

To: Councillors Boyce, Bradnack, Hart, C Rosenstiel (Chair),  
Stebbing, and Ward  
Alternate: Taylor

*Placed on public deposit on Friday 5 May.*

## **CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Monday 15 May 2006

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Place:** Committee Room 1, The Guildhall

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## **AGENDA**

**1** [MINUTES](#)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2006

**2** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – see below for detail of the scheme and other public information.

**5** [AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION](#) – Licensing Committees, Access to Information, Deputy Leader portfolio (Lion Yard issues)

*Report by Head of Legal & Democratic Services*

**6** **EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

A Selection Panel from the Standards Committee (Councillors Dryden, Hymans and External Member Dr Clark) met on 18th April to consider applications of interest to a vacancy on the Standards Committee following the decision of Ms Hobbs, one of the two External Members (and the current Vice Chair) to step down.

Seven applicants were interviewed of which four were considered appointable. The Selection Panel requests that the Committee recommend one candidate be appointed to the vacant seat, that two Alternate Members are created and one person is a 'reserve'.

If the above is acceptable, the Selection Panel propose that

- (i) Mr A Dasgupta be appointed External Member
- (ii) Mrs K English and Mr M Williams be appointed Alternate Members
- (iii) Mr K Barrett be appointed reserve.

Nb - The Standards Committee noted at its March meeting that the Government has indicated that it will be bringing forward legislation requiring Standards Committees (and any Sub-Committees) to be Chaired by non-councillors.

**For decision**

## **7 NOMINATIONS FOR LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS**

The Council will be required to elect a Leader and an Executive, *currently* of six Executive Councillors. The portfolios comprise:

Deputy Leader

Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources

Executive Councillor for Community Development & Leisure

Executive Councillor for Environmental Services

Executive Councillor for Housing & Health

Executive Councillor for Planning & Transport

The Civic Affairs Committee is requested to recommend nominations for the positions of Leader and Executive Councillors for the consideration of Council on 25th May.

**For decision**

## **8 NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/07**

Members are reminded that the rules on political balance set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 will be applied to both scrutiny and regulatory committee composition so that, once the size of committees has been determined, the division of seats among the groups will be automatic and the Council **must** appoint those members which each group puts forward for its seats.

In considering the allocation of **committee** places to political groups, the Council is legally required to take into account the following principles:

- (1) that the controlling group should have a majority of seats on each committee
- (2) that the total number of committee places allocated to each political group must be in proportion to the number of members of that group on the Council.
- (3) that on each committee the number of places allocated to each political group must be in proportion to the number of members of that group on the Council.

The order of precedence of these principles is the order in which they are given - ie (1) takes highest priority, then (2) then (3).

### (i) Scrutiny Committees

The table below lists the Scrutiny Committees which are to be appointed by Council. The current numbers column refers to the current size of the committee for illustrative purposes. No member of the Executive may sit on the Scrutiny Committees.

The Civic Affairs Committee is requested to make proposals to Council on the size of the Scrutiny Committees and make nominations to each.

<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>NOMINATION(S)</b>	<b>CURRENT NUMBERS</b>
STRATEGY	Liberal Democrats Labour Conservative	6 2 1 = 9 Total
CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT	Liberal Democrats Labour Conservative	4 2 0 = 6 Total
CUSTOMER SERVICES & RESOURCES	Liberal Democrats Labour Conservative	6 2 1 = 9 Total
COMMUNITY SERVICES	Liberal Democrats Labour Conservative	6 3 0 = 9 Total
ENVIRONMENT	Liberal Democrats Labour Conservative	6 3 0 = 9 Total
HOUSING MANAGEMENT BOARD (Councillors alongside six elected tenant/leasholder representatives)	Liberal Democrats Labour Conservative	4 2 0 = 6 Total

### (ii) Regulatory Committees/Joint Committee

The table below lists the Regulatory Committees/Joint Committee which are to be appointed by, and/or nominated to, Council on 25 May.

The Civic Affairs Committee is requested to make proposals to Council on the size of the Regulatory Committees and to make nominations.

COMMITTEE/SUB COMMITTEE	NOMINATIONS	CURRENT NUMBERS
PLANNING	Liberal Democrat Labour Conservative	6 3 0 = 9 Total
CIVIC AFFAIRS	Liberal Democrat Labour Conservative	4 2 0 = 6 Total
EMPLOYMENT APPEALS SUB (each meeting is made up of any three from this Sub Committee)	Liberal Democrat Labour Conservative	4 2 0 =6 Total
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  (See agenda item 6)	Liberal Democrat Labour Conservative  External Members	3 2 1 = 6 Councillors ?
CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT AREA JOINT	Liberal Democrat Labour Conservative	4 2 0 = 6 Total

LICENSING COMMITTEE  (10 members in total minimum, 15 maximum)	Liberal Democrat  Labour  Conservative	10 currently  5 currently  0
OPTION 1 (see agenda item 5) LICENSING General Purposes Sub-Committee  [Taxi Licensing Panel any three from this Sub-Committee]	Liberal Democrat Labour Conservative	
OPTION 2 (as existing) LICENSING Miscellaneous Committee [Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee any three from this Committee]	Liberal Democrat Labour Conservative	4 2 0

(iii) **AREA COMMITTEES** – The Committee is requested to recommend that Council appoint four Area Committees (East, North, South, West/Central) with membership made up of those members representing a ward within the relevant Area Committee.

**For decision**

**8. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS OF SCRUTINY & REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

The Civic Affairs Committee is requested to make nominations for the positions listed below for the consideration of Council on 25 May.

**Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Committees**

Strategy  
City Centre Development  
Customer Services & Resources  
Community Development & Leisure  
Environment  
Housing Management Board (for either role the holder need not be a Councillor)

**Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Regulatory Committees**

Civic Affairs  
Employment Appeals Sub

Licensing  
Licensing (General Purposes) Sub or Licensing (Miscellaneous)

Planning

Standards

**Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Area Committees**

North  
South  
East  
West/Central

**For decision**

**9 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL - JUNE 2006**

The Committee is requested to recommend that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council be held in June to consider and adopt the Local Plan following receipt of the Planning Inspector's Report

**For decision**

**10 HONORARY COUNCILLORS**

To consider nominations for recommending to Council on 25 May.

*Information for the public*

*You are welcome to attend this meeting as an observer.*

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**The next meeting of Civic Affairs Committee is scheduled  
for Wednesday 28 June 2006 at 6pm.**