

COUNCIL

1 June 2026
6.00 - 8.06 pm

Present: Councillors Ashton, Baigent, Bennett, Bick, Bird, Blackburn-Horgan, Cleminson, Clough, Dalzell, Davey, Davison, Fisher, Gardiner-Smith, Gawthroe Wood, Glasberg, Griffin, Grimwood, Haithcock, Hauk, Hossain, Illingworth, Martinelli, McPherson, Moore, Nestor, Nicmanis, Payne, Porrer, Sage, Sheil, Smart, Swift, Taylor, Thornburrow, Todd-Jones, Tong, Tove Scott, Wade, Whitmore and Young

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

26/47/CNL Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Dryden and Flaubert.

26/48/CNL Declarations of Interest

No new declarations were declared.

26/49/CNL Election of Leader of the Council

Councillor Bennett proposed, and Councillor Tong seconded the nomination of Councillor Sefira Davison as Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

Councillor Davey proposed, and Councillor Gardiner-Smith seconded the nomination of Councillor Katie Thornburrow as Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

As more than one nomination was received, Members proceeded to vote on each candidate. The results were as follows:

Councillor Davison:	12 Votes
Councillor Thornburrow:	16 Votes

Resolved (16 votes to 12 votes with 12 abstentions) that:

Councillor Thornburrow be elected Leader for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

26/50/CNL Notification of Cabinet Member Portfolios

Councillor Katie Thornurrow

Leader of the Council | Cabinet Member for Strategy, Planning and External Partnerships.

Councillor Rosy Moore

Deputy Leader of the Council | Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Environment.

Councillor Martin Smart

Cabinet Member for Nature, Open Spaces and City Services.

Councillor Mike Todd-Jones

Cabinet Member for Communities.

Councillor Gerri Bird

Cabinet Member for Housing.

Councillor Jenny Gawthrope Wood

Cabinet Member for Finance.

Councillor Antoinette Nestor

Cabinet Member for Economy and Resources.

26/51/CNL Appointments to Committee Places and Chairs/Vice-Chairs of Committee's

Councillor Thornburrow proposed and Councillor Moore seconded the following amendments to the Committee membership:

- i. The addition of one seat on the Services, Climate and Communities Overview Scrutiny Committee for the Conservative Group, to be allocated to Councillor Hossain,
- ii. The allocation of one extra seat on the Planning Committee for the Member representing Your Party, Councillor Baigent.

Resolved (unanimously) to:

- i. Approve the additional seat on the Services, Climate and Communities Overview Scrutiny Committee and the Planning Committee.

Councillor Bennett proposed herself as Chair to the Performance, Assets and Scrutiny Committee for municipal year 2026/27, seconded by Councillor Davison.

Councillor Bick proposed Councillor Young as Chair to the Performance, Assets and Scrutiny Committee, seconded by Councillor Martinelli.

As more than one nomination was received, Members proceeded to vote on each candidate. The results were as follows:

Councillor Bennett: 12 Votes

Councillor Young: 27 Votes

Resolved (27 votes to 12, with 1 abstention) that:

Councillor Young be elected Chair of the Performance, Assets and Scrutiny Committee for 2026/27.

Councillor Bennett proposed and Councillor Tong seconded Councillor Toye Scot as Vice Chair to the Civic Affairs and Audit Committee.

Councillor Bick advised of the withdrawal of Councillor Dalzell's nomination for Vice-Chair of the Civic Affairs and Audit Committee.

Resolved that:

Councillor Toye Scott be elected as Vice Chair of the Civic Affairs and Audit Committee for 2026/27.

Councillor Bennett then proposed and Councillor Davinson seconded Councillor Sage as Vice Chair to the Licensing Committee for municipal year 2026/27.

Councillor Bick proposed Councillor Blackburn-Horgan as Vice Chair to the Licensing Committee, seconded by Councillor Dalzell.

As more than one nomination was received, Members proceeded to vote on each candidate. The results were as follows:

Councillor Sage:	12 Votes
Councillor Blackburn Horgan:	27 Votes

Resolved (27 votes to 12, with 1 abstention) that:

Councillor Blackburn-Horgan be elected Vice Chair of the Licensing Committee for 2026/27.

Councillor Thornburrow proposed and Councillor Moore seconded Councillor Smart as Vice Chair to the Planning Committee for municipal year 2026/27.

Councillor Bennett proposed and Councillor Tong seconded Councillor Fisher as Vice Chair to the Planning Committee for municipal year 2026/27.

