

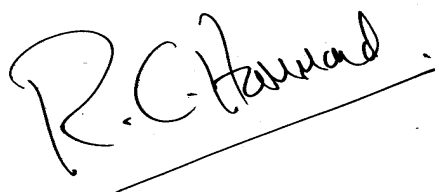
## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2007

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Thursday 6 December 2007 at 6.00pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 28 November 2007

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 MEETING ON 13 SEPTEMBER.**

*(White pages 77 - 92)*

**2 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**3 PETITION**

A petition has been received containing over 500 signatures stating the following:

"We object to the damage to our open spaces that will be caused by the proposed development on Marshall's airport, and demand that the City and County Councils:

- a) Rule out new transport or guided bus routes over Stourbridge and Coldhams Commons and Ditton Meadows, or that threaten our verges & trees.
- b) Sort out existing congestion on Newmarket Road, Coldhams Lane, Brooks Rd, East R, Mill Rd and Perne Rd now.
- c) Abandon proposals to build homes on Marshall's airport until
  - alternative sites have been examined
  - an independent transport assessment has been carried out
  - a proper transport strategy exists for East Cambridge

d) Consult all local residents before any decisions are taken.”

Under the Council’s petitions procedure, up to four residents may present this petition and speak for five minutes. Members of the Council may then ask questions for five minutes, which can be extended for a further five 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 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION:**

- [The Council’s Budget](#) (The Leader)
- [The Sustainable Community Strategy](#) (The Leader)  
*(Cream pages 1 - 42)*

**6 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION:** *(Cream pages 43 - 76)*

**Civic Affairs (21 November)**

A Members Allowances 2008-2009

B Constitutional Changes:

- i) HMB Elections
- ii) Executive Responsibility For Guildhall Halls

**Licensing (26 November)**

Revised Statement of Licensing Policy

The appendices referred to in the Policy will be circulated prior to the meeting.

**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 Bradnack**

This Council accepts the view of the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment for the Southern Division Area in its October 2007 report that 'a Designated Public Places Order should be considered for implementation in areas that suffer a large proportion of alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

**(b) Councillor Bradnack**

“Following the referral of the motion on Congestion Charging at Council on 13 September 2007 to the Special Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee on 25 September 2007 and, in the light of the resolution agreed at that meeting which, in summary, seeks to secure a sound and robust basis for the planned growth of the city,

1. This Council recognises the concerns expressed in the petition received by the Council today in the following terms:

“We object to the damage to our open spaces that will be caused by the proposed development on Marshall’s airport, and demand that the City and County Councils:

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    - alternative sites have been examined
    - an independent transport assessment has been carried out
    - a proper transport strategy exists for East Cambridge
  - d) Consult all local residents before any decisions are taken.”
2. This Council calls upon the Director of Environment & Planning to submit a report to the next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee setting out how the concerns of the petitioners may be addressed, including the scope for review of local plan policies.”

**(c) Councillor Dryden**

The Council supports

- 1) the retention of the following seasonal planting recently proposed for low maintenance permanent planting from 2008
  - Christ’s Pieces - 3 beds

- Hills Road War Memorial
- Hobson's Conduit
- Jesus Green - 2 beds
- Highworth Avenue small island
- Crematorium Entrance
- Alexandra Gardens
- Honey Hill
- Queen Ediths / Fendon Road Island
- Coleridge Recreation Ground Entrance
- Cherry Hinton Hall Parterre Garden
- Market Square Fountain, and
- Lion Yard Roof Garden

and the continuance of all other plant displays provided by the Council in 2007

2) further investigation into the council growing seasonal bedding plants in the city

3) ensuring that any tender criteria for bedding plant purchase include a high weighting for minimising 'plant miles'

4) investigation into the potential for additional seasonal bedding sites in the city from 2008 where they can be provided at nil-net cost to Council tax payers via non-obtrusive sponsorship,

and calls on the Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation to bring forward detailed, costed proposals for the above to be considered as items for the 2008/9 Council budget.

#### **(d) Councillors Slatter and Blencowe**

This council undertakes to promote co-operative housing in the new developments as part of its overall affordable housing commitment and will seek to work with partners to secure a site where the co-operative housing can be retained permanently.

#### **(e) Councillor Nimmo-Smith**

The Council recognises the level of public concern relating to Tesco plc's proposal to open a large convenience store on Mill Road Broadway. This occurs in a context where the Competition Commission has recently identified that Tesco commands a 51% share of the grocery retail business in Cambridge.

The Council notes evidence given to the House of Commons All Party Small Shops Group which documents the way in which the arrival of large new convenience stores can cause existing retail businesses to become

non-viable.

**By contrast it also notes that the arrival of convenience stores such as Tesco Express in Campkin Road and Chesterton High Street has had a beneficial effect.**

The Council welcomes the Corporate Responsibility provisions of the Companies Act 2006 which requires publicly listed companies to report on a range of issues including social and community issues where they are necessary to understanding the company's business.

However the Council regrets that in passing this Act the Government sided with some big business interest groups who lobbied against widening the application of the reporting requirements to a much larger number of companies and against legal standards on how they should report on these issues.

Despite this the Council calls on Tesco plc to recognise and respond to these issues of corporate responsibility when it has such a dominant market position in Cambridge by reconsidering its current plans.

The Council recognises that forthcoming decisions relating to associated planning applications will be made by councillors solely in accordance with national and local planning policies and in the light of material considerations.

The Council endorses those policies, in particular Planning Policy Statement 6: *Planning for Town Centres* (PPS6); and Cambridge Local Plan 2006, specifically Policy 6/7 *Shopping Development and Change of Use in District and Local Centres*, and Policy 6/8 *Convenience Shopping*, as well as paragraph 6.17 which states that

"applications for retail developments will, where appropriate, be subject to the demonstration of need; that a sequential approach has been adopted; that there will not be an adverse impact on existing centres; and that transport and environmental matters have been considered."

#### **(f) Councillors Nimmo-Smith and Smart**

The Council notes the growing number of inter-authority joint bodies in which it is required to participate.

In order to maintain the standards of accessibility and accountability to which it aspires, the Council will strive to get agreement that these joint bodies will operate according to minimum democratic standards including the publication of agendas, minutes and reports, meetings held in public, public speaking rights and public question times.

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

**9a Executive Decisions taken outside the Budget Framework**

*(Green Pages 93 - 94)*

[24 September- Approval for Inclusion in Capital Plan of Postal Vote Checking ICT](#)

**9b Executive Decisions taken during Scrutiny Committees  
September- November**

*(Green pages 95 - 170)*

- [Strategy & Resources –3 September](#)
- [Special Community Services – 6 September](#)
- [Special Environment – 25 September](#)
- [Environment – 6 November](#)
- [Housing Management Board – 13 November](#)
- [Community Services – 15 November](#)
- [Strategy & Resources – 19 November](#)

**9c Executive Decisions (not scrutinised) taken in September-  
November**

[Executive Councillor for Climate Change & Growth](#)

Appointment to the Conservators of the River Cam

*(Green pages 171)*

**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: Liz Witcher, Committee Manager on 01223 - 457015*