

COUNTY COUNCIL: MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 28th June 2016

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.55 p.m.

Place: Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillor S Kindersley (Chairman)
Councillors: B Ashwood, A Bailey, I Bates, C Boden, D Brown, P Brown, P Bullen, R Butcher, S Bywater, E Cearn, B Chapman, P Clapp, J Clark, D Connor, S Count, S Crawford, S Criswell, D Divine, P Downes, L Dupre, S Frost, D Giles, L Harford, D Harty, R Henson, R Hickford, J Hipkin, S Hoy, P Hudson, B Hunt, D Jenkins, N Kavanagh, G Kenney, A Lay, M Leeke, M Loynes, R Mandley, I Manning, M Mason, M McGuire, Z Moghadas, L Nethsingha, F Onasanya, T Orgee, J Palmer, P Reeve, K Reynolds, M Rouse, P Sales, J Schumann, J Scutt, M Shellens, M Shuter, M Smith (Vice-Chairwoman), A Taylor, S Taylor, M Tew, P Topping, S van de Ven, A Walsh, J Whitehead, J Williams, G Wilson, J Wisson and F Yeulett

Apologies: P Ashcroft, A Dent and G Gillick

Councillor A Taylor proposed a motion without notice that standing orders be suspended so that two public questions could be asked at an Extraordinary Meeting. Two questions had been received by the putative date required, from Mr Carpen and Mr Leigh. Councillor Reeve seconded the motion.

On being the vote, the motion was lost.

[Voting pattern: UKIP, most Liberal Democrats and three Independents in favour; Conservatives, Labour and one Independent against; one Independent and one Liberal Democrat abstained]

234. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct.

235. THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL

Before inviting the Leader of the Council to move the report on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Devolution Proposal, the Chairman proposed the following minor grammatical alterations to the recommendations:

Recommendation (iii), add an 's' to authorise, a comma after "to" and "authorities", and delete "and" to read:

Considers and determines whether to approve the Governance Scheme, (attached at Appendix C), and authorises the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of Council to, in liaison with the other Chief Executives of constituent authorities, take all necessary actions to progress any matters arising from consideration of the Deal.

Recommendation (iv), add an 's' to authorise.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Count, and seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Hickford, that the recommendations as set out in the report on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Devolution Proposal be approved.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Bullen and seconded by Councillor Nethsingha:

Amend recommendation (i) as follows (deletions in strikethrough)

- (i) Considers and endorses the conclusions of the Governance Review, (attached at Appendix A), that the establishment of a Combined Authority ~~with a Mayor~~ for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in that area.

Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was lost.

[Voting pattern: Liberal Democrats, UKIP and three Independents in favour; Conservatives and two Independents against; Labour abstained]

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Giles and seconded by Councillor Chapman.

Additional recommendation to recommendation (ii) as follows (additions in bold):

- (ii)(a) Considers and determines whether to approve the content of the Devolution Deal proposal, (attached at Appendix B), and confirms that this replaces in its entirety the East Anglia Devolution Agreement signed in March 2016.
- (ii)(b) Call on the Combined Authority to work with Huntingdonshire District Council and St Neots Town Council with particular reference to item 32 of this devolution document in that the Combined Authority recognises the economic importance of St Neots as Cambridgeshire's largest and fastest growing town. Moreover, the Combined Authority also recognises the presence of some of the County's highest areas of deprivation are in St Neots, and the necessity to provide employment opportunities through a new Local Enterprise Zone based in St Neots. To enable further economic growth, the Combined Authority will develop plans which comply with the "adopted" St Neots Neighbourhood Plan to provide additional infrastructure, local employment and sustainable transport solutions including provision of a St Neots northern bypass, a new vehicular river crossing and the delayed northern pedestrian/cycle river crossing and flood prevention improvements to Little Paxton Bridge.**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Count, made a commitment to work with Councillors Giles and Chapman, members of the Economy and Environment Policy and Service Committee and officers to take forward points raised in the Amendment.

Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was lost.

[Voting pattern: UKIP, Independents, most Labour and one Liberal Democrat in favour; most Conservatives and two Labour against; one Conservative, one Labour and most Liberal Democrats abstained]

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Walsh and seconded by

Councillor Whitehead:

Add an additional recommendation (vi)

- (vi) Prior to a meeting of full Council in October 2016 it is proposed that the County Council take the following actions:-
- (a) Work with Cambridge City Council to develop a delivery plan for the building of at least 500 new council homes using the £70 million allocated in the deal for affordable housing in Cambridge (the Cambridge Housing Plan), working with Government, and in consultation with other partners (see para 11 of the Devolution Deal proposal);
 - (b) Work with constituent bodies of the proposed Combined Authority on a plan for delivering at least 2,000 affordable homes using the £100 million allocated in the deal for this purpose (see para 20 of the devolution proposal);
 - (c) Work with constituent bodies of the proposed Combined Authority to further enhance the ability of the overview and scrutiny function to hold the Mayor and Combined Authority to account;
 - (d) Work with constituent bodies of the proposed Combined Authority to provide a statement of the management support and its funding that would be made available to the Mayor and Combined Authority from the constituent authorities.

Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Nethsingha and seconded by Councillor Bullen:

Add an additional recommendation to recommendation (iv). (Additions in bold).

- (iv)(a) Considers and determines whether to approve the arrangements for public consultation on the Governance Scheme and authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of Council to provide the Secretary of State with a summary of the consultation responses in due course.
- (iv)(b) Determines that the public consultation on moving to two unitary authorities for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area be carried out on the same timescale as the consultation on any proposed devolution deal.**

Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was lost.