As more than one nomination was received, Members proceeded to vote on each candidate. The results were as follows:

Councillor Smart:	12 Votes
Councillor Fisher:	27 Votes

Resolved (27 votes to 12, with 1 abstention) that:

Resolved (39 votes to 0, with 1 abstention) to:

- i. Agree the appointments to city council committees and joint partner bodies and appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs below (vacant seats to be updated) as set out below:

Performance, Assets & Strategy Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Membership: 8 + 6 alternates (3 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib Dem (1tbc (green or Labour))

Group	Councillor
Labour	Gardiner-Smith (Vice)
Labour	Griffin
Labour	Davey
Labour Alternate	TBC
Labour Alternate	TBC
Green	Bennett

Green	Clough
Green	Whitmore
Green Alternate	Toye-Scott
Green Alternate	Nicmanis
Lib Dem	Young (Chair)
Lib Dem	Dalzell
Lib Dem Alternate	Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Martinelli

Services, Climate and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Membership: 10 + 6 alternates (4 Labour + 3 Green +2 Lib Dem + 1 Conservative)

Group	Councillor
Labour	Haithcock
Labour	Davey
Labour	Griffin
Labour	Gardiner-Smith
Labour Alternate	TBC
Labour Alternate	TBC
Green	Glasberg (Chair)
Green	Davison
Green	Sage
Green Alternate	Whitmore
Green Alternate	Toye-Scott
Lib Dem	Martinelli (Vice)
Lib Dem	Hauk
Lib Dem Alternate	Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Blackburn-Horgan
Conservative	Hossain

Civic Affairs and Audit Committee

Standards Sub Committees will be set up on an ad hoc basis as and when required comprising three members each on a politically proportionate basis.

Membership: 7 + 6 alternates (3 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Labour	McPherson (Chair)
Labour	Wade
Labour	Ashton
Labour Alternate	Sheil
Labour Alternate	TBC

Green	Toye-Scott (Vice-Chair)
Green	Davison
Green Alternate	Bennett
Green Alternate	Clough
Lib Dem	Dalzell
Lib Dem	Taylor
Lib Dem Alternate	Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Blackburn-Horgan

Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 Committee / General Purposes and Licensing Committee

Licensing Sub Committee will be set up on an ad hoc basis as and when required comprising three members each.

Membership 10 (nb. 10 is the statutory minimum number for a Licensing Committee) +6 alternates (6 Labour + 3 Green + 3 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Labour	McPherson (chair)
Labour	Bird
Labour	Wade
Labour	Moore
Labour Alternate	Swift
Labour Alternate	TBC
Green	Sage
Green	Clough
Green	Bennett
Green Alternate	Davison
Green Alternate	Fisher
Lib Dem	Blackburn-Horgan (Vice-Chair)
Lib Dem	Grimwood
Lib Dem	Hauk
Lib Dem Alternate	Illingworth
Lib Dem Alternate	Taylor

***Planning Committee (these members will also sit on Development Control Forums and Pre-application Developer Briefings as required)**

Membership 9 +6 alternates (if req per group) (4 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib Dem (1 seat tbc between Labour & Green) + 1 Your Party

Group	Councillor
Labour	Smart (vice-chair)

Labour	Griffin
Labour	Todd-Jones
Labour	Dryden
Labour Alternate	Nestor
Green	Fisher
Green	Clough
Green Alternate	Bennett
Green Alternate	Flaubert
Lib Dem	Porrer (Chair)
Lib Dem	Illingworth
Lib Dem Alternate	Blackburn-Horgan
Lib Dem Alternate	Grimwood
Your Party	Baigent

Employment Committee

Membership 7 + 6 alternates (3 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib dem) – Must include 1 Cabinet member

Group	Councillor
Labour	Moore (Chair)
Labour	Wade
Labour	Nestor
Labour Alternate	
Labour Alternate	
Green	Sage
Green	Bennett (Vice-Chair)
Green Alternate	Toye-Scott
Green Alternate	
Lib Dem	Taylor
Lib Dem	Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Martinelli
Lib Dem Alternate	Illingworth

Joint Staff Employer Forum

Membership 7 + 6 Alternates (1 Cabinet Member + 2 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Cabinet Member (ex-officio)	Nestor
Labour	Wade
Labour	Bird

Labour Alternate	TBC
Labour Alternate	Moore
Green	Nicmanis
Green	Toye-Scott
Green Alternate	Fisher
Green Alternate	Whitmore
Lib Dem	Taylor
Lib Dem	Bick
Lib Dem Alternate	Hauk
Lib Dem Alternate	Martinelli

