

## **COUNTY COUNCIL: MINUTES**

**Date:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. – 4.15 p.m.

**Place:** Shire Hall, Cambridge

**Present:** Councillors C M Ballard, J Batchelor, I C Bates, B Bean, N Bell, B Boddington, M Bradney, P Brown, T Butcher, C Carter, K Churchill, S Criswell, M Curtis, A Douglas, P J Downes, J Dutton, S A Giles, G Griffiths, B Hardy, G F Harper, N Harrison, D Harty, W G M Hensley, S Higginson, P E Hughes, W Hunt, J L Huppert, C Hyams, J D Jenkins, S F Johnstone, E Kadić, G Kenney, A C Kent, S G M Kindersley, S J E King, V H Lucas, D McCraith, L W McGuire, A K Melton, R Moss-Eccardt, S B Normington, M K Ogden, L J Oliver, A G Orgee, D R Pegram, J A Powley, P Read, A A Reid, J E Reynolds, K Reynolds, P Sales, M Shuter, L Sims, M Smith, T Stone, J M Tuck, R Turner, J K Walters, J West, J D White, K Wilkins, H Williams, M Williamson, L J Wilson and F H Yeulett

**Apologies:** Councillors D Baldwin, J Broadway, R Farrer and G J Heathcock

### **145. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillor Johnstone, seconded by Councillor Dutton and resolved:

That Councillor Orgee be elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing municipal year.

[Voting pattern: unanimous.]

Councillor Orgee signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office, took the Chair and thanked the Council for his election.

Councillors Orgee, Walters, Huppert, Sales, Dutton and Hughes paid tribute to Councillor Normington for her commitment and achievements during her term of office as Chairman. Councillor Normington thanked members for their comments and congratulated Councillor Orgee on his election.

### **146. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

It was moved by Councillor Pegram and seconded by Councillor Boddington:

That Councillor Oliver be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing municipal year.

It was moved by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Ballard:

That Councillor White be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing municipal year.

Introducing their motion, Councillors Jenkins and Ballard explained their view that the Chairmanship of Council was a non-political role and that, whilst they supported Councillor Orgee's progression from Vice-Chairman to Chairman, they believed that over time the Chairmanship should alternate between Administration and Opposition members.

A vote was taken and it was resolved

That Councillor Oliver be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing municipal year.

[Voting pattern: Conservatives in favour of Councillor Oliver; Liberal Democrat and Labour members in favour of Councillor White.]

Councillor Oliver signed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office and thanked the County Council for her election.

#### **147. MINUTES: 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were approved as a correct record, subject to the words 'new residents would have cars' being replaced with 'trips into the City would be by car' in the first paragraph on page 7 of Minute 138, Item 6, Consultation Response on Planning Application for Land between Huntingdon Road and Histon Road, Cambridge.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

#### **148. REPORT OF THE COUNTY RETURNING OFFICER**

Members noted that the following members had been elected in by-elections held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007:

- Kenneth Churchill, a Conservative, to the Little Paxton and St Neots North electoral division (a two-member division)
- Philip Read, a Conservative, to the Sutton electoral division.

#### **149. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### Councillor Walters

The Chairman reported that Councillor Walters was standing down as Leader of both the Council and the Conservative Group. He thanked Councillor Walters for his service in leading the Council over the past ten years. Councillors Johnstone, Huppert and Ballard also paid tribute to Councillor Walters's efforts and achievements.

##### Councillor Huppert

The Chairman reported that Councillor Huppert was standing down as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group. Councillors Jenkins, Walters and Ballard complemented Councillor Huppert on his leadership of the Group since his appointment in 2004.

## Chief Executive

The Chairman announced that the Chief Executive, Ian Stewart, would be retiring at the end of June. He and Councillors Walters, Huppert and Ballard thanked Ian Stewart for his work on behalf of the Council over the past four years.

## Retirement of long-serving officers

Members noted the retirement of two officers who had each worked in local government for over 40 years – John Woods, the Facilities Manager for Building Services, and Adrian Wright, the County's Superintendent Registrar. Members thanked both officers for their long service and wished them well in their retirement.

## Awards and achievements

The Chairman led members in offering congratulations to:

- The Director of People and Policy, Stephen Moir, who had been elected Vice-President of the Public Sector People Managers' Association for 2007/08
- The Young People Speaking Up project, which was one of 15 winners in a national competition, Actions Speak Louder
- All those involved in the Smartlife project, which had been nominated for the Local Government Chronicle and Health Service Journal Sustainable Communities award for 2007
- Trading Standards, who had been shortlisted in the Public Protection Achievement of the Year category for the Municipal Journal Achievements awards.

## **150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following members declared personal interests under Paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct. The items to which the interests relate are shown in brackets.

- Councillor Batchelor as a member of South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Committee, Councillors Kindersley, McCraith, Orgee and Turner as members of South Cambridgeshire District Council and Councillor Bates as a Board member of Cambridgeshire Horizons (Minute 158, Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Item 2, Joint Planning Arrangements for Major Growth Sites)
- Councillor Bean as an employee of Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust and Councillor Johnstone as a non-executive director of the Cambridge University Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Minute 158, Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Item 4, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Consultation)
- Councillor Curtis as a member of the Board of the Cambridgeshire Probation Service (Minute 158, Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Item 1, Youth Justice Plan)
- Councillor Moss-Eccardt as a member of the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation Management Committee (Minute 159, Scrutiny Committees' Annual Report 2006/07 and Strategic Work Programme 2007/08)
- Councillor J Reynolds as the Chairman of Renewables East (Minute 158,

Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Item 1, Waste Private Finance Initiative).

