

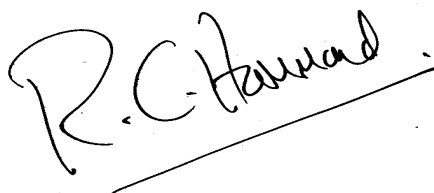
## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING – 28 APRIL 2005

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Thursday 28 April 2005 at 6.00pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 20 April 2005

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. C. Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Chief Executive

### Agenda

- 1 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2005** *page 82*
- 2 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - see below for detail of the scheme
- 4 **BUSINESS REMAINING FROM COUNCIL (24 JUNE 2004)**

At the Council meeting on 24 June 2004, Councillor Bradnack moved, and Councillor Durrant seconded the following motion:

'This Council accepts the finding in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment Inspectors' report that the way it makes and scrutinises its decisions is too complicated, does not deliver effective scrutiny, and leave members uncertain of their roles.

In the light of the research subsequently carried out by BMG for the Council, the Council agrees that the processes would be improved by adding the following to the 7 principles which it has sought to fulfil in making and scrutinizing decisions.

1. There should be a more robust separation of powers of Executive and Scrutiny functions within the Council
2. Executive members should be more directly and publicly accountable, both collectively and individually, for delivery of Council policies
3. The committee system which existed before the Local government Act, which survives in Cambridge's Scrutiny committees almost alone amongst local authorities, which replicates service functions, should be replaced by cross-

cutting Executive and Scrutiny functions which specifically reflect the Council's corporate objectives which are supposed to express policies of the Council approved by the electorate.

4. Local communities should have opportunities to meet those exercising Executive and Scrutiny functions across the Council at least once a year, in their own localities. '

On a show of hands, under paragraph 13.7.2 of the Council Procedure Rules, it was agreed, by 22 votes to 8, not to deal with the motion at this meeting. The motion stood referred to the next meeting of the Civic Affairs Committee.

At the Council meeting on 9 September 2004, the Council resolved:

"That the Member Working Group consider the issues raised in Councillor Bradnack's motion to Council on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2004, work up options for a revised decision making and scrutiny structure for the Council that complies with 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 above, and report to Strategy Scrutiny and Civic Affairs Committees in November 2004 and to Council in December 2004 so that a preferred option can be agreed."

However, the Member Working Group, meeting on 2 November 2004, concluded that further work was needed before proposals could be taken to Strategy Scrutiny and Civic Affairs Committees.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.7.2, the motion was resubmitted to the Council's meeting on 9 December 2004 as deferred business, when it was resolved:

"that the motion stand referred to the meeting of the Council when the proposals for the revised decision making and scrutiny structure are considered.

*In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.7.2, the motion is resubmitted to this meeting as deferred business.*

**5 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE WHICH ARE FOR ADOPTION:** *page 1*

i Community Safety Strategy (The Leader) *page 3*

ii Corporate Overview - General Fund Revenue and Capital Budgets, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances for 2004/05 (The Leader) *page 27*

**6 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION**

**CIVIC AFFAIRS on 13 April 2005** *page35*

i 05/Civ/01 Code of Corporate Governance *page36*

ii 05/CIV/02 Details of Proposed Changes to The Council's Decision Making and Scrutiny Structure *page 63*

**7 TO DEAL WITH ORAL QUESTIONS**

If members wish to ask questions they should inform the Chief Executive **in writing, by noon on the day before the meeting** of the full text of the question to be asked. A list of questions will be circulated **at the meeting**, with the order having been determined by the Mayor drawing names at random.

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

**(a) City Council Emergency Traveller Site, by Councillors Downham and Blencowe**

This council acknowledges that there have been five unauthorised encampments in 2004 and two already in 2005, and that the council should respond to government legislation requiring provision for traveller encampment by 2010 while government support remains available. It therefore asks officers to identify a site or sites on which emergency encampment facilities can be provided and managed within the city, at the Park and Ride site in Cowley Road or elsewhere, which could enable an effective relationship to be formed between the council and the travelling community, and which would reduce both the harmful local impact, and the costs incurred by cleansing and enforcement services, from recent and threatened practices of unauthorised camping.

**9 TO RECEIVE RECORDS OF DECISIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE** *page 93*

**Executive Decisions taken under Special Urgency provision**

Housing & Health    Outsourcing Homelessness Review

**Executive Decisions taken during Scrutiny Committees in March/April**

Commercial & Human Resources: 15 March  
Community Development & Leisure: 24 March  
Environment: 22 March, 12 April  
Housing & Health: 16 March  
Strategy: 11 April

**10 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WHICH ARE FOR INFORMATION:** *page 147*

**Scrutiny Committees:**

Commercial and Human Resources: 15 March  
Community Development & Leisure: 24 March  
Environment: 22 March, 12 April  
Executive: 10 February  
Housing and Health: 16 March  
Strategy: 11 April

### **Regulatory Committees:**

Licensing: 3 March  
Planning: 23 February  
Civic Affairs: 13 April

### **Area Committees:**

North: 7 April  
South: 3 March  
West/Central: 10 March  
East: 17 March

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IS ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2005 AT  
11.00 a.m.**

#### **Information for the public**

*You can ask questions on an issue included on the agenda above, or on an issue which is within the Council's powers. If you wish to ask a question related to an agenda item contact the committee officer (listed below under 'contact') **before the meeting starts.** If you wish to ask a question on a matter not included on this agenda, please contact the committee officer by 10.00am the working day before the meeting. Further details concerning the right to speak at committee can be obtained from the committee section.*

*Contact: Gary Clift, Head of Committee Services on 01223 - 457011*