

# CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the County Council will be held at Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 10.30a.m.

Lunch will be provided.

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## A G E N D A

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Prayers led by the Reverend Dr Carolyn Hammond, Dean of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Apologies for Absence

1. Minutes – 12th May 2015 (previously circulated)
2. Announcements (oral)
3. Report of the County Returning Officer (oral)  
*To report that Councillor Samantha Hoy was elected to fill the vacancy in the Wisbech South Electoral Division in the by-election held on 4th June 2015.*  
*To report that Councillor Zoe Moghadas was elected to fill the vacancy in the Romsey Electoral Division in the by-election held on 25th June 2015.*
4. Declarations of Interests (oral)  
*[Guidance for Councillors on declaring interests is available at <http://tinyurl.com/ccc-decoint>]*
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. Petitions (oral)  
*To receive petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.4.*

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| 7. | Section 85 Local Government Act 1972 –<br>Recommendation to Extend Six Month Rule | (pages<br>9 – 10) |
| 8. | Item for Determination from General Purposes Committee                            | (oral)            |

### **Treasury Management Quarter Four Report**

To consider the following recommendation arising from the General Purposes Committee meeting on 19th May 2015 (minute 115 refers):

It was resolved to:

note the fourth quarterly update and Treasury Management Outturn Report 2014-15 and recommend it to full Council for approval.

*Note: a copy of the report 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/ccg-gpc-190515>

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| 9. | Item for Determination from Economy and Environment Policy and Service Committee | (oral) |
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### **Local Transport Plan (LTP) Refresh**

To consider the following recommendation arising from the Economy and Environment Policy and Service Committee meeting on 26th May 2015 (minute 134 refers):

It was unanimously resolved to:

recommend the refreshed LTP: Policies and Strategy and the new LTP: Long Term Transport Strategy to Council for adoption as core documents of the Third Cambridgeshire Local Transport Plan, replacing the original document that was adopted in March 2011.

*Note: a copy of the report discussed by the Economy and Environment Policy and Service 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/ccg-ee-260515>

10. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendations to Full Council
- Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (pages 11 - 19)
11. Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire County Council: Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (pages 20 - 91)
12. Appointment of the Chairman/woman of the Adults Committee (to be tabled)
13. Motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10 (oral)

**(a) Motion from Councillor Roger Hickford**

This Council notes that:

- A. Cambridgeshire County Council faces extreme financial pressures having made £165m of cuts over the past four years and needing to make a further 101.5m of cuts in the following five years.
- B. In order to protect front line services going forward, developing new sources of income is an important element of the Council's Business Plan to mitigate the impact of the financial pressures and to achieve this the Council is committed to taking a more commercial attitude to its business and assets in order to develop those new income streams.
- C. The business case underpinning the Cambridge Library Enterprise Centre (CLEC) proposal predicted that it would have raised significant income for the Council but in the event it proved to be a controversial proposal and did not attract sufficient public and political support to be progressed.
- D. The important role that Spokes plays in the Committee structure in the passing of information from members to officers and vice versa, and highlighting potential issues so that officers can work on solutions (or not), and potentially save the Council money through officers not carrying out unnecessary work.

And, as a consequence, Council:

- A. Requests that the way in which the CLEC proposals emerged and were developed is examined to understand what lessons can be learnt.

- B. Recognises that as financial pressures on the Council increase, a more effective way of identifying and developing commercial proposals is developed.
- C. Recognises the important role that Spokes should play in the Committee system.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

- To request that the Audit and Accounts Committee;-
  - undertake a review of the process by which the CLEC proposals emerged and were developed and to make recommendations on how that process could be improved;
  - prepare a protocol, recognising the need to raise additional income, for dealing with new commercial proposals covering matters to include:
    - Scoping of proposals to be considered
    - Engagement with members
    - Dealing with confidential information
  - to undertake a review of the Spokes position within the Committee system and how it could be more effective;
  - to report the findings of that review to Council as soon as possible.

*[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 Steve Count**

This Council notes that:

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations. It is a society concerned with moral and spiritual values.

There are 250,000 Freemasons belonging to 8,000 Lodges throughout England and Wales, and districts overseas. Worldwide, the figure rises to six million Freemasons.

The Standards Board for England issued guidance in January 2004, confirming that membership of the freemasons must be declared under the councillors' Code of Conduct which was then in force. The code required councillors and other members to declare membership of charities. However, the

guidance related to a different code of conduct, that code of conduct was repealed by central government in 2012 when the Standards Board was abolished on 1 April 2012.

At the time, the United Grand Lodge (<http://www.ugle.org.uk/>) advised The Standards Board for England that when freemasons pay their annual subscription fee to their lodges, part of the fee goes to the Freemasons Grand Charity. Therefore, freemasons must register membership of their freemason lodge on the Register of Interests and declare their membership before, or during, council meetings where appropriate.

Although members and officers should already be aware of this, the guidance issued by Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the Code of Conduct, (in common with some other Councils) does not specifically mention Freemasonry as a group that should be declared, on the official declaration of interests register.

This Council believes:

- That transparency is important to this Council and a councillor's or senior officer's membership of the Freemasons should be declared. This transparency is further supported by the United Grand Lodge of England as it states that Freemasonry prides itself on its transparency, as not only are Freemasons completely free to acknowledge their membership, they are encouraged to do so.
- That specifically giving guidance in our Code of conduct enables the public to have greater confidence in our commitment to transparency.
- That specifically giving guidance in our Code of conduct adds certainty to members and senior officers, to their obligation to register their membership.

Therefore, this Council resolves to require that:

- All Cambridgeshire County Councillors and Senior Officers should declare their membership on the relevant Council register of interests.
- As with all other interests, if their 'partner' (spouse or civil partner), a person with whom the member is living as husband or wife, or a person with whom the member is living as though in a civil partnership is a member of the Freemasons this must also be declared.
- The Constitution and Ethics committee is asked to consider how best to work this statement of intent into our Code of conduct.

*[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].*

**(c) Motion from Councillor Ian Manning**

Council notes with concern the sequence of events that led to the approval of an agreement with KORA and its subsequent cancellation when procedural deficiencies came to light.

Council believes that this experience raises fundamental questions about:

- the relationship between officers and members in the development of policies and in procurement procedures;
- issues in relation to commercial confidentiality.

Council calls on the Constitution and Ethics Committee to review all these areas and bring forward revised protocols that will allow the Council to function democratically, efficiently and transparently.

Further Council asks the monitoring officer to commission an independent inquiry of the process, with simple terms of reference, to highlight failings at both officer and democratic level, and recommendations to prevent such failings in future.

Finally Council acknowledges that the entire history of the potential involvement with Kora has reflected badly on this Council and the residents it serves. Thus, Council as a whole offers an apology to the residents of Cambridgeshire.

*[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].*

14. 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 13th July 2015



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

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