Councillor Lucas declared a prejudicial interest under Paragraph 10 of the Code of Conduct as the Vice-Chairman of the Hinchingsbrooke Healthcare NHS Trust Board (Minute 158, Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007, Item 4, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Consultation). He left the Chamber whilst this item was discussed.

## **151. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Councillor Walters, seconded by Councillor Lucas and resolved:

That the Council appoints Councillor Johnstone as Leader of the Council for the period to the next annual meeting of Council.

[Voting pattern: no-one voting against.]

Councillor Johnstone thanked members for her appointment and set out her objectives for the coming year.

## **152. APPROVAL OF CABINET ARRANGEMENTS**

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Johnstone, and seconded by Councillor Pegram:

That in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution, the Council determines that for the period to the next annual meeting of Council:

- (i) The Leader of the Council shall be authorised to appoint members of Council to the Cabinet;
- (ii) The Cabinet shall comprise the Leader of the Council and nine other members of Council;
- (iii) Cabinet members be assigned portfolios by the Leader of the Council to ensure coverage of the Office and key thematic portfolios and that the names of members so assigned and any subsequent changes thereto be notified to the Director of Governance as soon as practicable, who shall keep members of Council informed of the portfolio assignments and any changes thereto.

Councillor Jenkins reported that his Group did not support the 'strong Leader' model and would prefer Cabinet members to be elected, although it was accepted that this was likely to be done within the ruling Group rather than by Council. He expressed disappointment that the proposed changes to the Cabinet portfolios and the Service Development Groups (now to become Policy Development Groups (PDGs)) had not been discussed more fully with the Opposition Groups. He commented that the creation of crosscutting portfolios was not an end in itself and expressed concern that the names of some of the portfolios could be confusing for members of the public. He also expressed

concern at the additional cost that would result from the establishment of an extra PDG.

Councillor Hughes also expressed concern that the new names of the portfolios could be confusing. She expressed disappointment that 'Inclusion' had been dropped as a portfolio name, given that this was a key issue for the Council.

Responding to Councillor Hughes, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor Tuck, explained that inclusion would be a thread through all of the Cabinet's portfolios, rather than a separate activity that was the responsibility of only one Cabinet member.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Johnstone, emphasised that the focus of the portfolios had been changed to fit better with the Council's stated priorities.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

[Voting pattern: Conservative and Labour Groups in favour, Liberal Democrats abstained.]

The Leader of the Council tabled a paper listing the names of the members of the Cabinet and their portfolio assignments, as set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

### **153. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS**

It was proposed by the Chairman, Councillor Orgee, and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Oliver, to

- i) Approve the revisions to the Council Constitution set out in the appendix to the report;
- ii) Note the outcome of the review of political proportionality required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Kindersley and seconded by Councillor Moss-Eccardt:

That the following changes be made to the recommendations submitted to the Council for approval:

In paragraph 1 of Annexe A, change 'be held in private' to 'will normally be open to the press and public'

Replace ', although a PDG may choose to meet ...' with a full stop

Replace paragraph 11 with:

'Papers containing exempt or confidential information will be marked as 'Not for publication', together with the category of information that is contained within.

Members of the public and the press may only be excluded either in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules

(Section 10 of Part 4 of the Constitution) or the following paragraph.

If a member of the public interrupts the proceedings at any meeting, the Chair shall warn him. If he continues the interruption, the Chair shall order his removal from the meeting.

In the case of a general disturbance in any part of the room open to the public, the Chair shall order that part to be cleared.

The Chairman may invite a member of the public to attend if it is felt that the person may add usefully to the debate. This power shall be exercised in consultation with the relevant Spokes.'

The Council received a report of the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer on the implications of amendment.

Members speaking in support of the amendment argued that holding meetings of the Policy Development Groups in public would:

- Allow greater openness and accountability
- Enable members of the public to be better informed about the political Groups' stances on major policy issues
- Reflect existing practice in other local authorities, where public overview and scrutiny committees already had a policy-making role.

Members speaking against the amendment argued that holding meetings of the Policy Development Groups in public could:

- Inhibit full discussion of sensitive policy or ward issues
- Discourage meaningful contributions and co-operation by all three political Groups
- Mean that sensitive issues were discussed at alternative confidential and less well documented meetings
- Result in some members 'playing to the gallery'.

Members speaking against the amendment also noted that there were already a number of forums for cross-party public debate, including the Scrutiny Committees and Council.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was defeated.

[Voting pattern: Liberal Democrats in favour, Conservative and Labour Groups against.]

Members then voted on the original motion, which was carried.

[Voting pattern: all Groups in favour.]

#### **154. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

It was moved by the Chairman, Councillor Orgee and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Oliver

That the appointments to Committees and outside organisations as set out in the papers tabled at the meeting be approved.

A small number of changes to these appointments were requested and have been incorporated into the schedules attached as Appendices B and C to these minutes.

A vote was taken and the schedules as amended were agreed unanimously.

#### **155. OPPOSITION GROUP LEADERS**

The Council noted that Councillor Jenkins had been appointed as the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Councillor Ballard as the Leader of the Labour Group for the period to the next annual meeting of the Council.

A paper setting out Opposition Spokesmen was tabled and is attached as Appendix D to these minutes.

