

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the County Council will be held at Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 10.30a.m.

Lunch will be provided.

A G E N D A

Prayers by Dharmacharini Aryajaya, Cambridge Buddhist Centre.

Apologies for Absence

1. Minutes – 21st July 2015 (previously circulated)
2. Announcements (oral)
3. Declarations of Interests (oral)
[Guidance for Councillors on declaring interests is available at <http://tinyurl.com/ccc-decoint>]
4. Petitions (oral)
To receive petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.4.
5. Public Question Time (oral)
To receive and respond to questions from members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.3.
6. Decision Review: Less Than Best Consideration Disposal – Cromwell Museum Building, Huntingdon
 - a) Report from Monitoring Officer (pages 7-18)
 - b) Response from Councillors who have requested the Review (oral)
 - c) Proposal (oral)

7. Items for Determination from General Purposes Committee (oral)

a) Business Planning – Medium Term Financial Strategy

To consider the following recommendation arising from the General Purposes Committee meeting on 28th July 2015 (minute 130 refers):

It was resolved unanimously to recommend the Medium Term Financial Strategy to Council for approval.

b) Business Planning – Capital Strategy

To consider the following recommendation arising from the General Purposes Committee meeting on 28th July 2015 (minute 131 refers):

It was resolved to recommend to Council:

- a) revisions to the Capital Strategy to align it with the Operating Model approach, including that prioritisation of capital proposals would be undertaken using an amended version of the Investment Appraisal process that reflected the new outcome-based focus of Business Planning.
- b) that the advisory limit on the level of debt charges (and therefore prudential borrowing) should be kept at existing levels, which were higher than the level of debt charges approved in the 2015-20 Business Plan;
- c) that borrowing related to Invest to Save/Earn schemes should continue to be excluded from the advisory debt charges limit.

Note: a copy of the reports discussed by the General Purposes Committee and the minutes of the meeting have been sent to all Members under separate cover and are available via the following link:

Report and Minutes - <http://tinyurl.com/ccc-gpc-280715>

8. Report of the Staffing and Appeals Committee – (pages 19 - 26)
Appointment of a Shared Chief Executive
9. Audit and Accounts Committee – (pages 27 - 64)
Central Library Enterprise Centre Review

10. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendations to full Council
- a) Contract Procedure Rules (pages 65 - 102)
- b) Grant of Dispensations under the Members' Code of Conduct (pages 103 - 116)
- c) Decision Review Procedure Rules (pages 117 - 128)
11. Pension Fund Board Annual Report 2014/15 (pages 129 - 230)
12. Committees - Allocation of seats and substitutes to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules (pages 231 - 237)
13. Appointments to Outside Organisations (page 239)
14. Motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10 (oral)

(a) Motion from Councillor Ian Manning

This Council notes:

- The threat of global climate change and the need to act against it both nationally and locally
- The responsibility of this Council to act to reduce its carbon footprint
- That the Law Commission reviewed the meaning of fiduciary duty as it applies to investments in 2014, concluding that "Where trustees think ethical or environmental, social or governance (ESG) issues are financially material they should take them into account."
- That there is nonetheless a risk for this Council in any non-financial considerations in investment policy, and therefore before any such change, the implications should be studied and considered carefully.

Further, Council recognises the growing number of commercial, educational and governmental organisations deciding to support low carbon investment:

- Bristol Council's decision alter its investment policy to exclude companies whose core activities cover fossil fuel extraction

- The Norwegian Government's decision to divest from fossil fuel investment in its pension fund
- The over 150 companies, including Hewlet-Packard, BT Group & Volvo who have signed up to the "We mean business" coalition's aims

Council notes that the University of Cambridge have this year launched a wide ranging report into its £2.2bn endowments fund, and endorses this cautious approach.

Therefore Council resolves to:

- direct the Chief Executive (or delegated officer) to write to the University group asking that Cambridgeshire County Council be part of it the University's work in this regard;
- recommend that the Cambridgeshire County Council Pension Committee consider whether to include the Cambridgeshire County Council pension fund within the University's analysis, with a view to the Pension Fund Board considering the report in due course; and
- form a cross party member group to consider what, if any, aspects of the "We Mean Business" coalition Council could sign up to, with a view to bringing a recommendation back to Full Council in a year.

[The Chairman advises that the motion relates to a matter for the Council to determine and that the motion is therefore in order as drafted]

(b) Motion from Councillor Lucy Nethsingha

This council notes

- the need for more electricity generation in coming years as many of our power stations reach the end of their lives. The success of small micro-generation schemes in providing an increasing proportion of our electricity in ways which are not only good for the environment but can provide cheaper electricity and income to organisations like schools.
- the fact that constraints in national grid capacity are preventing development of schemes which could provide many benefits, both environmental and economic.

This council requests that the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State asking her to ensure that the companies responsible for up-grading the national grid

have systems in place for

- better monitoring of networks so they can control hot spots and allow more generation capacity
- gradual re-design and up-grade of the grid across Cambridgeshire and the South East in the longer term to increase resilience and allow more capacity
- systems in place for applicants to share the costs of up-grades in areas where capacity is particularly constrained and up-grade is urgent.

[The Chairman advises that the motion relates to a matter for the Council to determine and that the motion is therefore in order as drafted].

15. Questions:

(a) Questions on Fire Authority Issues (oral)

Report of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority (pages 241 - 244)

(b) Oral Questions (Council Procedure Rule 9.1) (oral)

Members will be invited to ask questions of:

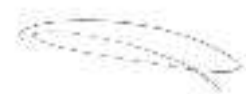
- the Leader of Council
- the Chairman/woman of any Committee
- representatives on the Fire Authority

Note: questions should relate to business discussed at a committee meeting, any matter relevant to the business of the Council and/or matter which affects the County of Cambridgeshire. The maximum time allowed for questions and answers will be 60 minutes.

(c) Written Questions (Council Procedure Rule 9.2) (oral)

To note responses to written questions from Councillors submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9.2.

Dated 5th October 2015



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