



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

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Labour amendment to the Proposed closure of Parkside Police Station motion proposed by Councillor Massey (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~)

Council notes the Police Constabulary's intention to move its Southern Divisional HQ out of its current site in Parkside to a location in the outskirts of Cambridge.

~~It resolves to hold the Police & Crime Commissioner to his public statement that community policing and a Public Contact point will remain in the the city centre. In particular The council calls on:~~

~~1. The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable to retain a smaller city centre police station with parking for patrol cars, particularly for our neighbourhood policing officers to work from and to be able to walk and cycle from the station and with ~~for the proposed city centre public contact point to take the form of a desk staffed 24/7, recognising the very high footfall in Cambridge city centre, the high levels of tourism in our city the size of the night economy, and the high concentration of incidents to be found in any vibrant urban centre;~~~~

~~2. The City Council Chief Executive to explore and if possible advance the opportunity for the Police Neighbourhood Policing team to share an office facility within the city with the city council's Safer Communities team and potentially other enforcement officers of the city and county council, a model which has been pioneered in Peterborough, in order to further enhance joint working.~~

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Labour amendment to the People's vote motion proposed by Councillor Smith seconded by Councillor Moore (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~)

~~In the 2016 Referendum on the European Union Cambridge voted over 73% in favour of remaining in the European Union. The European elections on the 23 May, provides residents with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to remaining in the European Union.~~

The Council believes that the interests of its residents would be best protected by a ~~People's Vote~~ Confirmatory Public Vote on any Brexit deal agreed, with the option of revoking Article 50 and remaining in the EU.

The Council calls on ~~all political parties~~ Parliament to commit to give Cambridge, and all UK residents (including resident European citizens) a vote on whether to accept whatever Brexit deal is agreed or to retain the many benefits local residents currently enjoy by staying in the European Union.

The Council should write to our two local MPs ~~calling on them to lobby their parties to unequivocally support a People's Vote~~ thanking them for their consistent support in campaigning for a confirmatory ballot.

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Liberal Democrat amendment to the Biodiversity motion proposed by Councillor Dalzell (additional text underlined and deleted text ~~struck through~~)

This Council notes with concern recent reports from the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) on global species and habitat loss, and also that Cambridgeshire & Peterborough combined has one of the lowest percentages of land cover of priority habitats, natural green spaces and designated nature conservation sites in England, with only 6.5% of the land surface having statutory or non-statutory nature conservation designations and only approximately 8.5% being priority habitat.

We recognise the importance of a healthy and biodiverse environment that ensures our City's future prosperity and supports the wellbeing of all who live, work and study here.

We therefore pledge to provide leadership and to ensure that we work with partners and our communities to reverse the decline in biodiversity and deliver measurable biodiversity net gain within Cambridge and the wider region.

Further to this, Council:

~~(1) Declares its recognition of the global biodiversity emergency and the local impact this could have on the communities and businesses we serve~~

~~(2) Pledges to act during the first year of Motion being accepted, to work towards future measurable biodiversity net gain for Cambridge, based on a full assessment of the scientific evidence on how best to achieve this~~

~~(3) Pledges to develop plans for further action, in second year of Motion and beyond, to secure further biodiversity net gain.~~

(1) Recognises the global biodiversity crisis, the impact this will have on our local community and its close link to the Climate Emergency declared at our last meeting.

(2) Renews this Council's 2006 commitment to deliver a measurable biodiversity net gain for Cambridge, based on a full assessment of the scientific evidence and consultation with local stakeholders.

(3) Pledges to identify actions that can be taken this year to protect and improve biodiversity in Cambridge, to bring a report to scrutiny committee in October to report on progress and develop a long-term spending plan for future budgets.

In recognition of this biodiversity emergency, during first year of Motion being accepted Cambridge City Council will:

- Make the Council estate more hospitable to a wide range of plants and animals, including on our parks and open spaces.
- Seek to eliminate unnecessary use of pesticides across the City Council estate.
- Publish a Parks Biodiversity Toolkit to encourage community engagement with habitat creation such as flowering meadows for pollinating insects.
- Identify how the City's open spaces function as part of a Cambridgeshire coherent ecological network and prioritise areas for protection and enhancement.
- Set measurable targets and standards for biodiversity increase, seeking to increase community engagement with habitat creation such as bee banks and ponds.
- Work to improve the City Council Nature Conservation Strategy, building on the significant work already delivered since its adoption in 2006, by embedding measurable biodiversity net gain across the authority.
- Work in partnership with neighbouring Councils, institutions, schools, businesses and community groups, to develop strategies raise awareness and encourage wider biodiversity action across the City by:
 - Providing a range of public engagement and awareness campaigns to provide advice to residents and businesses on how to protect and enhance habitats within their neighbourhoods.

