

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING – 8 DECEMBER 2005

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Thursday 8 December 2005 at 6.00pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 30 November 2005

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.C. Howard', is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Executive

Agenda

1 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2005.

(Pages 33 - 44)

2 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3 PETITION

A petition with 847 valid signatures has been received. The text of the petition is given below:

"We, the undersigned Cambridge city residents, wish to support statements reportedly made by the Mayor of Cambridge and Labour councillors that current levels of street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour in parts of Cambridge are unacceptable.

We understand that the power of dispersal currently given to the police by Cambridge City Council under Section 30 of the 2001 Criminal Justice and Police Act is not providing an adequate or sustainable solution to this problem.

We therefore request the City Council to adopt a stronger and more sustainable strategy to address the issue; and to give full consideration to adoption of Designated Public Places Orders for the 24 areas (see below) identified by the police for consideration by the Special Council meeting of 11th March 2004; and for such other areas as the police may recommend for addition to that list.

Sites identified by police March 2004

The immediate area around Brookfields Drug Dependency Unit and Robert Sayles depot

Vinery Rd recreation ground

Junction of Coleridge and Mill Rd Gwydir St Car Park and toilets, Dales Brewery car park and surrounding area

Ditchburn Place

Mill Rd cemetery

Parkside Pool and Donkey's Common

Peters Field

East Rd between Burleigh St and Peters Field

Norfolk/St Matthew's St

Elizabeth Way roundabout underpasses

Midsummer Common

Jesus Green

Mitcham's Corner

Chesterton Rd, from Department of Social Security to Mitcham's Corner

Victoria Rd

Willow Walk

St Andrew St

Market Square

Lion Yard and Park St car parks

Drummer St

Christ's Pieces

Fitzroy/Burleigh St"

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

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - see at the foot of the agenda for details of the scheme

5 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION: *(Pages 1 – 12)*

(i) [Revised Revenue and Capital Budgets 2005/06 - Overview](#) (The Leader)

(ii) [Cambridge East Area Action Plan \(AAP\) Approval of Draft Documents for Publication for Submission to the Secretary of State](#) (Executive Councillor for Planning & Transport)

NB Attached as a separate document

6 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION: *(Pages 13 - 32)*

Civic Affairs (23 November)

- (i) [Code of Conduct and Declaration of Hospitality](#)
- (ii) [Constitution Rewording to Implement the Decision made by Council to Change the Budget Making Procedure](#)

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 NOTICES OF MOTION, NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN BY:

(a) Councillors Blencowe and Bradnack

In light of the strong desire expressed at both Housing Management Board and Community Services Scrutiny Committee to fully investigate alternative options for delivering the Council's sheltered housing modernisation strategy other than the option recommended, options that respect the wishes of council tenants to remain with the council as reflected in the stock options ballot result, this council agrees to establish a working group of councillors, tenant representatives and appropriate council officers to carry out this process on a thorough, informed and inclusive basis and to report back to the next meeting of Housing Management Board and Community Services Scrutiny Committee in the new year.

(b) Councillors Bradnack and Durrant

This council:

- (a) accepts the findings of the Member Survey on area consideration of planning applications which the Leader of the Council had asked to be undertaken;
- (b) understands that the conclusion the Council Leader drew from these findings attached over-riding importance to the view (supported by 18 against 11 members) that the current arrangements make it easier for the public to give their views;
- (c) acknowledges that the same conclusion might have arisen from a proposal which was not offered to change the timing of planning committee meetings;
- (d) agrees that for many people access is easier to the Guildhall than to some venues currently being used for area committee meetings
- (e) regrets that:

- the cost to the council of the current arrangements has been approximately £225,000 to pay for 1380 attendances at area committees held between Sept 2003 and July 2005, or approximately £163 per attendance;
- public attendance at Area Committees in the current budget year continues to average just 26 individuals;
- there is a lack of evidence that area committees have been able to improve the quality of decisions made on planning applications;
- responsibility for promoting and administering area committees has been shared among a number of officers, which has contributed to a lack of focus in the way area committees have functioned;
- Area Committees have given local people no direct influence on budget expenditure.

It therefore:

(f) concludes that the decision of the Council Leader to allow planning applications to continue to be determined by Area Committees, which he made at the Strategy Scrutiny Committee on 21st November 2005, placed undue emphasis on a single consideration, and offers the council poor value for money; and

(g) resolves not to endorse this decision of the Leader until all members of the council have had an opportunity to give equal weight to the full range of considerations raised in the consultation with members .

(c) Councillor Herbert

This Council requests the Executive Councillor for Environmental Services to take urgent remedial action (in consultation with residents involved and to include different container/collection options), to eliminate two problems caused by the switch to fortnightly waste collection:

(A) the rapid removal of piles of black bags left on inner city pavements, paths and adjacent land, currently causing health risks, obstructions to pedestrians and spillage on to the highway

(B) to assist homes on narrow streets or with narrow pavement frontages to end waste and recycling containers being left on pavements, so all pavements are passable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and other users

and to bring forward a report on this, before the next Environment Scrutiny Committee, including proposals to extend full recycling rights to people living in flats and other areas currently getting a second class recycling service; and thus to help to make Christmas and New Year a season of good cheer rather than a festival of debris

(d) Councillor Durrant

This council welcomes the government's proposal to make free bus passes available to all pensioners, and urges the Executive Councillor to respond by introducing a 'revenue foregone' scheme by April 2007.

(e) Councillors Bradnack and McPherson

The City Council notes that Paul Taylor, owner of 'Stuarts', the Cambridge based Highland Dress hire outfitters, has designed a unique tartan and wishes it to be known as "The Cambridge Tartan."

The tartan is registered and recognised by the Scottish Tartan Authority as unique and un-copied. It will register the tartan as "The Cambridge Tartan" if it is endorsed by the City Council.

The City Council therefore resolves to endorse the design and to support its registration as "The Cambridge Tartan".

9 TO RECEIVE RECORDS OF DECISIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

Executive Decisions taken outside the Budget Framework *(Pages 45 - 52)*

[Approval For Essential Repairs To Lifts At Park Street Car Park And Lion Yard Car Park](#)

Executive Decisions taken during Scrutiny Committees in November
(Pages 53 – 102)

- [Housing Management Board – 7 November](#)
- [Environment – 8 November](#)
- [Customer Services & Resources – 15 November](#)
- [Community Services – 17 November](#)
- [Strategy – 21 November](#)

Executive Decisions (not scrutinised) taken in November *(Pages 103 - 106)*

- [Customer Services & Resources – 15 November](#)
- [Strategy – 21 November](#)

9 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEES
To be tabled at the meeting

Scrutiny Committees:

Housing Management Board
7 November *(Pages)*

Environment
27 September – Special meeting *(Pages)*
8 November *(Pages)*

Customer Services and Resources
15 November (*Pages*)

Community Services
17 November (*Pages*)

Strategy
21 November (*Pages*)

Regulatory Committees:

Civic Affairs
23 November (*Pages*)

Licensing Sub-Committee (2003 Act) (*Pages*)
1, 17, 22, 24, August
5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 September
3, 17, 24, 26 October
9, 16, 21, 23 November

Planning
14 September, 12 October (*Pages*)

Standards
1 November, (*Pages*)

Area Committees:

Area Committee North
22 September, 17 November (*Pages*)

Area Committee South
11 August, 6 October (*Pages*)

Area Committee West/Central
25 August, 20 October (*Pages*)

Area Committee East
1 September, 3 November (*Pages*)

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