

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the County Council will be held at Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge on Tuesday 16th February 2016 at 10.30a.m.

A G E N D A

Prayers led by the Reverend Charles Mather, Minister of Bar Hill Local Ecumenical Partnership

Apologies for Absence

1. Minutes – 15th December 2015 (previously circulated)
2. Announcements (oral)
3. Declarations of Interests (oral)
[Guidance for Councillors on declaring interests is available at <http://tinyurl.com/cccdcoint>]
4. Public Question Time (oral)
To receive and respond to questions from members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.3.
5. Petitions (oral)
To receive petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.4.
6. Council's Business Plan and Budget Proposals 2016-21 (to follow)

Note: a copy of the report discussed by the General Purposes Committee on 2nd February 2016 and the minutes of the meeting are available via the following link:
<http://tinyurl.com/cccgpc-16-02-02>

7. Items for Determination from General Purposes Committee

a) Treasury Management Strategy 2016-17

To consider the following recommendation arising from the General Purposes Committee meeting on 14th January 2016 (minute 195 refers):

Recommend to Council that it approve the draft Treasury Management Strategy for 2016-17, including:

- a) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2016-17 including:
 - i) The Council's policy on the making of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008
 - ii) The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2016-17 as required by the Local Government Act 2003
- b) The Investment Strategy for 2016-17 as required by the Communities and Local Government (CLG) revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2010.

Note: a copy of the report discussed by the General Purposes Committee and the minutes of the meeting are available via the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ccc-gpc-140116>

b) Minimum Revenue Provision Policy

To consider the following recommendation arising from the General Purposes Committee meeting on 2nd February 2016 (minute 201 refers):

That General Purposes Committee:

- recommends full Council approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2015-16.

Note: a copy of the report discussed by the General Purposes Committee and the minutes of the meeting are available via the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ccc-gpc-16-02-02>

c) Municipal Bonds Agency Update

To consider the following recommendation arising from the General Purposes Committee meeting on 2nd February 2016 (minute 200 refers):

1. Recommend to Council that they note:
 - a) The risks of entry into the Framework Agreement and Guarantee, and undertaking borrowing from the UK Municipal Bonds Agency; and
 - b) The Counsel opinion of Jonathan Swift QC
2. Recommend to Council that they approve entry into the Framework Agreement and accompanying Schedules (Document 3 of the Documents Package within confidential Appendix A: Documents Package) listed:
 - c) Schedule 1: Form of Authority Accession Deed
 - d) Schedule 2: Form of Guarantee
 - e) Schedule 3: Loan Standard Terms
 - f) Schedule 4: Form of Loan Confirmation
3. Subject to the above, delegate authority to the Council's Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to execute all the necessary contractual arrangements, including the Framework Agreement, Guarantee and Schedules listed in recommendation number 2.

Note: a copy of the report discussed by the General Purposes Committee and the minutes of the meeting are available via the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ccg-gpc-16-02-02>

8. Item for Determination from Health Policy and Service Committee

To consider the following motion arising from the Health Policy and Service Committee meeting on 21st January 2016 (minute 190 refers):

This Council:

- understands the impact of Public Health expenditure on health outcomes and future costs in the broader health economy in Cambridgeshire as evidenced by a comprehensive body of information including its own Prevention Strategy
- notes the Government's recent announcement to follow the 2015/16 mid-year cut in the Public Health Grant with

a another cut for 2016/17 and further annual cuts in future years

- believes that these continuing cuts are ill-advised because they will result in higher long term health costs
- accepts that a broad approach to the Government through the Secretary of State for Health, its MPs and the Local Government Association is needed if these cuts are to be reversed

Resolves therefore to:

- ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health and the Cambridgeshire MPs to brief them on the likely impact of the cuts, and to provide them with a copy of this County's Prevention Strategy
- ask the Chief Executive to table a motion at the LGA conference calling for the Government to rethink its approach to funding Public Health and to increase funding for public health interventions.