- Promoting the adoption of the Local Nature Partnership 'Developing with Nature Toolkit' within all new major developments to ensure biodiversity best practice is implemented and recognised.
- Continuing to safeguard and enhance the trees of our urban forest to maximise their biodiversity benefits through the implementation of the adopted Tree Strategy (2016) and committing to increase the number of trees in Cambridge.
- Develop a Hedge Strategy to protect and maximise the planting of high quality hedging across the city including major GCP projects and housing developments.
- Encouraging and supporting urban agriculture as set out in the City Council Sustainable Food Policy,
- Continuing to support the Local Wildlife Trust through a service level agreement (SLA) to ensure our designated Local Wildlife Sites reach and retain favourable conservation status.
- Continuing to support the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Environmental Records Centre through a SLA to ensure validated, up-to-date biodiversity data is captured and available to decision makers when considering the implications of development, land management and projects.
- Continuing to support Natural Cambridgeshire, the Local Nature Partnership (LNP), to deliver the shared vision for 'Cambridgeshire to be an exemplar for the landscape scale restoration of the natural environment'.

We further aspire to:

- Ensure the delivery of biodiversity enhancements through our planning policy and development control functions by providing guidance to support existing biodiversity policies as part of the Greater Cambridge Sustainable Design and Construction SPD and forthcoming Greater Cambridge Biodiversity SPD. Development of the Joint Greater Cambridge Local Plan will enable the development of a mandatory biodiversity net gain policy for Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, ensuring that this is a core principle for all future development across the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

- Establish a Cambridge Biodiversity Charter, calling on all organisations, businesses and individuals in the city to each establish their own Biodiversity Action Plans and to commit to enhancing their open spaces, to contribute towards a city's wide net gain
- Design new council housing for net gain of biodiversity and opportunities in the form of integral swift boxes, biodiverse green roofs and hedgehog highways etc, where viable.
- Work with the Cambridgeshire County Council, Greater Cambridge Partnership and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority to promote sustainable transport by the implementation of biodiversity net gain targets
- Establish a Biodiversity recognition scheme for schools / community groups / business and individual gardens.

Supporting Information:

Climate change, biodiversity and human health

<https://www.who.int/globalchange/ecosystems/biodiversity/en/>

WWF Living Planet report 2018

https://www.wwf.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-10/wwfintl_livingplanet_full.pdf

Biodiversity: state of emergency <https://news.cnrs.fr/articles/biodiversity-state-ofemergency> <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/nature-conservation-strategy>

<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/tree-strategy>

Natural

Cambridgeshire

Vision <https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/vision/>

<https://naturalcambridgeshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/nc-developing-with-nature-toolkit.pdf>

Background Note to Motion on Equality for Nurses

Provided by Councillor Baiju Thittala

Our NHS and the healthcare sector have been predominately reliant on immigrants from all over the world. 96 nationalities work for the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Historically, Great Britain has welcomed medical professionals from foreign countries, which has relieved the pressure on the NHS and improved patient care. The diaspora for the medical sector was re-opened when the Labour Government came to power in 1997. The Tory government in power and its anti-people policies meant that our NHS suffered a severe shortage of staff to look after our sick and needy.

When the Labour Party relaxed immigration rules for skilled labourers, medical professionals migrated to the United Kingdom. The NHS and the healthcare sector were saved from the verge of collapse. The contribution and hard work of non-EU workers should not be forgotten.

All these immigrants have made an invaluable contribution to our sick and elderly population. These highly skilled professionals are the backbone of our healthcare system, many of whom have left everything behind to work in the United Kingdom.

The Issue

Many nurses are facing unfair treatment, perhaps indirect discrimination from the regulator, the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). Initially, the NMC did not set up any threshold to test their English language competency – an interview with their potential employers, nor an interview at the British Consulate or Embassy at the time of the visa process. All those who arrived in the UK managed to register after following the due process to become a Registered Nurse. Perhaps the NMC had a view that nurses, especially from Non-EU countries studied English.

