

**CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Officer Urgent Decision - Record**

**Appointment of non -councillor representatives to the Conservators of the River Cam**

<b>Decision(s) taken:</b>	To agree on behalf of the Council, the following to serve a three year term on the Conservators of the River Cam from 1 January 2022: May Block, Kate Hurst, Alistair Storer, Tim Wotherspoon
<b>Decision of:</b>	Chief Executive
<b>Date of decision:</b>	21 December 2021
<b>Matter for Decision:</b>	The City Council has four non-councillor appointments to make to the Conservators of the River Cam along with three councillor appointments. The Council is obliged to make these appointments by 31 December 2021.
<b>Any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	-
<b>Reason(s) for the decision including any background papers considered:</b>	<p>An urgent decision under paragraph 2 of section 9, Council Procedure Rules was necessary. These appointments are usually made by Full Council on the recommendation of the Executive Councillor. However, the next Council meeting is 24 February 2022. Although Council appointed three city councillors at its meeting on 21 October 2021 (agenda item 4d), the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Sustainable Food and Community Well-Being was not in a position to recommend the four non-councillor persons at the time. The city council's allocation of seven Conservators are required to be in place for 1 January 2022.</p> <p>On 17 December 2021, the Executive Councillor reviewed five applications received with Cllr Porrer (Liberal Democrat) and Cllr Copley (Green &amp; Independent) Spokes and Cllr Sargeant, a current Conservator. The Democratic Services Manager was also present. The Executive Councillor agreed that the four persons listed above be recommended for approval by the Chief Executive.</p>
<b>Conflicts of interest and dispensations granted by the Chief Executive:</b>	None.
<b>Other Comments:</b>	Although these appointments are overseen and recommended by the Executive Councillor, the Mayor, as Chair of the Council was advised in advance by the Democratic Services Manager that this urgent action would be taken.
<b>Reference:</b>	2021/OfficerUrgent/Council/01
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