



Cambridge City Council

Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Scrutiny Committee Members: Councillors Blackhurst, Boyce, Bradnack, Ellis-Miller, Herbert, Sadiq, Shah, Taylor (Chair) and Ward. (Alternate Cllr Pitt)

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The Leader: Cllr Ian Nimmo-Smith

Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources: Cllr Rod Cantrill

Agenda despatched and placed on public deposit: 7 November 2007

Date: Monday 19 November 2007

Time: 5.00pm

Place: The Guildhall

Contact: Gary Clift **Direct Dial:** 01223 457011

AGENDA

1 [Minutes](#)

To approve the minutes of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 3 September 2007 as a correct record.

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 **Public Questions** (See 'Information for the public' at the end of the agenda below)

Non Key Decisions for the Leader

5 NON KEY DECISION [Service Plan Performance Review and Revised Budgets 2007/08](#) (referred by the Liberal Democrat members of the Scrutiny Committee who wish to see all Service Plan Performance Reviews)
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- [CCTV](#) (Page 15)
- [Strategy and Partnerships and Corporate Marketing](#) (Page 19)

At least two members of the Scrutiny Committee have requested pre-scrutiny of the following decisions:

6 [Revised Budgets 2007/08 - Overview](#)

(Officer contact, David Horspool 458132)

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7 [Safer City Grants - Round 3 of 2007/08](#) *(Officer Contact, Liz Bisset 457852)*

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8 [Cambridgeshire Constabulary Application for renewal of a Dispersal Order Under s.30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.](#)

An application for a Dispersal Order to cover the Market Square and streets in the immediate area became effective on 9th April 2007. The Order expired on 7th October 2007. The purpose of this report is to notify this Committee that the Leader, following consultation with the Ward Councillors affected and the Labour Group spokesperson, has agreed to the renewal of this Order for a further period of 6 months with an expiry date of 6th April 2008.

The following Streets are covered by the Market Square s.30 Dispersal Order.

Bene't Street
Exchange Street
Guildhall Street
Kings Parade
Peas Hill
Petty Cury
Market Hill
Market Passage
Market Street
St Edwards Passage
St Mary's Passage
St Mary's Street
Sussex Street
Sydney Street
Wheeler Street

Background

In summary, S.30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 makes it possible for the police, in agreement with local councils, to designate an area for dispersal where evidence exists of persistent anti-social behaviour caused by groups. Once an area is so designated, Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers

may disperse groups of two or more people and exclude those people from returning for up to 24 hours. If people refuse to follow an Officer's directions to disperse they are committing an offence and can be arrested. A Dispersal Order lasts for up to six months and can be renewed, thereafter.

In Cambridge, Dispersal Orders have been used as a mechanism to respond to the behaviours displayed by groups of people who have adopted a street lifestyle. Since the first Dispersal Order was issued in April 2004 renewal has been on a six monthly basis and, in October 2006, was extended, geographically, to cover Christ's Pieces, Parker's Piece and the area around the Grafton Centre. Due to issues of displacement, on January 3rd 2007, the Order was withdrawn and immediately reissued to include the Underpass and area immediately around the Elizabeth Way roundabout. It was renewed in July 2007 and will be in force until January 2008. The Market Square and the immediate area surrounding it is the subject of a separate Order – see details above.

Council policy states that the Leader can give approval to a Dispersal Order without Strategy & Resources Scrutiny Committee being first consulted but that such requests from the Police, together with the Leader's decision, must be reported to the next available meeting of the Scrutiny & Resources Committee.

Non - Key Decision for the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

9 NON KEY DECISION [Service Plan Performance Review and Revised Budgets 2007/08](#) (referred by the Liberal Democrat members of the Scrutiny Committee who wish to see all Service Plan Performance Reviews) (Page 75 - 158)

- [Accountancy and Support](#) (Page 89)
- [City Centre Management](#) (Page 95)
- [City Services and External Trading](#) (Page 103)
- [Customer Access](#) (Page 107)
- [Democratic Services](#) (Page 111)
- [Human Resources](#) (Page 115)
- [ICT Client Services](#) (Page 125)
- [Internal Audit](#) (Page 129)
- [Legal Services and Land Charges](#) (Page 135)
- [Procurement](#) (Page 141)
- [Property and Building Services](#) (Page 145)
- [Reception and Office Services and Corporate Telephones](#) (Page 149)
- [Revenue and Benefit Services](#) (Page 153)

This mid-year review enables Members to monitor progress against service plans for 2007/08 and to agree any changes to the plans and/or resources needed to

achieve agreed objectives and performance targets. If any changes are proposed to the 2007/08 budgets, the relevant Executive Councillor will be asked to recommend them for consideration by Council.

- 10 NON KEY DECISION [Review of Guildhalls Charging Policy](#)
(Officer Contact, Julia Norton Tel 7548)
(Page 159 - 164)

Key Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

- 11 [Sale of Tiverton House](#) (Officer Contact, Liz Bisset Tel 457852)
(Page 165 - 168)
- 12 [Repair and Refurbishment of Grafton East Multi-storey Car Park](#)
(Officer Contact, Paul Necus Tel 8510)
(Page 169 - 180)

Non - Key Decision for the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources (not listed on Forward Plan and received beyond cut off time so automatically referred for pre-Scrutiny)

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC Before considering the next item, the Executive Councillor is reminded that the report contains information which is exempt from publication. If any discussion was required it would be recommended to exclude members of the public from the meeting on the grounds that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by Category 3 as defined in the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

13 Write off of bad debt

(Officer contact, David Horspool Tel 8132)
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Information for the public

Next scheduled meeting: The next ordinary meeting of the Strategy Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for **Monday 21 January 2008**.

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 or make a statement on an issue included on the agenda above, or on an issue which is within the Leader's remit. Questions are normally asked during the slot on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

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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