

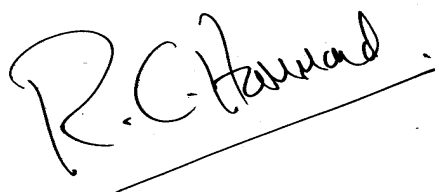
NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING – 11 SEPTEMBER 2008

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Thursday 11 September 2008 at 6.10pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 3 September 2008

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 EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING AND THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2008.**
(White pages 51-66)
- 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 Recommendation (The Leader) (Attached as a separate document) Strategy
 - Cambridge Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan (The Leader)

NB: The Strategy & Action Plan can be accessed at the following link on the internet:

http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/public/councillors/agenda/2008/0911cncl/04_02strat.pdf

(Cream pages 1-6)

5 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION: *(Cream pages 7-50)*

[Civic Affairs \(25 June\)](#)
[Code of Corporate Governance](#)

Civic Affairs (10 September)
[Members' Allowances Scheme](#)

NB Adoption Minute to be tabled at Council

6 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.

7 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION, NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN BY:

(a) Councillors Herbert & Newbold

The Council welcomes

- opportunities provided by the July 2008 Community Empowerment White Paper and the 'Representing the Future' report by the independent Councillors Commission, and

- statements by the national leader of Liberal Democrat and county Liberal Democrat Councillors supporting opposition councillors leading scrutiny committees and processes.

The Council agrees to set up a cross-party working party with full delegated power to complete a review, and report to the February 2009 council meeting, with terms of reference and membership to be decided between party leaders, to implement minor cost-neutral improvements from early 2009 and any major changes from May 2009 onwards.

(b) Councillors Nimmo-Smith & Reid

The Council

- recognises the importance of subsidies for public transport, and in particular the local bus system, both for the social and

community benefits that they produce, as well as the incentive they give to use modes of transport that are less environmentally damaging than the car;

- is very concerned at the gross underfunding of the scheme by government, with Cambridge council tax payers having to meet £1.3m shortfall in grant towards the projected £2.5m bill for 2008/09, equivalent to about 20% of the council tax, and that measures to fund this statutory service may force the Council to cut hundreds of thousands of pounds from services to meet this unfair bill;
- notes Cambridge's role as a popular destination, for which a high proportion of concessionary journeys that have to be funded by the Council are return trips to outlying districts, and that Cambridge's 'hotspot' status has not been recognised in the way the government has distributed grant;
- asks the government urgently to take these matters into account in reviewing the funding basis for the scheme, in compensating the Council for the current year underfunding, and in making appropriate adjustments in funding distribution for 2009/10 onwards;
- requests executive councillors and officers to work with other relevant local authorities, members of parliament and local government associations to make the strongest possible case for these changes.

(c) Councillors Boyce & Nimmo-Smith

The Council

- welcomes the contribution that area committees have made since 2003 to improved public involvement in significant amounts of decision-making including local planning applications;
- notes that since that inauguration membership of the relevant area committee has been a constitutional requirement for all elected members and that all current councillors have been elected while these arrangements have been in place;
- notes training is provided on planning law and practice as part of the induction programme for newly elected councillors, and that there is budgetary provision so that further occasional training sessions can be arranged to meet needs that arise;
- notes that the training provides clear advice on when a councillor cannot take part in an individual decision because of a prejudicial interest or because their discretion in assessing the application has become fettered, and that officers will advise any councillor who is unsure in any instance.

The Council therefore calls on all its members to take part in and vote

on all other planning items on their area committee agenda as is rightly expected by those who elected them to be their representatives in the council's decisions.

(d) Councillor Herbert

The Council asks the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth to establish a member process including South Cambridgeshire and the County Council to scrutinise and review the Arbury Park development, to

a) identify improvements that can be made for new residents and adjacent local communities ahead of the proposed transfer to the City Council, particularly aspects that can be sorted out before its completion, and

b) detail the lessons to be learnt ahead of other Cambridge fringe developments.

(e) Councillors Dryden & Newbold

The Holy Trinity Church War Memorial on Sidney Street is an important, yet neglected monument which has recently been damaged and vandalised. Responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of this historical memorial resides with Cambridge City Council.

English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation, in association with the War Memorials Trust, are providing grants of 50% of eligible costs, up to £10,000, for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England. The grants are to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials and are designed to support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage.

The Council calls on the Leader to fully discharge the Council's responsibilities in repairing and providing upkeep for the Holy Trinity Church War Memorial. The Council further calls on the administration to make use of the funding provided by English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation, and to investigate additional funding that may be available for this and other important heritage sites where responsibility for the preservation and upkeep resides with Cambridge City Council.

(f) Councillors Newbold & Benstead

Since the 2004 ward boundary changes, a number of Cambridge City Council services such as Housing and Rangers have remained wedded to the previous ward boundaries, the effect of which has been to create unnecessary duplication for ward councillors who have to deal with two or more sets of officers when problems arise, and confusion for residents living adjacent to current boundary lines. The Council asks the Leader to review each service, ensuring each service team is properly aligned with existing boundaries by the end of 2008.

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

8a Executive Decisions taken during Scrutiny Committees in July (Green pages 67-135)

- [Executive Cllr for Climate Change & Growth](#) (Agenda B)
- [Executive Cllr for Environmental & Waste Services](#) (Agenda B)
- [Environment](#) – 1 July
- [Housing Management Board](#) – 8 July
- [Executive Cllr for Housing](#) (Agenda B)
- [Executive Cllr for Arts & Recreation](#) (Agenda B)
- [Executive Cllr for Community Development & Health](#) (Agenda B)
- [Community Services](#) – 24 July

8b Executive Decisions (not scrutinised) taken in May-August (Green pages 136-163)

Executive Councillor For Climate Change & Growth

- [Variation Of The Agency Agreement With The County Council For The Local Authority Parking Enforcement \(Lape\) Account](#)
- [Establishment Of Joint Urban Design Team](#)

9 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