

Resolved (by 27 votes to 12) that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees be as follows:

Committee	chair	Vice chair
Strategy and Resources	Cllr Taylor	Cllr Boyce
Community Services	Cllr Kightley	Cllr Kerr
Environment	Cllr Ward	Cllr Kightley
Housing Management Board	Cllr Blackhurst	Diane Best (Leaseholder representative)
Civic Affairs	Cllr Boyce	Cllr Rosenstiel
Licensing	Cllr Smith	Cllr Rosenstiel
Planning	Cllr Dixon	Cllr Stuart
Standards	To be appointed from the Non-Councillor members by the Committee at its first meeting	N/A
Employment Appeals Sub	Cllr Smart	N/A

10/CIV/27 DUTY TO RESPOND TO PETITIONS

RESOLVED (unopposed):

To approve the adoption of the Model Scheme for Petitions incorporating the amendments shown in Appendix B of the report to Civic Affairs Committee.

10/31CNL ANNUAL STATEMENT

Councillor Reid spoke to a written Annual Statement on the Liberal Democrat Group's priorities for the forthcoming municipal year, which was appended to the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Herbert spoke to a written Annual Statement on the Labour Group's priorities for the forthcoming municipal year, which was appended to the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Wright spoke to a written Annual Statement on the Green Group's priorities for the forthcoming municipal year, which was appended to the agenda for the meeting.

10/32CNL ADOPTION OF ANNUAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES

Under the Scheme for Annual Statements, that of Councillor Reid was deemed to be a motion for adoption by the Council.

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Walker seconded the replacement of the Liberal Democrat Annual Statement by that of the Labour Group. On a show of hands, this proposal was lost by 27 votes to 8.

Resolved (by 26 votes to 0) that the Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group, as appended to the agenda, be adopted as Council policy for 2010/11.

10/33CNL PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

10/34CNL TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION

THE REVISED CIPFA TREASURY MANAGEMENT CODE OF PRACTICE (see also Minute/Record of Decision 10/SR/33 of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee 29.03.10).

Resolved (by 28 votes to 0) that:

The Council

- Adopt CIPFA's revised "Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes" and the four clauses shown in Appendix 1 of the Officer Report.
- Approves the "Treasury Management Scheme of Delegation" in Appendix 2 of the Officer Report.
- Approves the "Treasury Management Role of the Section 151 Officer" in Appendix 3 of the Officer report
- Adopts the revised "Treasury Management Policy Statement" shown in Appendix 4 of the Officer Report.

10/35CNL TO DEAL WITH ORAL QUESTIONS

1. Cllr Brown to the Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation

Could the Executive Councillor provide the council with an update on the event that may take place on 5th June instead of the cancelled Strawberry Fair and the status of discussions regarding ensuring that Strawberry Fair is held from 2011 onwards?

2. Cllr Nimmo-Smith to the Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services

What progress is the city making towards reducing the amount of domestic waste that is not recycled but goes to landfill?

3. Cllr Dryden to the Leader

Has there been any progress with the investigation of restructuring the administration at the Cherry Hinton Village Centre on how it operates this facility to the benefit of the local community.

4. Cllr Herbert to the Leader

What progress has the Council made in its campaign launched at the February Council meeting to oppose cuts in University funding, and what responses have been received including from local MPs?

5. Cllr Ward to the Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health

What can the council do about aggressive touting for punt hire?

6. Cllr Walker to the Leader

What services will you be seeking to protect in response to the Coalition Government's proposed stringent cuts to the Department for Communities and Local Government?

7. Cllr Herbert to the Executive Councillor for Housing

What recommendations will she be bringing forward as the Council's response to the national Government proposal to reform Housing Revenue Account funding and devolve real powers to the City Council to manage and develop council housing for Cambridge residents?

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

MOTION A

Councillor Cantrill proposed and Councillor Smart seconded the following motion:

This Council is fully committed to fairness and freedom in and for Cambridge.

We welcome those policies of the new coalition government that support these goals. The council's role with the new government will be to continue to act as a strong voice for Cambridge on local issues and a strong voice for Cambridge people on those national issues that affect the city.

It will work with the city's new MPs towards these goals.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Todd Jones proposed and Herbert seconded the following amendment:

ADD THE FOLLOWING TEXT at end of current motion text

The Council also reiterates its opposition to further cuts in higher education funding as it

1. recognises that the higher education sector in Cambridge is a major engine of the local economy, and a key gateway that offers access and opportunity to be part of the educated, qualified and skilled workforce on which local economic development is critically dependent,
2. is apprehensive at the prospect of £200 million in additional cuts in funding for universities,
3. believes that the government's planned financial retrenchment will have a serious impact not only on jobs in the city's universities but also on the wider

economy.

The Council therefore instructs Leader and Chief Executive to write

1. to relevant government ministers asking them to think again about their proposed cuts in higher education funding,
2. to the Greater Cambridge Partnership asking them to monitor the impact of higher education cuts on the sub-regional economy,
3. to local MPs urging them to commit to defend the Cambridge economy, and with it the wider national interest, from these risks.

RESOLVED: On a show of hands the amendment was carried unanimously

RESOLVED (unanimously) that:

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MOTION B

Councillor Herbert proposed and Councillor Newbold seconded the following motion:

The City Council restates its support for a unitary council for the Cambridge city sub-region.

The Council asks the Leader to write to her counterparts at Cambridgeshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council proposing a jointly funded, detailed cost benefit study, and to bring a report to Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

The short term aim will be to assess backroom and other services that by 2013 would be better delivered jointly, and

- maximise efficiency savings while protecting front-line services
- build on current internal reviews by all three councils
- ensure services like road and pavement snow clearance and gritting are properly delivered next time around
- review local joint bodies and quangos where waste can be eliminated
- enable local people to more easily understand their councils and contribute better to decisions.

For the medium term, a wider cost benefit review would assess the service and financial case for and against a single unitary council.

As all three councils are currently run by the two parties in coalition nationally, the motion will also be copied to all three local coalition MPs, and to other local service delivery organisations including the

police and local NHS trusts.

Under Procedure Rule 13.7.1, it was agreed to deal with the business at the meeting.

Councillor Reid proposed and Councillor Nimmo-Smith seconded the following amendment:

Delete all and replace with:

The Council restates its ambition for a single authority for the Cambridge area on appropriate boundaries.

As a first step, the Council asks the Chief Executive to invite the County Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council to discuss how establishing an Integrated Transport Authority, using powers under the Local Transport Act 2008, would improve the public transport provision for the area.

The Council will look to the new government to provide further opportunities for local arrangements to meet the needs and aspirations of Cambridge, other than in the form of inappropriate top-down County-wide authorities.

It notes the extensive work already done and ongoing by the Council to work with partners to reduce costs and improve services.

The Council asks the Leader to write to the appropriate minister to ensure that the boundary review of the city is taken forward as a priority by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

RESOLVED: On a show of hands the amendment was by carried by 29 votes to 0.

RESOLVED (by 35 votes to 0) that:

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10/37CNL TO NOTE THE RECORD OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2008/2009 (To be circulated prior to the Annual Meeting)

Resolved that Record of Members' attendances at Committee, Sub-Committee and Working Party Meetings during 2009/2010 be noted.

The meeting ended at 4.30pm

CHAIR