#### **156. APPROVAL OF CALENDAR OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

It was proposed by the Chairman, Councillor Orgee, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Oliver and resolved unanimously:

That the following calendar of County Council meetings be approved:

- 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007
- 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007
- 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007
- 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008 (provisional)
- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008

#### **157. THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FRAMEWORK**

It was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Johnstone, and seconded by the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Councillor Melton,

That the Council's Corporate policy framework as summarised in the policy statements be adopted.

Several members expressed concern that a number of the statements were blandly written, meaning that they did not capture the essence of their parent documents and that it would be difficult to use them to quantify whether the Council was achieving its policy objectives. Some of the plans to which they referred were up to five years old. Members also commented that the format of the statements was not consistent, making it difficult to compare between them, and that several of them needed proofreading.

Councillor Harrison recognised that the Council was required by Government to produce these summaries. However, she suggested that it should be stated more clearly that this was the case, as the public would otherwise not be aware. A clear hierarchy should also be provided, showing the relative importance of the Council's various plans and strategies and how they related to each other.

Responding to Councillor Harrison and to the preceding speakers, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Johnstone, confirmed that it was a Government requirement to produce the summaries and that a judgement had to be made on how much resource to put into this, given that the full plans were also widely and publicly available.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

[Voting pattern: Conservatives in favour, Liberal Democrat and Labour Groups abstained.]

## **158. REPORTS OF THE CABINET**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Johnstone, moved receipt of the reports of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007 and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

### **Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

#### Key decision for determination

##### 1) Youth Justice Plan

It was moved by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor Tuck, and seconded by the Lead Member for Communities, Councillor Lucas, that:

The Council approves the Youth Justice Plan for 2007/08.

Councillor Sales and Downes welcomed the Plan but emphasised the need to prevent young people from entering custody if at all possible. Councillor Sales noted that young offenders often suffered from mental health problems and in custody were at particular risk of self-harm or suicide.

Councillor Hughes commented that depression was widespread amongst young people, particularly those who were moving between different cultures, and noted that this was a relevant problem for Cambridgeshire's immigrant population. She also highlighted the problem of binge-drinking, which was a problem amongst groups of young people with low self-esteem and little to do. Councillor Hughes commented on the need to change attitudes as well as to increase funding to help resolve these issues.

Councillor Batchelor welcomed the Plan and the modest additional funding, but emphasised the challenge of delivering its objectives successfully. He commented that youth offending and re-offending were unacceptably high and emphasised the importance of preventative measures, including investment in mainstream youth services as well as



the Youth Offending Service. He noted that the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee would be holding the relevant Cabinet members closely to account for the Plan's successful delivery.

Councillor Kenney highlighted the need for education, training and employment opportunities for young people leaving custody, and for appropriate accommodation, to support them properly and therefore reduce the likelihood of re-offending. Councillor Griffiths referred to the recent review by the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee of these issues and expressed her hope that the review would shortly be concluded and would bring forward positive recommendations.

Responding, the Lead Member for Universal Services, Councillor Curtis, endorsed the view that the priority should be to reduce first-time offending, so that young people did not have to enter the youth justice system. He, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services and the Lead Member for Communities would be working together closely to achieve this goal. The Lead Member for Communities, Councillor Lucas, welcomed members' support for the Plan and noted that a recent inspection of the Youth Offending Service had found that it was performing well; it would work closely with partners such as District Councils and Connexions to ensure that services continued to develop positively in future.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was agreed.

[Voting pattern: no-one voting against.]

#### Key decisions for information

##### 2) Building Schools for the Future – Strategy for Change Part 1

Councillor Ballard expressed his support for proceeding to the next stage of the Building Schools for the Future project. He drew attention to the project risk register officers had produced, which identified 17 areas of high risk and 13 of significant risk. He commended the steps taken to manage these risks to date, but emphasised that the project would need to be kept under careful review.

Councillor Hughes emphasised the need for visionary thinking in designing schools of the future, to ensure that they would assist all young people in reaching their full potential, and not only those who were pursuing traditional, academic studies.

Councillor Moss-Eccardt commented on the need to ensure that schools funded through Private Finance Initiative remained available and affordable for out of hours community use.

##### 3) Revised Constitution for the Cambridgeshire Care Partnership Following the Primary Care Trust Reorganisation

Councillor Ballard recognised the financial difficulties faced by the Council and the Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), but urged

both partners not to lose sight of the original aims of the Care Partnership, to improve joint working between the two organisations and thereby to improve services for users. He expressed concern that although budgets had increased significantly for some services covered by the Partnership, such as learning disability and community equipment, the increases for older people's services and for occupational therapy were much more limited. He also asked whether the new Adult Joint Commissioning Group would cover services for adults with physical disabilities, to which particular improvement was needed.

Councillor Wilson spoke in support of the revised constitution for the Cambridgeshire Care Partnership, noting that the changes were primarily to reflect the creation of a single PCT for the whole of Cambridgeshire. He emphasised the need for robust governance arrangements for the Partnership, not least because the County Council was assessed by the Commission for Social Care Inspection on services that were led and financed by the PCT. The difficult financial situations of the two organisations made the need for robust governance arrangements even greater.

#### Other decisions

- 4) Section 31 Agreements
- 5) Adult Support Services Performance Improvement Project

Councillor Sales reported that the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee had reviewed this project and had expressed concern as to whether the improvement objectives were adequately funded, given the tight budget for adult support services and the unpredictability of demand.

Councillor Jenkins also questioned whether it would be possible to deliver improvements whilst reducing costs. He also emphasised that the focus should be on improving services to individuals and not on improving performance against targets.

