

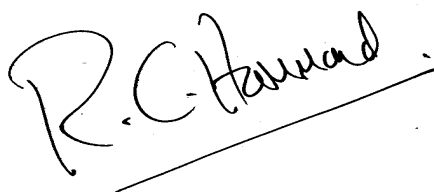
NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING – 13 SEPTEMBER 2007

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Thursday 13 September 2007 at 6.00pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 5 September 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

Agenda

- 1 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON [24 MAY 2007](#) AND THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING ON [9 JULY](#).**
(White pages 193-211)
- 2 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - see at the foot of the agenda for details of the scheme
- 4 **TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION:**
 - The Medium Term Strategy (The Leader)
[The Leader's Recommendation](#)
[The Strategy](#)
[Annex](#)
(The Strategy has been circulated to all members in advance; please remember to bring your copy with you)
 - [The Statement of Community Involvement](#) (Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth)
[The Executive Councillor's Recommendation](#)
(Cream pages 1-88)

5 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION: *(Cream pages 89-176)*

Standards Committee (13 June)

Adoption of [Revised Code of Conduct for Members](#)

Civic Affairs (27 June)

[Review of Contract Regulations](#)

Civic Affairs (5 September)

[Delegation of Functions under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Health Act 2006](#)

(Background paper attached; the Recommendation of the Committee will be circulated separately)

6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN FINDING OF MALADMINISTRATION

[Covering Report](#)

[Local Government Ombudsman Report](#)

(Cream pages 177-192)

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) Councillor Herbert

The City Council recognises the need for

- traffic congestion in Cambridge to be addressed
- a majority of local journeys in the future to be by bus, cycling or walking
- early investment in public transport and essential infrastructure improvements
- carbon emissions and pollution in the city from vehicles to be significantly reduced.

The Council welcomes

- the research funding made available by Government to the County Council to investigate options for achieving these objectives

- County Council assurances that no congestion charging scheme will be introduced without the support of Cambridge City and other councils.

However, the Council cannot endorse the current County Council proposals as

- no effective analysis has yet been published to justify or cost the proposed scheme
- the scheme unfairly penalises Cambridge residents
- the proposals fail to deal with some of the worst congestion peaks on major city roads
- the County plan to submit a detailed scheme to Government without consulting people beforehand is not acceptable.

The Council asks the County Council

- to alter both its proposals and process, including by learning from schemes like the Manchester proposals, that followed detailed consultation and scrutiny
- establish a joint scrutiny and inquiry process with the city and district councils, including public input and consultation, before decisions are made.

and requests the Leader and Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth to argue for the position above, and stand up for the best interests of Cambridge, its residents and others affected and not allow the County Council to impose a predetermined plan on Cambridge.

(b) Councillors Walker & Sadiq

This council recognises

- that carbon generated by Cambridge households is probably the largest local source of city emissions, and that major reduction is feasible, making it a priority for action
- that the thermal efficiency of the existing private sector and rented housing stock is of very varied quality, losing up to 45% of heat being produced through windows, walls, roofs and doors
- that older and vulnerable people live in some of the least thermally efficient and often oldest private sector housing, and that many also suffer from fuel poverty and/or inadequate insulation.

The council applauds the work done by the Cambridge Home Aid and Home Energy teams, and the partnerships with others such as the Energy Saving Trust. However, it notes that while there are

several practical schemes and grants available, public awareness and take up is often poor, and the Cambridge Home Aid budget, for people with low incomes and savings, is consistently underspent.

The council therefore asks the Executive Councillors for Climate Change and Growth and Housing to prioritise this matter, and research and implement jointly a strategy to raise public awareness and encourage take-up of insulation schemes to reduce energy consumption in Cambridge private and rented housing, including

1. Setting insulation targets that all homeowners and landlords are asked to consider adopting
2. Effectively promoting Home Aid grants, and other schemes such as the government's Warm Front grant
3. Extra promotion and incentives to increase take-up of insulation funding
4. Investigating other mechanisms and funding that can combine increased insulation with the reduction of fuel poverty and other strategies to reduce household energy consumption
5. Exploring specifically how to better meet the needs of older and vulnerable residents for better insulation and lower fuel bills
6. Actively working with social and private landlords, including through the accreditation scheme, with the aim that they each achieve minimum standards,

and develop proposals by the first Committee round of 2008 proposing an action plan for both 2008/2009 and longer term.

(c) Councillor Reid

The Cambridge City Council urges the Cambridgeshire County Council, in planning transport for the growth of the Cambridge sub region, to:

1. set targets, in line with national targets, for reductions in carbon emissions generated by vehicle trips within and to Cambridge
2. draw up and consult upon a costed public transport plan which will deliver reliable, effective and affordable public transport to those living or working in Cambridge or visiting.
3. model differing road pricing options which serve to achieve the targeted carbon emission reductions and investment in public transport and cycle routes, as well as enhance the social and economic viability of Cambridge.

This Council believes that on any road pricing scheme at least two

discounts should apply. The first is for low emission vehicles, funded by premium charges for high emission vehicles, and the second for residents, who will not have access to subsidised Park and Ride transport.

This Council further asks the County Council to respond to its invitation of 24 May 2007 to establish a joint forum with South Cambridgeshire District Council in order to review transport planning and funding and to explore whether the creation of a joint Passenger Transport Authority for the sub region would provide the necessary mechanisms to ensure high quality public transport.

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

9a Executive Decisions taken during Scrutiny Committees in July *(Green pages 212-266)*

- [Housing Management Board](#) – 2 July
- [Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth](#) – 2 July
- [Environment](#) – 10 July
- [Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation](#) – 19 July
- [Executive Councillor for Community Development & Health](#) – 19 July
- [Community Services](#) – 19 July

9b Executive Decisions (not scrutinised) taken in May-August *(Green pages 267-277)*

Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources

- [Installation of solar photovoltaic panels to light the workshop garage at Mill Road Depot](#)
- [Acceptance of tender for construction of Customer Access Centre](#)

Executive Councillor for Housing

- [Sub-Regional Choice Based Lettings Service Provider Contract Award Supporting Report](#)

10 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

These will be circulated at the Council meeting.

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