

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING – 16 JULY 2009

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Cambridge City Council will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall on Thursday 16 July 2009 at 6.00pm and I hereby summon you to attend.

Dated 8 July 2009

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AP Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "A".

Chief Executive

Agenda

- 1 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE [MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21 MAY 2009.](#)**
[Returning Officer Appointment](#)
(White pages 131 - 148)
- 2 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 3 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** - see at the foot of the agenda for details of the scheme
- 4 **BUSINESS REMAINING FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON 26 FEBRUARY 2009**

At the Council meeting on 26 February 2009, Councillor Walker had moved, and Councillor Lynn had seconded the motion set out below.

On a show of hands, under paragraph 13.8.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, it had been agreed, by 18 votes to 10 not to deal with the motion at that meeting. As a result, the motion stood referred to the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Leader for decision.

Members of Cambridge City Council:

- Recognise the importance of community involvement in Local Government and support national Government's initiatives to empower local people.
- Wish to ensure that residents and community groups in Cambridge are not only kept informed but genuinely enabled to initiate ideas and solutions, and therefore to actively and effectively engage in council policy making and decisions.

This council therefore calls upon the Director of Customer & Democratic Services to submit a report to the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee by July 2009, that examines examples of best practice, including in other local authorities, and brings forward proposals for Cambridge City Council to further develop and enhances its own consulting mechanisms.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule paragraph 13.8.2, the motion is re-submitted as deferred business.

Members are asked to refer to the [Minute/Record of Decision of the Leader](#) (*Cream Pages 1 - 2*) and [Officer report](#) attached (*Cream Pages 3 - 22*)

5 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE FOR ADOPTION:

- [Treasury Management and Investment Strategy Update](#) (Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources)
- [2008/09 Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances - General Fund - OVERVIEW](#) (The Leader)

- [Capital Project Appraisal & Procurement Report](#): Year 2 and 3 Housing Growth Fund Biodiversity Projects (Executive Councillor for Climate Change and Growth)

(Cream pages 23 - 97)

6 TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES FOR ADOPTION:

Civic Affairs (24 June)

- [Code of Corporate Governance](#)
- [Scrutiny of crime and disorder functions](#)

Licensing Committee (6 July)

- [Gambling Act 2005](#) – Review of the Statement of Principles

The draft Statement can be found at:

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/business/licensing-and-permissions/public-consultation-on-our-gambling-act-statement-of-principles.en>

(Cream pages 99 - 130)

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) Councillors Blencowe and Herbert

In light of the current spate of acts of arson and vandalism, and with the school break approaching, the council asks the Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation to meet with SLM to seek a way to offer free swimming to under 16s for a set period over the summer holidays.

(b) Councillors Herbert and Walker

The Council supports the creation of a unitary Cambridge area council.

In the meantime, the Council urges officers and the Executive:

- to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council and the County Council to increase the range of frontline services and backroom operations that are delivered jointly
- to start this process by bringing a report to the Council's Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee with an initial list of target improvements to improve service quality, increase efficiency with no loss of service and improve public accountability and responsiveness
- to involve South Cambridgeshire and County Council members and officers in developing the proposals and invite them to attend the scrutiny meeting.

(c) Councillors Newbold and Bradnack

The Council calls for a full review of the Council's 'Cambridge Matters' magazine, including value, objectives and outcomes, with an end to its publication unless it can be radically improved.

(d) Councillors Blencowe and Herbert

The council calls for a review of current planning officer workloads and whether redeployment of staff to work on Development Brief activity could be successfully achieved.

(e) Councillors McGovern and Taylor

The Council:

- believes in the principles of open government
- welcomes the Publication Scheme adopted by this council in January 2009
- notes the good progress in publishing information online
- notes the 250% increase in Freedom of Information Act requests in 2008-9 over those in 2007-8

The Council therefore requests the Director of Customer and Democratic Services to:

- expedite the publishing of information in the Publication Scheme that is not currently on the website
- review requests received by the council to see which replies may be published
- work with the Freedom of Information Officer to ensure that consideration is given to publishing replies to future requests in the appropriate place on the website.

The Council further notes the heightened public concern about reimbursements and remuneration to politicians following the recent exposures of fraudulent and erroneous claims by some Members of Parliament. The Council therefore resolves to enhance the timeliness and accessibility of the information which it currently publishes on the website in a summary annual format relating to:

- members' allowances
- expenses and dependent carers' payments reimbursed to members and further to include
- expenditure incurred by the Council in support of councillors' attendance at external events and to publish on the website details from the following registers which are currently only available for inspection on paper
- the register of members' interests
- the register of members' gifts and hospitality

(f) Councillor Todd-Jones

The Council notes that the recent government announcement of significant funding to enable councils to build new homes. Councils will be able to access the same capital subsidy through the Social Housing Grant that is provided to housing associations for new affordable homes, enabling the council to ensure that existing tenants at sites considered for development will be offered new council accommodation.

The Council therefore asks the Executive Councillor for Housing to ensure that

- in considering any council-owned sites for development through the affordable housing programme, any decisions made must be open and transparent and follow full consultation with neighbouring residents and interested parties before further consultation over development is pursued
- furthermore, any development involving existing council tenants must require detailed consultation with ward members, tenant representatives, and any tenants affected, with particular respect to the principle reinforced by the ballot in 2004 whereby tenants voted to remain with the council as their landlord.

9 TO RECEIVE RECORDS OF URGENT DECISIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE (May - July)

Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources

- [Fire Safety in the Guildhall](#)
- Change to [Counterparty Investment Limit](#)

Executive Councillor for Housing

- Reduction to the [Previously Approved Rent Increase](#) for 2009/10

Executive Councillor for Environmental and Waste Services

- Project appraisal for the [procurement of blue bins for new dry recycling scheme](#)
- Project appraisal for the [Modified Ventilation System- Grand Arcade Annex \(Underground\) Car park](#)

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10 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.*

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Contact: Glenn Burgess, Committee Manager on 01223 – 457169 or glenn.burgess@cambridge.gov.uk