

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

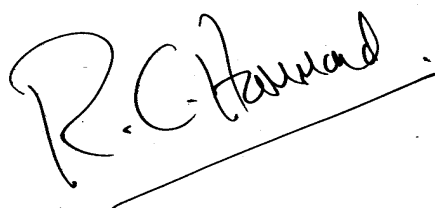
NOTICE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 21 MAY 2009

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on **Thursday 21 May 2009 at 11.00am** and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 13 May 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

1. TO ELECT A MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/2010
2. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/2010
3. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE [MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 23 APRIL 2009](#)
4. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR
5. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR'S CADET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

6. TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

7. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. TO ELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOUR BAILIFFS OF THE CITY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/2010

(There will be a break for lunch.)

9. CHIEF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT – RECOMMENDATION OF THE APPOINTMENT SUB COMMITTEE OF A NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

This 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.

10. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES WHICH ARE FOR ADOPTION:

[Civic Affairs \(11 May 2009\)](#)

- Election of Leader and the Executive Councillors
- Appointment of Committees 2009/10
- Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs 2009/10

[The Mayor will call a recess so that the Special meetings of Committees can meet to make their appointments]

11. ANNUAL STATEMENT

Group Leaders will each have the opportunity to speak for not more than 15 minutes on their Group's priorities for action and objectives for the forthcoming municipal year in the following order:

Councillor Nimmo-Smith
Councillor Herbert

**The Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group
is appended to this summons.**

12. **ADOPTION OF ANNUAL POLICIES AND PRIORITIES**

The scheme for Annual Statements provides that the Statement of the Leader of the largest group on the Council shall be deemed to be a motion for adoption. It may therefore be debated and amendments proposed after which it shall be put to the vote and, if carried, shall be adopted as Council policy for the municipal year. The Council will therefore consider the Annual Statement of the Liberal Democrat Group as a motion for adoption.

If the adopted Annual Statement contains proposals which fall outside the Council's budgetary or policy framework, the proposals shall not be acted upon until there has been a report to the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) and Executive Councillor(s) in the normal way and approval at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

13. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

14. **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.

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

(a) Councillors Newbold and Herbert

The Council asks the Civic Affairs Committee to establish a Councillor Scrutiny Subgroup to visit other Councils operating effective member scrutiny systems, and report back to Civic Affairs Committee before the end of 2009 with any recommendations for improving the Council's current Scrutiny Committee and constitutional arrangements.

(b) Councillors Herbert and Blencowe

The Council agrees that the proposed member-led Committee of Inquiry into Folk Festival arrangements should report to Civic Affairs Committee given the need to consider council-wide and audit issues, and integrate it with the responsibilities of Civic Affairs for:

- monitoring the implementation of its Action Plan re: the review of 2008 Ticket Sales.
- considering also the agreed additional review by the Chief Executive.

(c) Councillors Newbold and Walker

The Council welcomes the Government Electric Car Strategy, complete with plans for cities to become testing grounds for drivers using and charging electric vehicles, and the Government invitation asking cities to bid to become 'electric car showcases'.

Building on previous council investment in electric charging points, and public opinion strongly in favour of further transport measures to combat climate change, Cambridge is an excellent position to become a showcase city.

The Council therefore asks the Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth to work with Cambridgeshire County Council in putting together a bid for a share of the £250 million Government funding.

(d) Councillors Smart and Cantrill

This Council

- notes that Cambridge has been an important regional market town for over 1000 years,
- welcomes the formation of “Love Cambridge” to promote the city as an excellent shopping destination
- believes that there is room in Cambridge for large and small branches of national and international chains

However this Council also

- notes that the New Economic Foundation and others have expressed concern about places where the major shopping areas are dominated by chains, calling them “Clone Towns”
- fears that the domination of national chains stocking only the most popular brands will make it difficult for smaller specialist shops with greater diversity to survive

This Council notes

- that Cambridge is not, up to now, among those called “Clone Towns”,
- that there are still many smaller independent shops in the city, many of them offering specialist ranges
- that many of them are grouped just outside the main city centre shopping area in places such as Mill Road and Magdalene Street

This Council therefore instructs the Director of Environment and Planning

- to explore ways of enhancing the appeal of the shopping streets dominated by independent and specialist shops
- to consider the implications of setting up an Independent Business Zone
- to consider whether national legislation would be necessary to establish such a zone and, if it is, to work with the city’s MPs and national organisations to promote the legislation

(e) Councillors Nimmo-Smith and Herbert

The Council puts on record its very warm appreciation of Rob Hammond's leadership as Chief Executive for the past 19 years, noting particularly the respect and affection that he has personally engendered in Cambridge including from Councillors of all political persuasions and local partner organisations.

16. TO NOTE THE RECORD OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS DURING 2008/2009 (To be circulated prior to the Annual Meeting)

THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 16 July AT 6.00PM.

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