Responding, the Lead Member for Enhanced Services, Councillor Yeulett, agreed that it would be essential to focus on service delivery. He emphasised that County Council and Primary Care Trust staff were committed to delivering improvements and were currently working hard to prepare for the forthcoming fieldwork inspection of older people's services.

- 6) The Cambridgeshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme and Revision to the Timetable for the Preparation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan.

## Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007

### Key decisions for determination

#### 1) Waste Private Finance Initiative (PFI)

It was moved by the Lead Member for Planning and Regional Matters, Councillor J Reynolds, and seconded by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services, Councillor Pegram, that the Council agrees that:

- i) The contract negotiated with Donarbon represents:
  - a) An acceptable solution for meeting the Council's landfill diversion objectives
  - b) Acceptable value for money
  - c) An affordable proposition
  - d) An acceptable level of risk transfer;
- ii) The 28-year waste PFI contract is awarded to Donarbon Waste Management Ltd, subject to the final contract documents being prepared to the satisfaction of the Head of Legal Services, the Director of Finance, Property and Performance and the Deputy Chief Executive – Environment and Community Services.

The Lead Member for Planning and Regional Matters and other members paid tribute to the officers for their work on this complex project. Speaking as the local member for Waterbeach, Councillor Williamson also commended Donarbon on their efforts to keep the local community informed about and involved with the project. Speaking as the outgoing Chairman of the Environment and Community Services Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Harrison particularly thanked members of the public for their contributions to the Committee's scrutiny of this initiative.

Councillor Stone questioned what compelling reasons there were for using PFI to fund this project, given the variable performance of PFI contracts elsewhere in the country. He also queried whether it was appropriate to use the Treasury rate of 3.5% as the basis for calculations of the contract's discounted present value, and asked whether adequate provision had been made for inflationary costs. Lastly, he asked what the next steps would be to gain Government approval for the PFI project, and what would happen if this approval were not received.

Councillor Hughes welcomed the project but emphasised the need to continue to educate children and adults about waste minimisation and recycling, to reduce the total volumes of waste needing to be processed. Councillor Reid also emphasised the need for investment in waste minimisation initiatives, noting that relatively modest expenditure on such initiatives could have significant returns in reducing waste disposal costs.

Councillor Downes reported that there was significant local concern about the proposal to close the Household Waste Recycling Centre

(HWRC) at Buckden. He asked whether there was any scope to include this facility in the contract with Donarbon.

Responding to the speakers, the Lead Member for Planning and Regional Matters confirmed that the Council was working closely with RECAP and other partners to promote waste minimisation and recycling. On Buckden, he noted that this was a privately owned site that the Council had leased on a ten-year contract. The contract would be ending shortly and the County Council was working closely with the District Council to identify an alternative, more cost-effective site. The Lead Member for Planning and Regional Matters agreed to send a written response to the technical matters raised by Councillor Stone. He emphasised that both at the start of the project and on a continuing basis, PFI had been identified as the most financially beneficial source of funding for this initiative.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was agreed.

[Voting pattern: unanimous.]

## 2) Joint Planning Arrangements for Major Growth Sites

It was moved by the Lead Member for Planning and Regional Matters, Councillor J Reynolds, and seconded by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services, Councillor Pegram, that the Council:

i) Approves the new arrangements for planning of the major development sites, in particular, the creation of:

- A member-level Joint Strategic Growth Implementation Committee;
- Two officer-level Growth Area Delivery Boards; and
- Two joint Development Control Committees,

as detailed in the appendix to the Council report, subject to the following corrections:

- On page 33, Appendix 4c should be labelled Appendix 4b;
- On page 38, paragraph 6.1 should not include the reference to Cambridge City Council;

ii) Delegates to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive – Environment and Community Services to continue to work with Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council to develop a structure and scheme of delegation to officers of the three authorities to provide development control advice to the joint committee, with the scheme to be approved by the relevant Joint Development Control Committee at its first meeting;

- iii) Delegates to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive – Environment and Community Services the authority to seek to resolve issues in relation to the proposed joint policy making committee for consideration and decision by Cabinet and full Council at a later date.

In seconding the motion, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services suggested that the Cambridge Fringe Sites Delivery Board, the Northstowe Delivery Board and the Joint Officer Board should not all be chaired by the same individual. [It was currently proposed that the Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Horizons should chair the two Delivery Boards and that the Chairman of the Joint Officer Board should be provided by Cambridgeshire Horizons.]

Councillor Ballard reported that he supported the proposals. He noted that the Minister for Housing and Planning, Yvette Cooper, also supported the approach now set out, but would be monitoring the local authorities' progress closely. Central Government was attaching considerable importance to the growth agenda for the Cambridge sub-region. If good progress was not made, it was possible that future planning arrangements would be removed from local authorities' control.

A number of members expressed support for the proposals, but also expressed serious concern that the Government was giving the three local authorities and its partners no alternative.

Councillor Kindersley and other members emphasised that Cambridgeshire's local authorities and its key partner, Cambridgeshire Horizons, were already demonstrating that they were capable of delivering the growth agenda. For example, South Cambridgeshire District Council had been the first authority nationally to produce its Local Development Framework Core Strategy, despite being one of the most poorly funded and most rapidly growing local authorities in the country. Members also expressed concern that intervention by central Government could lead to a loss of progress already made, for example in developing the Northstowe Area Action Plan.

A number of members also expressed concern that the Government's proposals also threatened the principles of local democracy and represented a foreshortening of the democratic rights of Cambridgeshire residents, and that this problem could intensify in future. In particular, members expressed serious reservations about the Government's suggestion that a joint plan-making committee be set up under Section 29 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Members questioned for how long the Government would make available the £700,000 per annum to support the new joint working arrangements. They also emphasised that proper funding for infrastructure to support the growth agenda was essential, and expressed concern that no more details were available at this stage of the suggested 'rolling infrastructure fund'.