Nonetheless, from 2006, the NMC started to shift the goal posts in relation to the threshold of English language. They have implemented a new regime of requirement for Non- EU nurses to prove their English language competency. They introduced the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). You cannot fail the IELTS, as it evaluates language skills across a wide range of levels. The participants are graded on a 9-band score system, from 1 (the lowest) to 9 (the

highest), which indicates the level of their English skills. The scores mean as follows 1 is non-user; 2 is an intermittent user; 3 is an extremely limited user; 4 is a limited user; 5 is modest user; score 6 is a competent user; 7 is a good user; 8 is a very good user; and 9 is an expert user. The four modules involved are reading, speaking, listening and writing.

The NMC set a threshold of a score of 6 in order to register as a nurse. Eventually, however, the NMC moved this threshold to an overall score of 7 for all individual modules, and an overall 7 for all these modules, which constitutes a 78% pass mark. The rationale seems to ensure that those who work in the healthcare sector have good English language competency. Thousands of non-EU nurses who have arrived in the United Kingdom are qualified nurses in their native countries. Many of these nurses have worked in the healthcare sector for between 4 to 13 years. Many of them have attempted to achieve the required score of 7 for all 4 modules, but while most of them have achieved a score between 6.5 to 8 for individual modules, their overall score falls below 7.

The irony is that even if they pass all 3 modules with the required level of competency, but fail the 4th module, they will not have achieved the required competency. However, if they achieve 7 for the module on their second attempt but score less than 6.5 for any of the other modules for which they previously scored 7, it would still be classed as not achieving the required level of English competency.

The most surprising fact is that these fully-qualified nurses have been working in our healthcare system for many years, receiving training and communicating effectively with patients and relevant professionals, so how can the NMC even reasonably argue that they do not have competent English language skills?

The majority of these nurses are from India, Philippines, Africa and other Asian countries, many of whom are fluent in English. How it is possible for any reasonable employer not to have raised previous concerns about their English language competency, if they have been working in the healthcare sector for so many years? The reality is that most of these Non-EU nurses have been awarded a Band 4 nurse (not a qualified nurse) status for the purpose of paying them less, even though they are being forced to take on the role of a Band 5 nurse (qualified nurse).

When these nurses come to this country to undertake professional courses in healthcare, and successfully achieve a diploma and/or

degree, how can the NMC say to them that they are not competent in the English language?

Another issue that has to be addressed as a matter of urgency is that most of them do not hold the status of a qualified nurse, they have difficulties in extending their visas. They are forced to pay hundreds of thousands of pounds to renew the visas and remain in employment.

The NMC rules hinder the notion of natural justice and are an infringement to these nurses' rights. What we see here is that a group of nurses, after achieving their professional qualifications and leaving everything behind in their home countries, have come to Britain to practice their profession, but are being denied the opportunity to contribute to our healthcare system just because they are non-EU citizens.

In conclusion, we are asking the regulator to step in and address this unfair practice. The NMC requires a score of 7 out of 9, which is about 78%, but we request the NMC to keep reduce it to 6.5, which is still a 72% pass mark, for those nurses, worked and settled in the United Kingdom for more than 4 years.

Despite the acute pressures on the NHS, many thousands of trained care workers are being denied the opportunity to continue making a much-needed contribution, because the bar for English competency has been set so high. The NHS continues to recruit non-EU nurses, when thousands of trained nurses are already working in the United Kingdom. This is a huge waste of public money and the NMC's unreasonable position has only resulted a huge waste of human resource.

Along with other UK cities, Cambridge is suffering a severe shortage of trained nurses and nursing staff in the NHS, and of care staff locally. Problems of recruitment and retention are made far worse by the setting of English language standards not always appropriate to the roles, and inadequate supplementary English classes following the recruitment of staff from overseas, or for potential staff already in the UK.

RESEARCH

Case Studies

1. All the candidates completed either Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery (3 years & 6 months) or BSc in Nursing (4 years);
2. All the courses were completed in English medium;
3. Most of the candidates either acquired Permanent Residency (PR)/ Citizenship;
4. PR holders passed 'Life in the UK' English test to qualify for PR status;
5. The majority of the candidates are settled in UK with their family;
6. Most of them have 8+ years of experience in NHS as Senior health care staff; and
7. All of them are effectively communicating with professionals and patients on a daily basis.