[Voting pattern: Liberal Democrats and UKIP in favour; Conservatives, Labour and two Independents against; one Independent abstained]

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Reeve and seconded by Councillor Bullen:

Add an additional recommendation (iv)(b):

As part of the public consultation, ask the question “Do you believe there should be a new political office for a mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?”

Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was lost.

[Voting pattern: most Liberal Democrats, UKIP and one Independent in favour; all Conservatives, Labour, most Independents and one Liberal Democrat against; one Independent abstained]

Following discussion, the substantive motion below on being put to the vote was carried:

- (i) Endorses the conclusions of the Governance Review, (attached at Appendix A to the report), that the establishment of a Combined Authority with a Mayor for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area would be likely to improve the exercise of statutory functions in that area.
- (ii) Approves the content of the Devolution Deal proposal, (attached at Appendix B to the report), and confirms that this replaces in its entirety the East Anglia Devolution Agreement signed in March 2016.
- (iii) Approves the Governance Scheme, (attached at Appendix C to the report), and authorises the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of Council to, in liaison with the other Chief Executives of constituent authorities, take all necessary actions to progress any matters arising from consideration of the Deal.
- (iv) Approves the arrangements for public consultation on the Governance Scheme and authorises the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of Council to provide the Secretary of State with a summary of the consultation responses in due course.
- (v) Resolves to convene a meeting of Full Council to take place in October 2016 to consider the results of the consultation exercise and whether to give consent for the Secretary of State to bring forward an Order establishing a Combined Authority with a Mayor covering that area of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- (vi) Agrees prior to a meeting of full Council in October 2016 that the County Council take the following actions;-
 - (a) Work with Cambridge City Council to develop a delivery plan for the building of at least 500 new council homes using the £70 million allocated in the deal for affordable housing in Cambridge (the Cambridge Housing Plan), working with Government, and in consultation with other partners (see para 11 of the Devolution Deal proposal);
 - (b) Work with constituent bodies of the proposed Combined Authority on a plan for delivering at least 2,000 affordable homes using the £100 million allocated in the deal for this purpose (see para 20 of the devolution proposal);
 - (c) Work with constituent bodies of the proposed Combined Authority to further enhance the ability of the overview and scrutiny function to hold the Mayor and Combined Authority to account;
 - (d) Work with constituent bodies of the proposed Combined Authority to provide a statement of the management support and its funding that would be made available to the Mayor and Combined Authority from the constituent authorities.

Under Part 4, Rules of Procedure, paragraph 15.5 of the Constitution, more than 14 Members requested a recorded vote on this matter, which is set out in **Appendix A**.

(The Chief Executive withdrew from the meeting for the next item)

**236. REPORT OF THE STAFFING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE –
APPOINTMENT OF A SHARED CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

It was moved by the Vice-Chairman of the Staffing and Appeals Committee, Councillor Downes, and seconded by Councillor P Brown, that the recommendations as set out in the report be approved.

It was resolved unanimously by a show of hands to agree:

- i) that progress was being made and the arrangement had to date been a successful one.
- ii) Formally appoint Gillian Beasley to the shared Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service role on a permanent basis and endorse the proposal to support this decision with a Deputy Chief Executive post.

Chairman

Appendix A

COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent /No Vote	COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent /No Vote
ASHCROFT P apologies	UKIP					KINDERSLEY S G M	LibD		✓		
ASHWOOD B	LibD		✓			LAY A	UKIP		✓		
BAILEY	Con	✓				LEEKE M	LibD		✓		
BATES I C	Con	✓				LOYNES M	Con	✓			
BODEN C	Con	✓				MANDLEY R	UKIP		✓		
BROWN D	Con	✓				MANNING I	LibD		✓		
BROWN P	Con	✓				MASON M	Ind	✓			
BULLEN P	UKIP		✓			MCGUIRE L W	Con	✓			
BUTCHER R	Con	✓				MOGHADAS Z	Lab	✓			
BYWATER S	UKIP		✓			NETHSINGHA L	LibD		✓		
CEARNS E	LibD		✓			ONASANYA F	Lab	✓			
CHAPMAN B	Inde		✓			ORGE E A G	Con	✓			
CLAPP P	UKIP		✓			PALMER J	Con	✓			
CLARK J	Con	✓				REEVE P	UKIP		✓		
CONNOR D	Con	✓				REYNOLDS K	Con	✓			
COUNT S	Con	✓				ROUSE M	Con	✓			
CRAWFORD S	Lab	✓				SALES P	Lab	✓			
CRISWELL S J	Con	✓				SCHUMANN J	Con				✓
DENT A apologies	UKIP					SCUTT J	Lab	✓			
DIVINE D	UKIP		✓			SHELLENS M	LibD		✓		
DOWNES P J	LibD		✓			SHUTER M	Con	✓			
DUPRE L	LibD		✓			SMITH M	Con	✓			
FROST S	Con	✓				TAYLOR A	LibD		✓		
GILES D	Inde		✓			TAYLOR S	inde		✓		
GILLICK G apologies	UKIP					TEW M	UKIP		✓		
HARFORD L	Con	✓				TOPPING P	Cons	✓			
HARTY D	Con	✓				VAN DE VEN S	LibD		✓		
HENSON R	UKIP		✓			WALSH A	Lab	✓			
HICKFORD R	Con	✓				WHITEHEAD J	Lab	✓			
HIPKIN J	Inde	✓				WILLIAMS J	LibD		✓		
HOY S	Cons	✓				WILSON G	LibD		✓		
HUDSON P	Con	✓				WISSON J	Con	✓			
HUNT W T I	Con	✓				YEULETT F H	Con	✓			
JENKINS D	LibD		✓								
KAVANAGH N	Lab	✓									
KENNEY G	Con	✓				TOTAL	69				