Councillor Kent sought assurance that the area covered by the Cambridge Fringe Sites Delivery Board would not have to be coterminous with that covered by the Joint Development Control Committee for the Cambridge Fringe Sites, since the Delivery Board would also have to take into account land at Addenbrooke's coming forward for development after 2016.

Responding to Councillor Kent, the Lead Member for Planning and Regional Matters, Councillor J Reynolds, confirmed that the areas covered by the two groups would not have to be coterminous. Responding to the other speakers, he agreed that it would be essential to ensure that growth in the Cambridge sub-region was supported by properly funded infrastructure. He also agreed that Cambridgeshire's local authorities were already making excellent progress in advancing the growth agenda and noted that he would continue to make this point to the Department of Communities and Local Government. With regard to a possible joint plan-making committee, he noted that officers were still investigating this possibility and that further details could be brought to Council in due course. It would be essential to ensure, if a joint committee were set up, that the local authorities involved still remained in full control of the plan-making process.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was agreed.

[Voting pattern: all Groups in favour.]

### 3) Best Value Performance Plan

It was moved by the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Councillor Melton, and seconded by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Johnstone, that the Council:

- (i) Approves the draft Best Value Performance Plan;
- (ii) Authorises the Leader of Council in consultation with the Chief Executive to update the Plan with information on performance in 2006/07 prior to submission, as this becomes available.

In presenting the Plan, the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services apologised that it was not yet in final form and that members' opportunities to discuss it prior to Council had been limited. He undertook to ensure that this situation was not repeated in future years.

A number of Opposition members expressed disappointment at the Plan's unfinished state, given its importance in reporting the Council's performance to the public, and commented that they could not endorse so incomplete a document. The following specific issues were raised:

- The current status of the Corporate Plan, which was referred to in the Best Value Performance Plan, and whether Council would have the opportunity to approve the Corporate Plan in its final form

- Why there were only 26 performance indicators in the 'Top 30', and what the other four would be. One member suggested that indicators relating to climate change and carbon emissions should be added
- Where targets had been set, there was insufficient information to explain how they would be met.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was agreed.

[Voting pattern: Conservatives in favour, Liberal Democrats against, Labour Group abstained.]

#### 4) Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Consultation

It was moved by the Lead Member for Enhanced Services, Councillor Yeulett, and seconded by the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Councillor Melton, that:

The final version of the draft response, attached to the Council report as Appendix C, be considered and agreed by the full Council.

Members from all three Groups commended the draft response to the consultation as a clear summary of the Council's views.

Councillor Downes commented that in his view there had not been a genuine consultation on the future of services at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, since only one viable option had been proposed; rather, the health trusts had been conducting a communications exercise to prepare the public for forthcoming significant changes to the delivery of health services. He emphasised that the Council and the public should be vigilant in ensuring that there was no overall reduction to the quality of these services.

Councillor Wilson brought to members' attention a number of concerns identified by the Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, which would also be identifying Option 2 as its preferred option. These included: the risk that cost-saving measures would not result in the necessary savings; concern that £2.5 million would not be sufficient to develop community-based services; uncertainty about cover arrangements for the routine workload of GPs who would in future be focussing more on specialised treatments; the need for effective transport links to enable patients to access specialist GPs; the need for better transport links between Cambourne and Hinchingsbrooke, if Hinchingsbrooke was to become the main centre for Cambourne residents for services such as maternity; the need to provide adequately for future population growth, particularly at Cambourne and Northstowe; and concern over the future of Hinchingsbrooke Health Care Trust, given that dismantling the Trust would not necessarily be an effective cost-saving exercise. Councillor Wilson highlighted the contribution the County Council would need to make towards addressing a number of these concerns.

Councillor Bates echoed several of these concerns and referred to a number of others, including uncertainty over the steps that would be taken to address Hinchingsbrooke's historic deficit, and the need to stabilise the Hospital's situation as soon as possible to assist with staff retention. He also sought assurance that Hinchingsbrooke would not face a second round of changes when the Strategic Health Authority's wider review of acute services was launched. He noted that once the consultation had ended, the Council's Cabinet and Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee would have an important role in monitoring the Hospital's future progress.

Councillor Tuck agreed that reassurances were needed on a number of issues. She reminded members that services were already being lost at Doddington Hospital and that these and the changes at Hinchingsbrooke would have a knock-on effect on services across the County.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was agreed.

[Voting pattern: no-one voting against.]

5) Cambridgeshire County Council's Public Health Role

It was moved by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor Tuck, and seconded by the Lead Member for Universal Services, Councillor Curtis, that:

The scrutiny of public health be led by the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee by adding the appropriate wording to the terms of reference of the Committee.

Members noted that a second recommendation from Cabinet, concerning the Service Development Group responsible for public health development within the County Council, had been covered by the amendments to the terms of reference of the Service Development Groups (now known as Policy Development Groups) as set out under Minute 153.

Councillors Downes and Hughes both spoke in support of the recommendation, emphasising the County Council's role in promoting public health and the important contribution that members could make, and highlighting the recent joint appointment of a new Director of Public Health.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was agreed unanimously.

Key decisions for information

6) Network Service Plan

Councillor Jenkins welcomed the Network Service Plan but expressed concern that its implementation would be inadequately resourced. He also queried why Cambridgeshire's market towns had their own Transport Strategies when some of its villages that were larger than these market towns did not.