Case Study 1

Name	NC
Qualification & Work experience in UK	GNM, 9 years
Permanent Resident/ UK Citizenship	PR 2015 Citizen 2018
Present job	NHS

Details of IELTS/OET test score

IELTS or OET Details	Score achieved			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<u>IELTS 2017</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS 2017</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.5</u>
<u>IELTS 2016</u>	<u>9.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>8.0</u>
<u>IELTS</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>

<u>2016</u>				
<u>IELTS</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>8.0</u>
<u>2015</u>				
<u>OET 2018</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>OET 2018</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>OET 2018</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>

Case Study 2

Name	DP
Qualification & Work experience in UK	BSc, Masters (UK), 8 years
Permanent Resident/ UK Citizenship	Citizen
Present job	NHS

Details of IELTS/OET test score

IELTS or OET Details	Score achieved			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<u>IELTS 2016</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>
<u>IELTS JAN 2017</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS APR 2017</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>IELTS NOV 2017</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>

Case Study 3

Name	BB
Qualification & Work experience in UK	GNM, 9 years
Permanent Resident/ UK Citizenship	PR from 2015, Citizen from 2016
Present job	NHS

Details of IELTS/OET test score

IELTS or OET Details	Score achieved			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<u>OET JAN 2018</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>OET MAR 2018</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>OET MAY 2018</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>OET JUL 2018</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C+</u>
<u>OET NOV 2018</u>	<u>AWAITING RESULTS</u>			

Case Study 4

Name	MG
Qualification & Work experience in UK	GNM, 9 years
Permanent Resident/ UK Citizenship	No
Present job	Private

Details of IELTS/OET test score

IELTS or OET Details	Score achieved			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<u>IELTS NOV 2018</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>8.5</u>
<u>IELTS JAN 2018</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS DEC 2017</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>

<u>IELTS</u> <u>AUG 2017</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>
<u>IELTS</u> <u>MAY 2017</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS</u> <u>MAR 2016</u>	<u>8.5</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS NOV</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>8.0</u>

Case Study 5

Name	BJ
Qualification & Work experience in UK	GNM, 11 years
Permanent Resident/ UK Citizenship	PR
Present job	NHS

Details of IELTS/OET test score

IELTS or OET Details	Score achieved			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<u>OET</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>OET</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>OET</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>OET</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>

Case Study 6

Name	RM
Qualification & Work experience in UK	GNM, 8 years
Permanent Resident/ UK Citizenship	PR 2010
Present job	NHS

Details of IELTS/OET test score

IELTS or OET Details	Score achieved			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<u>IELTS APR 2013</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>

<u>DEC 2013</u>				
<u>IELTS FEB 2014</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS JUN 2014</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.0</u>
<u>IELTS JUL 2014</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>7.5</u>
<u>IELTS SEP 2014</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>

Case Study 7

Name	AJJ
Qualification & Work experience in UK	BSc Nursing, 4 years
Permanent Resident/ UK Citizenship	No
Present job	NHS

Details of IELTS/OET test score

IELTS or OET Details	Score achieved			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<u>IELTS 2015</u>	<u>7.5</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>
<u>IELTS JAN 2017</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>7.5</u>
<u>IELTS 2017</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>
<u>OET JAN 2018</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C+</u>
<u>OET JUNE 2018</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>C+</u>	<u>C</u>
<u>OET OCT 2018</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C+</u>

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies

Apologies have been received from Councillor Barnett, Dryden, Chadwick, O'Reilly, Payne and Tunnacliffe.

Civic Church Service

The Mott Sermon will be preached at Holy Trinity Church this coming Sunday, 26 May at 9.30 a.m. Members have received details of this occasion, and if you have not yet confirmed your attendance, please can you do so today with Penny Jackson.

Proclamation of Midsummer Fair

The Proclamation of Midsummer Fair takes place Wednesday, 19 June, and details will be circulated in the coming days. Please support this civic occasion if you can.

Mayor's Day Out

The date for this year's Mayor's Day Out in Great Yarmouth is confirmed as Tuesday 13 August. The support of councillors – stewarding coaches, assisting guests etc – is always greatly valued. It's a fun day, looked forward to and appreciated by those who take part. If anyone would like to help this year, please could they let Penny Jackson know, who will pass your name to the Cambridge Live team.

