

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

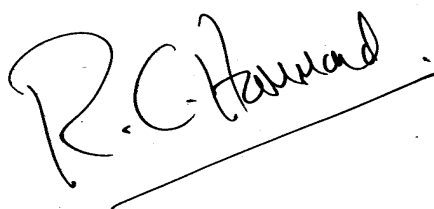
NOTICE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 24 MAY 2007

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on **Thursday 24 May 2007 at 11.00am** and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 16 May 2007

Yours faithfully

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

Chief Executive

1. **TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008**
2. **TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008**
3. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE [MINUTES](#) OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19 APRIL 2007 *Pages 71 - 79***
4. **TO NOTE THE RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR:**

Abbey	Caroline Julie Hart
Arbury	Alan Levy
Castle	Tania Zmura
Cherry Hinton	Russ McPherson
Coleridge	Jeremy Benstead and Tariq Sadiq
East Chesterton	Clare Frances Blair
Kings Hedges	Michael Hal Pitt
Market	Mike Dixon
Newnham	Julie Elizabeth Smith
Petersfield	Lucy Walker
Queen Edith's	Viki Sanders
Romsey	Raj Shah
Trumpington	Andy Blackhurst
West Chesterton	Diane Kay Armstrong

5. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR
6. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR
7. TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS
8. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
9. TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/2008

*(There will be a break for lunch.)*

10. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES WHICH ARE FOR ADOPTION:

Civic Affairs (14 May) Pages 1 - 32

- Appointment of Joint Development Control Committee
- Election of Leader and the Executive Councillors
- Appointment of Committees 2007/08
- Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs 2007/08
- The Constitution: Key Decisions Financial Threshold
- Members' Allowances 2007/08

11. ANNUAL STATEMENT Pages 33 - 54

Group Leaders will each have the opportunity to speak for not more than 15 minutes on their Group's priorities for action and objectives for the forthcoming municipal year in the following order:

Councillor Nimmo-Smith  
Councillor Herbert

The Annual Statements of the Liberal Democrat Group and Labour Group are appended to this summons.
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12. **ADOPTION OF ANNUAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES**

The scheme for Annual Statements provides that the Statement of the Leader of the largest group on the Council shall be deemed to be a motion for adoption. It may therefore be debated and amendments proposed after which it shall be put to the vote and, if carried, shall be adopted as Council policy for the municipal

year. The Council will therefore consider the Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group as a motion for adoption.

If the adopted Annual Statement contains proposals which fall outside the Council's budgetary or policy framework, the proposals shall not be acted upon until there has been a report to the relevant scrutiny committee(s) and executive councillor(s) in the normal way and approval at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**14. [RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LEADER](#) – Best Value Performance Plan 2007 Pages 55 - 70**

**15. 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.

**16. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION, NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN BY:**

**(a) Councillor Reid**

The City Council is dismayed at the County Council's unilateral decision to discontinue the Cambridge Bus Development Board and the Bus Strategy Reference Group, a decision taken with no consultation with the City Council. At a time of planning high growth in housing in and around Cambridge, whose future is critically dependent on the provision of enhanced public transport networks, we need to improve the mechanisms for cooperation between the Councils rather than abolish them.

The City Council invites the new Leader of the County Council to establish a cross party South Cambs, City and County transport working group. We need a forum reviewing transport planning and funding for Cambridge and its developing urban fringes, with a particular focus on facilitating and providing the sustainable forms of transport which will be needed if the expansion of Cambridge is to succeed.

**(b) Councillor Upstone**

This council recognises the urgent need to mitigate against dangerous climate change and its associated consequences for the safety and happiness of this and future generations.

We acknowledge the UK government's efforts to take steps to legislate to make mandatory cuts in emissions in its draft Climate Change Bill. We are however deeply concerned about the failure of the bill to establish a rationale for the UK's obligation within an international framework.

We suggest that the bill has two significant failings:

- it fails to state what entitlement the government expects other nations to have, such that our cuts are part of real reductions in emissions globally.
- it fails to provide leadership on the one issue that is inevitable for a long term global treaty - that of equity, establishing that each person has an equal right to use of the global atmosphere.

We are confident that this bill represents the potential to be the model for other governments around the world.

We therefore resolve as a City Council to ask the government to use this Bill to create a global context by adopting the principles of contraction and convergence; contractions of global emissions to achieve no greater than 450 parts per million CO<sub>2</sub> (as recommended by the IPCC), and convergence of international entitlements to an equal per-capita entitlement.

**(c) Councillor Herbert, Blencowe**

The Council calls on the Executive to lead an urgent campaign to bring back into use currently empty or unoccupied residential properties in Cambridge, and assist many people badly in need of affordable housing in the city.

The Council requests the Executive Councillor for Housing to bring forward detailed proposals, including any requiring scrutiny by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee

- to quantify empty property across the city, including the use of
- council tax records and other data sources
- to involve local Cambridge residents in identifying empty properties, where intervention can bring the properties back into use
- to identify any homes in new developments that have been bought months ago by investors but are still not occupied
- to consider the increased use of Compulsory Purchase Order powers, the better use of budgeted funding, and partnerships with Housing Associations

and increase the empty properties made available to people in need of housing.

**(d) Councillor Durrant, Hart**

The Council is committed to improving City Centre facilities and environment, increasing accessibility for all, and delivering further investments.

The Council calls on the Leader to bring forward proposals to the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for a new integrated city centre strategy including an extended City Centre Scrutiny Committee that combines all City Centre management and development issues, and engages representatives

of stakeholders including residents, workers, businesses, the University, the county council and the police.

**(e) Councillor Lynn, McPherson**

Following a further Folk Festival tickets fiasco, and the earlier rejection of Labour's 2006 proposals for improvements, the Council requests a report by the Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee proposing affordable measures from 2008 to ensure

- that tickets can only be used by purchasers and their immediate group, ending ticket sales by touts and on Ebay
- that 'Cambridge resident tickets' are only available to be used by the purchasers
- that tickets are sold on a 'first come first served' basis.

**(f) Councillor Lynn, Herbert**

The Council values the importance that punting plays in providing Cambridge residents and tourists with a unique and friendly way of enjoying our city and discovering its history.

The Council wants to end the current problems as soon as possible and asks Executive Councillors to seek support from all the parties for a solution based on

- creating a new punt station on or near Quayside and prohibiting unauthorised use of Jesus Green as a base for commercial punts
- ending punt touting along Bridge Street except on Quayside
- working with the Cam Conservators to cap the number of commercial punts
- ensuring that punting is a safe tourist attraction.

**17. TO NOTE THE RECORD OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2006/2007**  
(To be circulated prior to the Annual Meeting)

**THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER AT 6.00PM.**

**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