Councillor Harrison expressed concern that the budget for highways maintenance had been reduced by £500,000 and that the effects of this reduction were now being felt. She also questioned whether the Council's highways maintenance contract was operating as effectively as it might.

Responding to the speakers, the Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, commented that it would not be efficient to have Transport Strategies for individual Cambridgeshire villages, given that these were so numerous. Policies and practice for local areas were developed through the Traffic Management Area Joint Committees. The Lead Member for Highways and Transport asked members to raise with him their specific concerns about highways maintenance issues, so that these could be investigated and addressed. Performance under the highways maintenance contract would be monitored closely.

7) The Cambridgeshire Compact

Other decisions

8) A1198 Papworth Traffic Calming Measures

Councillor Smith thanked the Cabinet for agreeing to allow Papworth Everard to pursue the introduction of a 20 mile per hour limit on Ermine Street, Papworth Everard, using third party funding.

Councillor Jenkins also welcomed this decision and commented that the Council should continue to encourage alternative sources of funding for worthwhile highways schemes that it was unable to fund itself.

The Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, welcomed these comments but reminded members that the Jointly Funded Minor Improvements Scheme was also already in place, which allowed schemes to be funded in partnership with District and Parish Councils. He also emphasised that to be successful, highways schemes needed the support of the whole of a local community, not only its Parish Council.

9) Road Safety Specific Grant

10) Review of Secondary Education Provision in Cambridge

The Lead Member for Service Infrastructure, Councillor Harty, emphasised the importance of this complex review. There were significant risks involved relating to planning issues, Section 106 negotiations, new competition requirements for new schools and tight timescales. The progress of the review would be monitored closely.

11) Strategic Risk Register

12) Waste Partnering Agreement

13) Distribution Centre

14) Virement Controls

[Councillor Moss-Eccardt asked whether any amendments to the Council's Constitution would be needed to implement the proposed changes to virement controls. The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Councillor Melton, agreed to send a written response to this question.](#)

15) Welfare Benefits Take-Up Initiative – Extension of Funding

Speaking as one of the Councillors who had been on the Scrutiny member-led review of welfare benefits take-up, Councillor Ballard welcomed the Cabinet's decision to continue funding this initiative. He emphasised the importance of welfare benefits take-up both for the individuals involved and because of its relevance to local authorities', schools' and Primary Care Trusts' funding.

**159. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07 AND STRATEGIC WORK PROGRAMME 2007/08**

The outgoing Chairman of the Scrutiny Management Group, Councillor King, moved receipt of the Scrutiny annual report for 2006/07 and the strategic work programme for 2007/08. His proposal was seconded by the outgoing Chairman of the Environment and Community Services Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Harrison.

Members speaking on the report:

- Paid tribute to the achievements of the Committee Chairmen and members and the Scrutiny officers during the course of the year
- Commended the role of Scrutiny in promoting good practice within the Council and its cross-party style of working
- Expressed concern at the requirement for the Scrutiny Committees to identify £90,000 of efficiency savings during 2007/08 and to dedicate 50% of their member-led reviews to the identification of efficiency savings, to offset the salary costs of the two Scrutiny Development Co-ordinator posts. Concern was expressed that no other individual member or group of members had specific efficiency targets and that to impose them on Scrutiny Committees would distort their role as independent champions of public services. It was suggested that if the £90,000 target could not be lifted, it should at least be possible for the savings identified to be shared across the Committees, rather than each Committee having a separate sub-target, since some would be much better placed than others to identify savings.

Responding, the Cabinet Scrutiny Liaison Member, Councillor McGuire, welcomed Scrutiny's achievements during the past year and reminded the Council that Cabinet members were also tasked collectively with identifying efficiency savings. He commented that he personally had some sympathy with the concerns expressed regarding the target and hoped that this might be reconsidered at some time in the future. Councillor King emphasised that the creation of the efficiency savings target had enabled the salary costs of the

Scrutiny Development Co-ordinators to be added to the base budget. He suggested an alternative view, that, given the Council's difficult financial position, it was an appropriate role for the Scrutiny Committees to identify the best possible services at the best possible price, and that the search for efficiency savings was an appropriate corollary to this role.

In conclusion, members agreed unanimously

To note the Scrutiny Committees' work during 2006/07 and to agree their strategic work programme for 2007/08.

## **160. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Council noted that no questions had been received from members of the public by the deadline.

## **161. WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

No written questions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9.

## **162. ORAL QUESTIONS**

Eight oral questions were asked under Council Procedure Rule 9:

- [Councillor Stone asked the Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, about the arrangements the Council had in place to monitor and address delays in installing interactive road signs, and to keep members and the public informed about these delays. He also asked specifically what was being done about an interactive sign that had been partially installed on the A1307. The Lead Member for Highways and Transport agreed to send a written response to these questions.](#)
- Councillor Huppert asked the Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, to reconsider proposed changes to the Park and Ride service coming into Cambridge along Milton Road, which would mean that buses would not in future stop at the Golden Hind. The Lead Member for Highways and Transport commented that he had received a petition on this matter and would be responding. Issues to be considered included the primary purpose of Park and Ride, which was to reduce the number of cars entering Cambridge; the speed of the service from the Park and Ride into the centre; and the availability of alternative services to meet the needs of the local population.
- [Councillor Harrison asked the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor Tuck, how many children and young people in the County acted as carers for adults, and what the Council's policy was on support for young carers. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services agreed to send a written response to these questions.](#)
- On behalf of Council employees based at the newly opened Scott House in Huntingdon, Councillor Ballard asked the Leader of the Council, Councillor Johnstone, why people had been moved into the building when it was not yet ready to be occupied, when outstanding problems would be addressed and what steps would be taken to ensure that this situation did not recur in

future. The Leader of the Council reported that she had recently visited Scott House herself. She agreed that it had not been ready for occupation when staff moved in. A list of issues was now being addressed and a similar situation would not occur again.