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Executive Councillors

Leader and Executive Councillor for Strategy and External Partnerships	Councillor Lewis Herbert
Deputy Leader (Statutory)	Councillor Mike Sargeant
Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety	Councillor Nicky Massey
Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources	Councillor Richard Robertson
Executive Councillor for Housing	Councillor Richard Johnson
Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre	Councillor Rosy Moore
Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Open Spaces	Councillor Katie Thornburrow
Executive Councillor for Communities and Deputy Leader (Non-Statutory)	Councillor Anna Smith

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Labour Group Appointment for Lead Councillors

Anti-Poverty Strategy	Councillor Alex Collis
Climate Change	Councillor Mike Davey
Cycling and Walking	Councillor Martin Smart
Disability	Councillor Gerri Bird
Equalities	Councillor Baiju Thittala
Homelessness and Refugees	Councillor Carla McQueen
Health and Well-being	Councillor Nicky Massey
Standards	Councillor Russ McPherson
Sustainable Food	Councillor Alex Collis
Public Transport	Councillor Mike Sargeant
Council Housing Development	Councillor Mike Todd-Jones
Women's Equality	Councillor Sophie Barnett
LGBT+ Equality	Councillor Carla McQueen
Biodiversity	Councillor Grace Hadley
Public Art	Councillor Mike Davey

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Liberal Democrat Appointments for Opposition Spokes

Strategy and External Partnerships	Councillor Tim Bick
Open Spaces and Transport	Councillor Colin McGerty
Finance and Resources	Councillor Jamie Dalzell
Housing	Councillor Rod Cantrill
Climate Change, Environment and City Centre	Councillor Anthony Martinelli
Planning Policy	Councillor Tim Bick
Communities and Community Safety	Councillor Cheney Payne

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Cambridge City Council Licensing Committee

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Time: During the Annual Meeting of the Council

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Contact: democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk, tel:01223 457000

Agenda

- 1 Appointment of Sub Committees (Pages 3 - 4)
The Committee is asked to agree membership of 4 Sub Committees of 3 members each:

Sub Committee A: Bird, McQueen, Gehring

Sub Committee B: Thittala, Pippas, Summerbell

Sub Committee C: McPherson, Massey, Porrer

Sub Committee D: Sargeant, Moore, TBC

If any member is unable to attend a scheduled Sub Committee they will be substituted by another member of the Committee.

The responsibilities delegated to the Sub Committees are set out over the page.

Licensing Committee Members: Bird (Chair), Thittala (Vice-Chair), Gehring, Massey, McPherson, McQueen, Moore, Pippas, Porrer, Sargeant and Summerbell

Subject area	Licensing Committee Decision	Sub Committee Decision	Officer Decision
Licensing Act 2003	<p>To determine/ amend Statement of Licensing Policy</p> <p>To approve changes to delegation to officers and there by amendment to the constitution</p>	<p>To determine any licensing application where a relevant representation has been made.</p> <p>To determine an application to review a Premises Licence / Club Premises Certificate.</p> <p>To determine an application for the Grant or Renewal of a Personal Licence if a Police objection is made.</p>	<p>To grant any licensing application where no relevant representation has been made.</p> <p>To determine an application for the Grant or Renewal of a Personal Licence if no Police objection is made.</p>
Gambling Act 2005	<p>To determine/ amend Statement of Gambling Principles</p> <p>To approve changes to delegation to officers and there by amendment to the constitution</p>	<p>To determine any application where a representation from the responsible authorities and/or person(s) has been made</p>	<p>To grant any application where no representation from the responsible authorities has been made</p>
Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire vehicles	<p>To determine/ amend policies</p> <p>To set fare charges for Hackney carriages</p>	<p>To determine to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew a vehicle licence, if the vehicle is not fit for purpose or does</p>	<p>To issue licences that do not need a sub committee decision</p>

		not meet the criteria set out in the policy	
Hackney / Private Hire Drivers	To determine/ amend policies	To determine to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew a driver licence, if the driver is not fit and proper or does not meet the criteria set out in the policy	To issue licences that do not need a sub committee decision
Private Hire Operators	To determine/ amend policies	To determine to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew an operator's licence, if the operator is not fit and proper or does not meet the criteria set out in the policy	To issue licences that do not need a sub committee decision
Sex Establishment Venues	To determine/ amend policy	To determine an application, where relevant objections have been received	To determine an application, where no relevant objections have been received
Market and Street Trading	To determine/ amend policy	To determine a application for a consent if there is a contested application for street trading	To determine a application for a consent if there is no contested application
Miscellaneous	If there is a requirement to make by-laws or have a particular policy To agree licensing fees where required to be locally set		All delegated to Officers



