

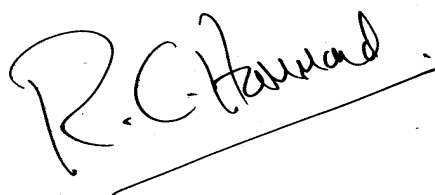
NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING – 23 APRIL 2009

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Thursday 23 April 2009 at 6.00pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 15 April 2009

Yours faithfully

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

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE [MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 26 FEBRUARY 2009.](#)**
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- 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 COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION:**

[Civic Affairs \(30 March\)](#)
[Members' Allowances Scheme 2009/10](#)

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5 TO CONSIDER A REPORT FROM THE APPOINTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (CHIEF EXECUTIVE) – An oral report to Council will be given by the Chair. The scheduled meeting of the Appointment Sub-Committee on 17 April is after the Council agenda is placed on public deposit. It is likely that this oral report (and any debate) will require the Mayor to exclude the public on the grounds that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

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 Blencowe and Walker

The Council asks that the Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services provide appropriate recycling facilities on our main parks and open spaces during the summer months so that residents and visitors alike, whilst enjoying them, are both given the opportunity and encouragement to recycle.

(b) Councillor Pitt

The Council notes that this meeting falls on St George's Day.

St George is the patron saint of England, and of many other cities and countries in Europe and the Middle East. He is tightly connected to English tradition, yet also, as a Roman Soldier from the Middle East, a symbol of multiculturalism.

The Council also notes the dangers of allowing national symbols that belong to the entire population to become associated with extremists and believes we should celebrate St. George's Day in an inclusive way.

Celebrating April 23rd is particularly appropriate as England's national day because of its associations with Shakespeare, associations which have also contributed to its adoption as the UNESCO International day of the Book.

Cambridge is an important City in England with strong connections to education and books, and the Council believe we should mark England's traditional national day, whilst recognising the diversity of our community.

The Council therefore requests the Executive to investigate possibilities for suitable inclusive celebrations of this date in future years.

(c) Councillors Reid and Baker

Trees

The City Council acknowledges the understandable concerns of residents about trees which have been felled recently in the City or which are due to be felled under planning consents, and acknowledges residents' concerns as to whether felling is justified.

The Council recognises that trees are living organisms that have to be managed and that this can involve felling them. But the Council is very keen to ensure that decisions about felling trees are fully publicised and, where they are sensitive decisions, they are made by Councillors in public meetings. It therefore will make changes to its procedures as follows:

- Trees on the City Council's own land; a new protocol for tree works will be presented to Community Services Scrutiny Committee for endorsement on 25 June. It includes full public consultation procedures and has been trialled in relation to recommendations to fell trees at Midsummer Common.
- Trees owned by the County Council on the public highway; the County Council has responsibility for trees on the public highway and it subcontracts this responsibility to the City Council, with the exception of works to implement the guided bus. The City Council will request that the above protocol is agreed by the County Council for trees on the public highway.

- Trees on private land; where these are subject to permission for tree works, whether they be protected by Tree Preservation Orders or in Conservation Areas, the enhanced public consultation procedures in the new protocol for tree works will be applied. In addition the delegation procedures will be reviewed in order that sensitive proposals are made in committee by Councillors.
- Procedures for all tree works will be published on the City Council website and in a leaflet, and seminars will be offered to concerned parties. Opportunities will also be taken to explain those procedures at meetings of Area Committees.

The Council notes that its policy towards tree works is set out in its Arboricultural Strategy of July 2004 and in the Cambridge Local Plan of July 2006, Policy 4/4.

d) Councillors Herbert and Newbold

The Council

a) regrets the decision by the Leader to break his commitment for an independent, external inquiry into the 2008 Folk Festival ticketing loss of now £645,000.

b) while supporting the implementation of its recommendations as an interim arrangement, considers the recent review by Civic Affairs Committee to be incomplete and an inadequate substitute.

c) regrets that, unlike other councils similarly affected, there has been no effective council review on the potential loss of £9,000,000 plus interest in Icelandic bank Landsbanki and its subsidiary, and the lessons to be learnt.

d) asks the Chair of Civic Affairs Committee to bring forward a report at its next meeting proposing a Councillor-led review, with remit to be then agreed by all political parties, covering both losses including reviewing:

- council risk management and treasury management
- the responsibilities of Executive Councillors for overseeing policy delivery and investigating performance and risk management
- the role of other Councillors in financial and wider scrutiny of the Executive and Council

e) asks the Leader to produce as part of his Annual Statement a clear and accessible report for Cambridge residents explaining both issues, the lessons learnt, and the actions planned to prevent such losses in future.

e) Councillor Newbold

Given that

- major housing development proposed for the Cambridge North East Fringe will not proceed, that there is now a serious risk of the same outcome at Cambridge East, and that development of Northstowe has also stalled, and

- there is a major risk that this will increase opportunities for developers to propose and appeal potentially inappropriate sites,

the Council asks the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth:

a) to review the deliverability of the current sites and housing number allocations in the evolving Local Development Framework and,

b) working with neighbouring authorities and others, reconsider the need for alternative, additional sites in the Cambridge sub-region that will meet demanding standards for high quality transport and access, and deliver both affordable housing and sustainable communities.

f) Councillors Walker and Blencowe

The Council

a) agrees that proposals for significant or sensitive tree felling in the public realm should be required to first go through effective public consultation and then be reviewed by the Planning Committee, and

b) asks that the Terms of Reference for this two stage process be developed by the Chair of Planning Committee and opposition spokespersons, and then considered by Planning Committee with a view to its implementation as a matter of urgency;

c) asks the Director of Environment and Planning, pending adoption of the proposed procedure, to ensure effective public consultation on what he judges to be applications for significant or sensitive tree felling in the public realm, and to refer such applications to the Planning Committee for determination.

g) Councillor Nimmo-Smith

Regional Governance

The Council notes the consultation on formal arrangements for local councils to make decisions on the drafting of the new Single Regional Strategy for the East of England Region.

The Council is opposed to the current proposals for a Leaders Board, in line with Government policy, dominated by County and Unitary Councils and offering few places for district councils and no certainty that Cambridge would be one of these.

Given Cambridge's key role in the regional economy, and as the planning and housing authority for the urban area that is designated as the primary centre for development and change in the sub-region, the Council believes that it is essential that Cambridge City Council has a statutory place on the Leaders Board, and instructs officers to work with the Leader and Executive Councillors to promote alternative arrangements that would secure this.

8 TO RECEIVE THE RECORDS OF DECISIONS AND 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.*

Filming, photography and recording is not permitted at council meetings. Any request to do so must be put to the committee manager at least 24 hours before the start time of the relevant meeting.

Contact: Glenn Burgess, Committee Manager on 01223 – 457169