Note: a copy of the report discussed by the Health Policy and Service Committee and the minutes of the meeting are available via the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/ccc-hc-210116>

9. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendations to full Council

a) Mini Review of Governance Procedures (pages 9 -31)

10. Motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10 (oral)

(a) Motion from Councillor John Hipkin

This Council notes the contents of the recent Cambridgeshire Research Group (CRG) IMD Summary of IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation) data for Cambridgeshire comparing the differences in national and local ranks and deciles from IMD 2010 to IMD 2015.

This Council further notes the main findings of the CRG Summary as follows:

- Compared to 2010, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire now rank as more deprived in national terms than previously - Cambridge City ranks as less deprived.
- Cambridgeshire now has 16 LSOAs (Lower-layer Super Output Areas) in the 20% most deprived

nationally –this is compared to 9 in 2010. Two are in Cambridge City, two are in Huntingdonshire and 12 are in Fenland.

- Four of the LSOAs in Fenland are in the 10% most deprived nationally, all of which are in Wisbech. Eight of the top 10 most deprived LSOAs in Cambridgeshire are in Fenland. Two are in Cambridge City.

This Council notes the ongoing work of the Wisbech 2020 project and the continued benefits it expects to bring.

However this Council regards this latest data as disappointing and deeply concerning and calls upon the County Council to:

- embrace and promote policies for the regeneration of the most deprived parts of Cambridgeshire on an equal footing to those designed to stimulate the growth of the more prosperous parts of the county
- expedite capital projects, such as the Wisbech to March rail link, which will do much to connect comparatively isolated market towns and villages in Cambridgeshire to those areas of the county where employment opportunities are greater
- resolve that as the County's Business Plan gets under way, the Council will be especially mindful and give special weight in their deliberations to the impact proposed measures will have upon the county's most disadvantaged communities.
- investigate as a matter of urgency why an exceptionally high proportion of secondary schools in Fenland are deemed by OFSTED to be inadequate require improvement and are underperforming and promote policies designed to reverse this trend.

* [Lower Layer Super Output Areas](#) are a geographic hierarchy designed to improve the reporting of small area statistics in England and Wales.

[The Monitoring Officer 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 Steve Criswell

This council recognises the huge range of beneficial activities undertaken by volunteers, community groups and local councils across Cambridgeshire.

The council also recognises the commitment and improving working practices of staff and service providers in delivering local services as efficiently as possible to meet local need.

This council is committed to protecting the vulnerable and caring for those who need us most.

The council is transforming services, improving our business planning and seeking closer working with partner organisations to become as efficient as possible.

However, this council recognises it cannot do all things for all people. The more active and better connected communities are, the more people's lives are enhanced and the less reliant they become on assistance from outside their community.

With shrinking budgets across the public sector, this council is determined to help minimise the impact of any service reductions to our communities. The Council's Strategy for Building Resilient Communities, entitled 'Stronger Together' identifies ways in which this may be achieved. This strategy is central to our ability to manage demand for our services - through supporting families and communities to do more to prevent the escalation of need and also to support the most vulnerable. However to achieve success, we will need to engage with and invest in our communities to support them embark on a period of change.

The challenges we face are not confined to this council. The need to make savings exists across all public sector partners resulting in a combined impact upon our communities as well as each other.

Therefore, this council calls upon the Chief Executive to:

1. Submit a Delivery Plan for 'Stronger Together', our strategy for Building Resilient Communities, to General Purposes Committee as soon as possible. This will identify how we will deliver the outcomes of this strategy. It will demonstrate how costs can be avoided, where community based alternatives could replace and potentially improve on council services, where the impact of cuts that have to be made to front line services can be mitigated and how demand on our services can be reduced.

2. To include as part of the Delivery Plan an Invest to Save bid to the Transformation Reserve to secure appropriate investment in community initiatives to deliver the outcomes of the Strategy that will have a social and financial value that will enhance peoples' lives.
3. To determine a governance structure to oversee this investment, and the initiatives it supports, that includes partner organisations with a view to sharing the outcomes, costs and benefits of 'invest to save' initiatives across the whole public sector, thereby helping to mitigate the impact on our communities and each other.

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

11. Questions:

(a) **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.

(b) **Written Questions** (Council Procedure Rule 9.2)

(oral)

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

Dated 8th February 2016



Quentin Baker
Director of LGSS Law,
Procurement and
Governance
& Monitoring Officer

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