Cambridge City Council Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Contact: democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk, tel:01223 457000

Agenda

- 1 Appointment of Working Parties
The Scrutiny Committee is requested to agree the appointments below:

	Number of allocation
Equalities Panel	3 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Smart, Collis, Thittala, Porrer, Page-Croft	

	Number of allocation
Joint Staff Employment Forum	3 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat 2 Alternates
Councillors – Bird (Chair), Moore, Johnson, Dalzell, Chadwick Robertson (Ex-Officio) Alternate Councillor – Sargeant, TBC Lib Dem	

- 2 Appointment to Outside Bodies
The Scrutiny Committee is requested to recommend appointments to the outside bodies listed below.

The Leader and the Executive Councillor for Finance and Resources will be asked to agree the appointments.

	Number of allocation
Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board	1 Labour 1 Labour Alternate
Councillor – Herbert Alternate Councillor - Sargent	

	Number of allocation
Local Government Information Unit	1 Labour
Councillor – Herbert	

	Number of allocation
East of England Local Government Association	1 Labour
Councillor – Herbert	

	Number of allocation
LGA General Assembly	1 Labour – Leader
Councillor – Herbert	

	Number of allocation
Horizons Board	1 Labour – Leader
Councillor – Herbert	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge Investment Partnership	2 Labour
Councillor – Johnson, Robertson	

	Number of allocation
Brexit Advisory Group (joint with South Cambridgeshire District Council)	2 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Smith, Davies, Cantrill	

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Members: Davey (Chair), Todd-Jones (Vice-Chair), Bick, Dalzell, Green, Herbert (Executive Councillor) and Robertson (Executive Councillor)

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Cambridge City Council

Civic Affairs

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Time: During the Annual Meeting of the Council

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Contact: democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk, tel:01223 457000

Agenda

- 1 Appointment of Working Party
To agree membership of the following:

	Number of allocation
Chief Officer Performance Review	4 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Sheil, Herbert, Sargeant, Moore Bick, Nethsingha	

- 2 Appointment to Sub Committee
To agree membership of the following:

	Number of allocation
Employment Appeals Sub Committee	Total 6 4 Labour 2 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Bird, Johnson, McQueen, Thornburrow Page-Croft, Lord	

Civic Affairs Members: McPherson (Chair), Sargeant (Vice-Chair), Chadwick, Dalzell, Davey and Thornburrow



Cambridge City Council

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Contact: democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk, tel:01223 457000

Agenda

- 1 Appointment to Outside Bodies
To recommend appointments to the outside body listed below.

The Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety is be asked to agree the appointments below.

	Number of allocation
Members Cycling and Pedestrian Steering Group	5 Labour 3 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Massey, Sargeant, Baigent, Smart, Barnett, Dalzell, McGerty, Lib Dem TBC	
Alternate: Sheil	

Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee Members: Smart (Chair), Sheil (Vice-Chair), Baigent, Bick, Chadwick, Collis, Green, McGerty and McQueen

Alternates: Bird and Lord

Executive Councillors: Massey and Thornburrow

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Cambridge City Council

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

Contact: democratic.services@cambridge.gov.uk, tel:01223 457000

Agenda

1 Appointment to Outside Bodies

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to support the appointments to the outside bodies listed below.

The Executive Councillor for Communities and the Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre and the Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety, are asked to agree the following appointments.

	Number of allocation
The Junction (Observer Status)	1 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
Councillors – Hadley, Payne	

	Number of allocation
Visit Cambridge and Beyond DMO	1 Labour
Councillor – Moore	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge BID	1 Labour
Councillor – Moore	

	Number of allocation
Health and Wellbeing Board	1 Labour
Councillor - Massey	

	Number of allocation
Health Committee	1 Labour 1 Liberal Democrat
Councillor – Massey Alternate Member – Martinelli	

	Number of allocation
City and South Cambs Children's and Young People's Area Board	1 Labour
Councillor – Smith	

	Number of allocation
CCTV Shared Service Board	1 Labour
Councillors – Massey	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge Community Safety Partnership	1 Labour
Councillor – Massey	

	Number of allocation
Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel	1 Labour 1 Labour Alt
Councillor – Massey	
Alternate Councillor - Thittala	

	Number of allocation
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors	1 Labour
Councillor - Massey	