- Councillor Bell asked the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services, Councillor Pegram, whether he was aware of the Environment Agency's recent scoping document relating to the Lodes at Burwell. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services confirmed that he was.
- Councillor Williams asked the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor Tuck, why some reception-age children in Burwell were unlikely to be admitted in September 2007 not only to their nearest school but also not to the five next nearest, meaning that they would have to travel to St. Andrew's in Soham, seven miles away. Councillor Williams expressed concern that this was unsatisfactory both for the children and their families and for the Council's environmental and financial objectives and sought assurance that the situation would be reviewed. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services gave an assurance that children within the Burwell catchment area would be offered a place at Burwell, if that was their choice. She commented that she was aware of the pressures on schools in both this and other parts of the County and confirmed that steps were being taken to address these pressures.
- [Councillor Downes drew attention to the current consultation by the Department for Education and Skills on schools' funding, including funding for early years and for 14-19 specialised diplomas. He asked the Lead Member for Service Infrastructure, Councillor Harty, who was responsible for the Council's response to the consultation, how work on the response was progressing and how members would be involved. The Lead Member for Service Infrastructure agreed to send a written response to these questions.](#)
- Councillor Moss-Eccardt asked the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Councillor Melton, whether there would be any overspends on the Council's budgets in 2007/08. The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services replied that it was impossible to state that there would be no overspends, given the Council's difficult financial position and its statutory duty to provide demand-led services. However, he emphasised that spending was under close control and was being robustly monitored.
- [Councillor Higginson asked the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services, Councillor Pegram, whether service users, staff, carers and unions had been consulted about the sale of Croylands in Ely and the transfer of mental health services from Croylands to Larkfields, currently a centre for people with learning disabilities. He also asked whether, if these groups had been consulted, their responses to the consultation had been positive. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services agreed to send a written response to these questions.](#)

## 163. MOTIONS

No motions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10.

## CABINET AND PORTFOLIOS 2007/08

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>
Leader of the Council	Councillor S F Johnstone
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services	Councillor J M Tuck
Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services	Councillor D R Pegram
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Councillor A Melton
Lead Member for Communities	Councillor V H Lucas
Lead Member for Enhanced Services	Councillor F H Yeulett
Lead Member for Highways and Transport	Councillor L W McGuire
Lead Member for Planning and Regional Matters	Councillor J E Reynolds
Lead Member for Service Infrastructure	Councillor D Harty
Lead Member for Universal Services	Councillor M Curtis
<b>Additional Cabinet roles</b>	
Deputy Leader	Councillor D R Pegram
Cabinet Scrutiny Liaison	Councillor L W McGuire
Special Adviser on Performance Management	Councillor M Bradney

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2007/08

## SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

## CORPORATE SERVICES (11)

Boddington B	C	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Brown P	C	Bell N	LD
Hunt W	C	Dutton J	C
Hyams C	C	Hensley W	C
Jenkins D	LD	Powley J	C
Kadić L	C	Reid A	LD
Moss-Eccardt R	LD	Reynolds K	C
Shuter M	C	Stone T	LD
West J	C	White D	LD
Williams H	LD		
Williamson M (Chairman)	LD		

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES (11)

Batchelor J (Chairman)	LD	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Bean B	LD	Baldwin D	C
Boddington B	C	Broadway J	LD
Bradney M	C	Giles S	LD
Douglas A	LD	Huppert J	LD
Downes P	LD	Hyams C	C
Hensley W	C	Smith M	C
Hughes E	L	Turner R	C
Kenney G	C	White D	LD
Normington S	C		
Sims L	C		

## HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE (11)

Butcher R	C	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Churchill K	C	Broadway J	LD
Dutton J	C	Hensley W	C
Griffiths G	LD	Kindersley S	LD
Harrison N	LD	Normington S	C
Higginson S	LD	Read P	C
Sales P	L	West J	C
Sims L	C	Wilkins K	LD
Smith M	C	Williams H	LD
Reynolds K	C		
Wilson L (Chairman)	C		

## ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (11)

Bell N	LD	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Butcher R	C	Baldwin D	C
Carter C	L	Douglas A	LD
Harper G	C	Higginson S	LD
Hunt W	C	Hyams C	C
Kindersley S	LD	Moss-Eccardt R	LD
King S (Chairman)	C	Powley J	C
McCraith D	C	Sims L	C
Ogden M	C	Williamson M	LD
Smith M	C		
Williams H	LD		

**DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (7)**

Broadway J	LD	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Criswell S	C	Baldwin D	C
Hensley W	C	Hunt W	C
Kindersley S	LD	Hyams C	C
McCraith D	C	Jenkins D	LD
Read P (Chairman)	C	Reid A	LD
Stone T	LD		

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4)**

Broadway J	LD
Carter C	L
Oliver L	C
Walters K	C

**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

A Melton (Chairman)	C
Cabinet Nominee *	C
Cabinet Nominee *	C
Non-Cabinet Nominee*	C
Liberal Democrat Group Leader or Nominee	LD
Relevant Liberal Democrat Spokesman *	LD
Labour Group Leader or Nominee*	L

