

Cambridge City Council

Record of Officer Urgent Decision

Appointment of Cambridge City Council to the Conservators of the River Cam.

Decision taken: To appoint the following to the Conservators of the River Cam from 1 January 2025 for a maximum three-year term:

- **David Levien**
- **Cllr Neil Gough**
- **Alistair Wilson**
- **Sarah Tovell**

Decision of: Chief Executive

Reference: 24/OfficerUrgent/E&C/02

Date of decision: 24/12/2024 and published 24/12/2024

Any alternative options considered and rejected: None

Reason for the decision including any background:

The appointment of commissioners to the Conservators of the River Cam by Cambridge City Council is set out in the 1922 River Cam Conservancy Act. Council appointees to the Conservancy should be in place by 1st Jan 2025. The next meeting of Council is on 24th February 2025. An urgent decision under Paragraph 2, Section 9 of the Constitution, is necessary now to enable appointees to attend Conservancy meetings before the next Full Council meeting.

Appointments are made on the recommendation of the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces & City Services. Appointees have been selected based on their ability to support the development and delivery of plans to remediate Bait's Bite and Jesus Green locks which were closed temporarily on 21 May 2024 due to concerns about their structural integrity.

Comments: The Executive Councillor for Open Spaces & City Services has confirmed approval of the appointments and process.

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