	Number of allocation
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Military Covenant Board	1 Labour
Councillor – Davey	

	Number of allocation
North West & West Quadrant Community Forum	1 Councillor
Councillor – TBC	

Southern Fringe Community Forum	Number of allocation
	1 Councillor
Councillor – Thornburrow	

Cambridge East Community Forum	Number of allocation
	1 Councillor
Councillor – Smith	

	Number of allocation
Clay Farm Advisory Group	1 Labour, 1 Lib Dem
Councillors – Thornburrow, Summerbell	

	Number of allocation
Storey's Field Community Trust	2 Labour 1 Lib Dem
Councillors – Thornburrow, Sargeant, Chadwick	

	Number of allocation
Recycling in Cambridge and Peterborough (RECAP)	1 Labour
Councillor – Moore	

Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee Members: Smart (Chair), Barnett (Vice-Chair), Collis, Davies, Hadley, Martinelli, Payne and Summerbell

Alternates: O'Reilly, Page-Croft and Sheil

Executive Councillors: Moore (Executive Councillor for Climate Change, Environment and City Centre), Smith (Executive Councillor for Communities) and Massey (Executive Councillor for Transport and Community Safety)

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Update to Appointments

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 Labour + 1 Lib Dem
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Price, Gehring

Alternates – Davey, Summerbell

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Audit and Governance Committee 1 Labour + one alternate
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Davey

Alternate – Price

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Annual Statement – Liberal Democrat Group

The Labour run council is failing the city and its residents and has lost its way in many areas of policy, typified by the introduction of its cruel charges on Shopmobility and its refusal to scrap them for 12 months. The Liberal Democrat group returns from the elections as a strengthened party of opposition.

In the next 12 months we will continue to be a strong voice for the people of Cambridge and will challenge Labour where their actions and inactions aren't in the interests of the residents or the city.

Our statement of intent for the forthcoming year therefore relates to our role in scrutinising and where necessary challenging the administration's running of the council and the proposals which it introduces, and in presenting new items on the council's agenda.

Much that the council does benefits from policies and directions set by the past Liberal Democrat administration and from our contribution subsequently as an Opposition. Our focus is on future choices and where residents are entitled to demand better than they are getting. Our priorities reflect our 2019 election manifesto, seeking a Cleaner, Greener and Fairer city.

Cleaner

We will contribute to developing an effective and fair response to the challenge of vehicle congestion and pollution in the city. Central to this must be a transformed public transport service, more accountable to the public, and less use of private vehicles.

Enabled by this, we will press for more segregated cycleways in the city and will be demanding faster and more coherent progress from both the current 'Making Space for People' Plan and the Market Square project, for the city centre to become more comfortably walkable for all.

We will continue to argue for the council's strategies to reduce pollution from vehicles to include targeted initiatives to impact behaviour and decisions today, such as convincing education and action on engine idling, supported by monitoring of pollution in sensitive locations, such as around schools, and the development of a broad-based approach for electric vehicle charging.

We will be seeking re-investment of the administration's budget cutbacks in the council's Streets & Open Spaces service to enable it to better respond to the growth of the city's population and visitor numbers, including the modernisation of street cleansing.

For the waste and recycling services we will be pressing for a new focus on leaving streets tidy on collection days and more frequent servicing of neighbourhood recycling centres, not closures.

Greener

We are pleased the council agreed to declare a climate emergency, but this remains meaningless unless it drives action. Historic step-by-step progress must be reconciled against the need for faster results if the climate tipping point is to be avoided by 2030. We want to see Cambridge embracing its own challenge and working with others rather than descending into finger-pointing.

We are happy to welcome the council's willingness to join South Cambridgeshire District Council's commitment to biodiversity net gain, and readiness to work with them with the help of the Shared Planning service. Again we will be looking for practical content and actions which genuinely support this. If they are forthcoming, they will receive our support.

We will be urging the council to re-focus on recycling, improvements with which appear to have recently stalled – not helped by the administration's reduced green bin collections. We want to see an exploration of weekly food waste collections. We also want to see waste reduction given a priority and will be championing public water fountains around the city (on which the council has been equivocal) as a means of reducing purchased drinks in single use plastic containers.

Fairer

We want to avoid further polarisation of Cambridge's housing market, which in the long term means enabling more homes of all kinds to be built. This must be done by designing for communities and by carefully nurturing the city's character, without freezing it aspic. We welcome both Marshalls' proposal for redevelopment of their airfield and the emerging plans for Cambridge North East, both of which have been resisted in the past by Labour on this council.