Employee Appeals Sub Committee (nb No requirement for a Cabinet Member to sit on this Sub Ctte)

Membership 6 (2 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Labour	Wade
Labour	Gardiner-Smith
Green	Sage
Green	Toye-Scott
Lib Dem	Martinelli
Lib Dem	Illingworth

Chief Officer Appointments Sub Committee (nb must include one Cabinet member)

Membership to be drawn from Employment Committee on ad hoc basis

Investigating and Disciplinary Sub Committee (nb must include one Cabinet member)

Membership 5 (4 Labour + 1 Lib Dem) to be drawn on ad-hoc basis from membership of whole council

Chief Officer Appeals Sub Committee (nb must include one Cabinet member)

Membership 5 (4 Labour + 1 Lib Dem) to be drawn on ad-hoc basis from membership of whole council

26/52/CNL Appointments to outside bodies & working groups

Resolved (39 votes to 0, with 1 abstention) to:

- i. Agree the appointments to Outside Bodies, and Working Group for the municipal year 2026/27 as set out below, to be updated:

Housing Advisory Board (Advisory Board to Cabinet) – Final numbers TBC()

Membership: 6 + 6 elected tenant/leaseholder reps should Leader wish to follow proportionality

Group	Councillor
Labour	Wade
Labour	Haithcock
Labour Alternate	
Labour Alternate	
Green	Davison
Green	Tong
Green Alternate	Fisher
Green Alternate	Whitmore
Lib Dem	Martinelli
Lib Dem	Blackburn-Horgan
Lib Dem Alternate	Dalzell
Lib Dem Alternate	Porrer

Inclusion and Equity Panel (TBC following AGM)

Membership 4 (1 Cabinet Member 1 Labour + 1 Green + 1 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Cabinet Member	Moore
Labour	Haithcock
Labour Alternate	
Green	Flaubert
Green Alternate	Davison
Lib Dem	Grimwood
Lib Dem Alternate	Porrer

PARTNERSHIP BODIES/COMMITTEES

Appointed by Council

Combined Authority Board – (these members cannot sit on the CPCA O&S and A&G Ctte but can sit on a CPCA ‘Thematic Committee’)

Membership: One member (Leader) and one alternative member: 1 + 1 (1 Labour)

Group	Councillor
Labour	Thornburrow
	Moore

Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee (nb. Proportionality set by the Combined Authority Monitoring Officer, these members cannot sit on the CPCA Board or ‘Thematic Committees’)

Membership Two members (1 Labour and 1 Green) and Alternate members

Group	Councillor
Labour	Gawthroe-Wood
Labour Alternate	TBC
Green	Clough
Green Alternate	Sage

Combined Authority Audit and Governance Committee (nb. Proportionality set by the Combined Authority Monitoring Officer, these members cannot sit on the CPCA Board or ‘Thematic Committees’)

Membership One member and one alternate (1 Labour)

Group	Councillor
Labour	Todd-Jones
Labour Alternate	TBC

The following CPCA committees are appointments made by the Leader.

Combined Authority Skills Committee

Membership One member and one alternative member: 1 + 1 (TBC)

Group	Councillor
Labour	Davey

Combined Authority Growth Committee

Membership One member and one alternative member: 1 + 1 (TBC)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Combined Authority Transport Committee

Membership One member and one alternative member: 1 + 1 (TBC)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Combined Authority Funding Committee

Membership One member and one alternative member: 1 + 1 (TBC)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Combined Authority Staffing Committee

Membership One member and one alternative member: 1 + 1 (TBC)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly-this is a Council Appointment

Membership 3 (1 Labour + 1 Green +1 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Labour	TBC
Green	Davison
Lib Dem	Illingworth

Joint Development Management Committee – this is a Council Appointment (these members will also sit on JDMC Development Control Forums and Pre-application Developer Briefings as required)

Membership 6 + 6 Alternates (2 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Cambridge City Council Chair 2026/27 (TBC)	
Labour	Smart
Labour	Griffin
Labour Alternate	Nestor
Labour Alternate	
Green	Flaubert
Green	Fisher
Green Alternate	Bennett
Green Alternate	Clough

Lib Dem	Illingworth
Lib Dem	Porrer (Chair nominee)
Lib Dem Alternate	Blackburn-Horgan
Lib Dem Alternate	Grimwood

