



Cambridge City Council

Community Services Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Scrutiny Committee Members: Councillors J Smith (Chair), Slatter (Vice-Chair), Blencowe (L sp for Strategic Housing), Bradnack (L sp for Community Development & Leisure), Ellis-Miller, Hughes, Hymans, James, Kightley, Boyce (Alt)

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Non-voting co-optees: Mr Stan Best, Mr Brian Haywood and Mr Lance Routledge.

Executive Councillor Community Development & Leisure: Cllr J Rosenstiel
Executive Councillor Housing & Health: Cllr Smart

Agenda despatched and placed on public deposit: 12 July 2005

Date: Friday 22 July 2005 (Please note change of date)
Time: 2.30pm
Place: Committee Room 1, The Guildhall
Contact: Liz Whitcher **Direct Dial:** 01223 457015

Agenda A

1 [Minutes](#)

To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 24 March 2005 as a correct record.

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2 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

3 **Declarations Of Interest**

Members are asked to declare at this stage any interests that they may have in an item shown on this agenda. If any member of the Committee is unsure whether or not they should declare an interest on a particular matter, they should seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services **before** the meeting.

4. **PETITION**

A petition with 412 valid signatures was handed in to the Mayor on 29 June 2005. The text of the petition is given below.

"We, the undersigned, present this petition to request the City Council to help the elderly of the City of Cambridge by taking steps to ensure the continuation of the Meeting Place for the Elderly at 3a Parsons Court, Cambridge, following the decision of Age Concern Cambridgeshire to surrender its lease to the City Council. The closure of this amenity will be a great loss to the many elderly people who value and need it."

On being called by the Chair, the petitioners presenting the petition to the Committee may speak in total for 5 minutes. Members of the Committee may then question those presenting the petition for 5 minutes, which can be extended by a further 5 minutes at the Chair's discretion.

Note: A further meeting on July 14 is planned between the petitioners, the Executive Councillor and Age Concern to discuss the matter further and the outcome of that meeting will be reported to the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

5 Public Questions (See information below)

Executive Councillor for Housing & Health

Key Decisions

Scrutiny Committee members will be invited to comment on the reports shown below. The relevant Executive Councillor will be present at the meeting and, following consideration by the committee, will make a decision taking into account the Committee's comments.

- 6 [Investing in Affordable Housing](#)
(Officer contact Suzanne McBride, Tel: 457948) pages 9-14
- 7 [Private Sector Housing Strategy](#)
(Officer contact Suzanne McBride, Tel: 457948) pages 15-74
- 8 [Housing Land Audit](#)
(Officer contact Suzanne McBride, Tel: 457948) pages 75-81
- 9 [Allocations Policy Review – Choice Based Lettings](#)
(Officer contact Jon Feasey, Tel: 457946) pages 82-86

Non- Key Decision for pre-scrutiny

- 10 [Review of Housing Services Domestic Violence Policy](#) (referred by the Labour members of the Scrutiny Committee)
(Contact Jon Feasey, Tel 457946) pages 87-99

Executive Councillors for Community Development & Leisure and Housing & Health

Non- Key Decisions for pre-scrutiny

The following items have been referred to the committee for scrutiny before the Executive Councillor makes a decision. Who has referred the matter is indicated.

- 11 [Performance Management](#) (referred by the Executive Councillors so that Scrutiny Committee can agree which Service Plans to scrutinise in November 2005.
(Contact Antoinette Jackson, Tel:457004) pages 100-118
- 12 [Medium Term Strategy](#) (referred by the Labour members of the Scrutiny Committee)
(Contact Chris Humphris, Tel: 458141) pages 119-129

General Items

13 Day and time of meetings

As part of the review of decision making, the day and time each Scrutiny Committee met was raised as an issue. The Decision Making Working Party decided that it

should be left to each Scrutiny Committee to decide for itself whether the existing arrangement was satisfactory. If the Scrutiny Committee wishes to alter the day and/or time the accepted convention has been that times and dates should be predictable.

For decision

- 14 **Forward Plan** The Forward Plan has not been included on the Scrutiny Committee's agenda as, at the time of publication, there were no non-key items listed.

Executive Councillor for Community Development & Leisure

Key Decisions

- 15 [Funding for the voluntary and not-for-profit sector 2006/07.](#)
(Officer contact Chris Freeman, Tel: 457862) pages 130-158
- 16 [To agree a contribution of £350,000 from S106 funds for the refurbishment of the Romsey Mill Centre to provide sports and recreational facilities for young people and the community.](#)
(Officer contact Ian Ross, Tel: 457536) pages 159-164

Non- Key Decisions for pre-scrutiny

- 17 [Appointment to Outside Body \(The Junction\)](#) (referred by the Labour members of the Scrutiny Committee)
(Contact Liz Whitcher, Tel: 457015) page 165

General Item

- 18 [Decision By The Executive Councillor for Community Development & Leisure](#)
- The following Record of Decision is reported to the Scrutiny Committee. The Chair and Spokesperson of the Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the decision being made.

**Children And Young People's Strategic Partnership – District Council Lead
Member Appointment**

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Information for the public

Next scheduled meeting

The next meeting of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for 17 November 2005 at 2.30pm

Public attendance

You are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer, although it may be necessary to ask you to leave the room during the discussion of matters which are described as confidential.

Public Speaking

You can ask questions on an issue included on either agenda above, or on an issue which is within this committee's powers. Questions can only be asked during the slot on the agenda for this at the beginning of the meeting, not later on when an issue is under discussion by the committee.

*If you wish to ask a question related to an agenda item contact the committee officer (listed above 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.

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