Over future years these developments have the potential to offer thousands of new affordable homes, as the developments at Trumpington Meadows and Clay Farm have already done. We want the council itself to be a major provider of these affordable homes as a social landlord and to develop business plans for a further 1000 new homes by 2030, using the council's new borrowing powers, in parallel to a programme of renovation or replacement of existing stock.

We will continue to advocate use of the council's general investment strategy to meet housing needs that neither the market nor social housing is good at serving – namely key workers. In particular we will be pressing for investment in the council's first tenancies at Local Living Rents, targeted at essential workers in the city's public services.

Within the realm of the council as social landlord we will be pressing for a review of the recently adopted 'zero tolerance' policy for items placed by residents in communal areas. We will be arguing for modifying the rents for letting newly built council homes for larger households to avoid the potential pinch point under Universal credit.

We will be on the lookout against further proposals akin to the exorbitant charges on Shopmobility which the administration incredibly considered consistent with protecting the disadvantaged and keeping Cambridge inclusive.

With rough sleeping continuing at unacceptable levels, we will continue to challenge the administration on the effectiveness of their policies. An expansion of Housing First has been too long coming and is still not in place; we will fight any suggestion that it is used to reduce the overall provision of much-needed transitional accommodation.

We expect the council to continue to conform to the law in honouring equal rights – including for LGBT+ people in the city, but we will hold it to the higher standard of nurturing a spirit of tolerance and mutual respect.

In addition, during the forthcoming year we will be challenging the administration's proposals for fewer residents to be notified of planning applications in their vicinity and more planning decisions to be taken by

officers in secret. It is an unsatisfactory response in a city with high development pressures to reduce transparency and involvement by residents.

We will also be examining the alarming cost of the recent bail-out of Cambridge Live, estimated to be £750,000, probing how the administration allowed things to go so wrong, and seeking the lessons that need to be learned for the future.

We will be pressing to fill the 'accountability gap' in the operation of the services that are now shared with neighbouring councils – refuse collection, planning, building control and various key back-office functions - looking for joint scrutiny arrangements with councillors of the other councils. These services are major financial commitments and much can – and sometimes does – go wrong.

We will also be following up the many proposals from this side rejected by the administration on the grounds that they are unnecessary and are already in hand. Experience has shown us, from increased support for 'Ask for Angela' to initiating a project addressing Period Poverty, that very often this is not the case and little ever happens.

The Liberal Democrat group will take the Labour administration to task on these issues. What we can't change or improve during this year, we will have another go at replacing at the ballot box next year. A city undergoing the change that Cambridge is, demands surer leadership and better results.

Council 22 May 2019 Written Questions and Answers

1. Councillor Martinelli

To Councillor Moore the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services and City Centre

Please could the Executive Councillor update us on the timeline for the publication of the comprehensive electric vehicle charging strategy that they assured members was a work in progress?

Work on developing An Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure strategy is underway and is included in the forward plan for consideration at Environment Scrutiny Committee on 3rd October 2019.

2. Councillor Cantrill

To Councillor Johnson the Executive Councillor for Housing

The number of occasions since 1st November 2018 when the council has triggered the severe weather emergency protocol and the number of homeless that were assisted on each occasion ?

The severe weather emergency protocol (SWEP) was triggered on a total of 40 occasions in the period 1 November 2018 to 31 March 2019. 20 beds for males were provided in the Salvation Army hall on Mill Road and 6 female beds were available in Jimmy's on East Road. On each night there were spare beds available for both males and females. Overall there was 516 bed-nights of provision and 81 discreet individuals were assisted. The number of people assisted on each occasion is set out in the following table:

26/11/2018	9
27/11/2018	15
28/11/2018	14
13/12/2018	6
14/12/2018	5

15/12/2018	7
16/12/2018	6
24/12/2018	4
25/12/2018	5
26/12/2018	6
27/12/2018	7
28/12/2018	8
29/12/2018	9
30/12/2018	7
31/12/2018	9
01/01/2019	10
02/01/2019	12
03/01/2019	14
04/01/2019	18
05/01/2019	18
06/01/2019	15
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22/01/2019	15
23/01/2019	18
24/01/2019	16
25/01/2019	17
26/01/2019	18

27/01/2019	18
28/01/2019	19
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