Cambridge Joint Area Committee

Membership 6 + up to 4 Alternates per group (2 Labour + 2 Green + 2 Lib Dem) –

Group	Councillor
Labour	Wade
Labour	Bird
Labour Alternate (x 4 if wish)	
Green	Nicmanis
Green	Davison
Green Alternate (x 4 if wish)	Clough/Cleminson
Lib Dem	Taylor
Lib Dem	Illingworth
Lib Dem Alternate (x 4 if wish)	Blackburn-Horgan/Hauk

Appointed by a Cabinet Member

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

Membership 1 + 1 Alternate (TBC)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel

Membership 1 + 1 Alternate (TBC)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Greater Cambridge Partnership Executive Board

Membership 1 + 1 Alternate (TBC)

Group	Councillor
Lib Dem	Bick
Labour Alternate	Thornburrow

Advisory Council - Cambridge Growth Company (Homes England)

Membership 1 TBC

Group	Councillor
TBC	

OTHER APPOINTMENTS BY CABINET MEMBERS -proportionality need not apply

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors

Membership 1

Group	Councillor
Lib Dem	Grimwood

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board

Membership 1 TBC

Group	Councillor
Labour	

Clay Farm Advisory Board

Membership 1 TBC+ 1 TBC

Group	Councillor
Lib Dem	Hauk
Lib Dem	Grimwood
Green	Flaubert

Cambridge Investment Partnership

Cab Mem for Housing and Cab Mem for F&R

Group	Councillor
Cabinet Member for Housing	
Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources	

East West Main Line Partnership Board

Membership 1 (1 TBC + 1 reserve)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

EWR Eastern Section Board'

Membership 1 (1 TBC + 1 reserve)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Water Resources East Strategic Advisory Group

Membership 1 (1 TBC + 1 reserve)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Flood & Water Partnership (CPFloW) (County Council)

Membership 1 (1 TBC + 1 reserve)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

The Junction

Membership 2 (1 TBC + 1 TBC)

Group	Councillor
TBC	
TBC	

Cambridge BID

Group	Councillor
TBC	

East of England Local Government Association

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Health Scrutiny Committee (County Council)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

OxCam

Group	Councillor
Leader	

LGA General Assembly

Group	Councillor
The Leader	

Local Government Information Unit

Group	Councillor
TBC	

District Councils Network (DCN)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Recycling in Cambridge and Peterborough (RECAP)

Group	Councillor
TBC	

Joint Local Planning Advisory Group (joint with South Cambs DC)

5 (2 Labour + 2 Green + 1 Lib Dem)

Group	Councillor
Labour	Wade
Labour	Griffin
Labour reserve	
Labour reserve	
Green	Bennett
Green	Clough
Green reserve	Fisher
Green reserve	Flaubert
Lib Dem	Porrer
Lib Dem reserve	Bick

Cambridge Airport consultative Committee

1 (1 TBC)

Group	Councillor
Green	Bennett

Members' support:**Health & Safety Representative (Internal liaison with Kathy Brown)**

Group	Councillor
Labour	
Lib Dem	
Green Group	

Member Training Champion (Internal liaison with Kathy Brown)

Group	Councillor
Labour	
Lib Dem	
Green Group	

Group Secretary (for general liaison in the year if required)

Group	Councillor
Labour	
Lib Dem	
Green Group	

26/53/CNL Municipal Meeting Calendar 2026/27

Resolved (39 votes to 0, with 1 Abstention) to:

- i. Approve the meeting calendar for the municipal year 2026/27.

26/54/CNL To Consider recommendations from Committees**26/55/CNL Civic Affairs & Audit Committee - Constitutional Updates**

Resolved (unanimously) to:

- i. Approve the following changes to the Constitution following the meeting of Civic Affairs and Audit Committee on 9 March 2026:
 - The updated member/officer protocol
 - The limited power for Cabinet to make supplementary estimates – additional revenue and capital expenditure up to a threshold, with provision to allow for reporting of decisions to Full Council.

- ii. Approve minor revisions to the terms of reference for the Equalities Panel to be renamed the Inclusion and Equity Panel.

26/56/CNL Civic Affairs & Audit Committee - Annual Civic Affairs & Audit Committee report

Resolved (unanimously) to:

- i. Approve the draft Annual Civic Affairs & Audit Committee Report shown in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report.

26/57/CNL Employment Committee - Termination agreement over £100k

Resolved (unanimously) to:

- i. Approve that an individual termination cost over £100k be approved as a result of the Senior Management Review due to contractual severance.

26/58/CNL To note the officer decision - Capital Budget - Demolition of Council Owned Buildings

The decision was noted.

The meeting ended at 8.06 pm

CHAIR

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