*\* Membership changes from meeting to meeting*

**AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (7)**

Bates I	C	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Churchill K	C	Baldwin D	C
Kenney G	C	Downes P	LD
Melton A	C	Dutton J	C
Reynolds K	C	Huppert J	LD
Stone T (Chairman)	LD	Shuter M	C
Williamson M	LD	Turner R	C

**PENSIONS COMMITTEE (3)**

Downes P	LD	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Melton A	C	Huppert J	LD
Walters K (Chairman)	C		

**SERVICE APPEALS COMMITTEE (pool of members)**

Baldwin D	C	King S	C
Broadway J	LD	McCraith D	C
Giles S	LD	Normington S	C
Hardy B	C	Reynolds K	C
Harrison N	LD	West J	C
Heathcock G	LD	Williamson M	LD
Hunt W	C		
Hyams C	C		
Kenney G	C		

## STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE (pool of members)

Brown P	C
Churchill K	C
Giles S	LD
Hyams C	C
Kenney G	C
Reynolds K	C
Walters K	C
White D	LD
Williams H	LD

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AREA JOINT COMMITTEES

### CAMBRIDGE (6)

Harrison N	LD	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Huppert J	LD	Hughes E	L
Reid A	LD	Johnstone S	C
Reynolds J	C	Kent A	LD
Sales P	L	Moss-Eccardt R	LD
White D	LD		

### EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE (5)

Bean B	LD	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Bell N	LD	Broadway J	LD
Hunt W	C	Shuter M	C
McGuire L W (Conservative Lead)	C		
Williams H	LD		

### FENLAND (5)

Butcher T	C	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
King S	C	Hardy B	C
Tuck J	C	Melton A	C
West J	C	Sims L	C
Yeulett F (Conservative Lead)	C		

### HUNTINGDONSHIRE (6)

Boddington B	C	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Giles S	LD	Downes P	LD
Hensley W	C	Farrer R	C
Kadić E	C	Harty D	C
McGuire M (Conservative Lead)	C	Hyams C	C
Pegram R	C	Lucas V	C

### SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE (5)

Bradney M	C	<b>Substitutes:</b>	
Jenkins D	LD	Kenney G	C
McCraith D	C	Smith M	C
Reynolds J (Conservative Lead)	C	Williamson M	LD
Williamson M	LD	Wilson L	C

### JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE POLICE AUTHORITY (3)

Ballard M	L
Jenkins D	LD
Melton A	C



**HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (3)**

Heathcock G  
Reynolds K  
Wilson L

LD    **Substitutes:**  
C    Butcher R  
C    Downes P  
      Smith M

C  
LD  
C

**SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2006-2009	CONTACT DETAILS
<p><b>Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils District Committees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Cambs</li> <li>• Fenland</li> <li>• Hunts</li> <li>• South Cambs</li> </ul>	4	1 to each	<p>Cllr M Shuter            Cllr B Hardy            Cllr J Dutton            Cllr M Williamson</p>	<p>Ms C Rogers-Jones            CALC Secretary            The Primrose Centre            Primrose Lane            Huntingdon            Cambs            PE29 1WG</p>
<p><b>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority</b></p>	3	13	<p>Cllrs: B Boddington            T Butcher            D Harty            L McGuire            L Oliver            D Pegram            G Harper            M Smith            S Giles            S Kindersley            R Moss-Eccardt            H Williams            C Carter</p>	<p>Michael Brown            Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority            Hinchingsbrooke Cottage            Huntingdon            Cambs            PE29 2NA</p>

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2006-2009	CONTACT DETAILS
<p><b>Cambridgeshire Police Authority – Joint Committee responsible for making appointments to the Police Authority</b></p> <p><i>Representatives appointed to the Cambridgeshire Police Authority</i></p>	<p>As req</p> <p>6</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Cllrs: A Melton M Ballard D Jenkins</p> <p>Cllrs: I Bates S Johnstone J Reynolds K Walters K Wilkins J Broadway V Lucas</p>	<p>Mr Philip Peaston, Chief Executive Cambridgeshire Police Authority Hinchingsbrooke Park Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE29 6NP</p> <p><a href="mailto:Philip.peaston@ukonline.co.uk">Philip.peaston@ukonline.co.uk</a></p> <p>Bob Tolman (Deputy Clerk) Bob.Toland@cams.pnn.police.uk 01480 425999</p>
<p><b>East of England Regional Assembly</b></p> <p>Europe Panel</p>	<p>1 minimum</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Cllr S Johnstone</p> <p>Cllr S Johnstone</p>	
<p><b>ESPO Management Committee</b></p> <p>Future Accommodation Sub-Committee</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p> <p>As req</p>	<p>Cllrs: J Powley R Moss-Eccardt</p> <p>Cllr A Melton</p>	<p>Mr Steve Martin Clerk to ESPO Management Committee Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation Barnsdale Way, Grove Park Enderby, Leicester LE19 1ES</p> <p>0116 265 7878</p>
<p><b>Local Government Association</b></p>	<p>8 – 10</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Cllrs: M Curtis S Johnstone D Jenkins Labour vacancy</p>	<p>Chief Executive Local Government Association Local Government House Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ</p>

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2006-2009	CONTACT DETAILS
<b>LGA Commissions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural</li>   <li>• Urban</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p>	<p>Cllrs: A Melton B Boddington</p> <p>Cllrs: N Harrison TBA</p>	
<b>County Councils' Network Council</b>  CCN Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive</li> <li>• Children's Task Group</li> </ul>	8-10	4	<p>Cllrs: S Johnstone M Curtis D Jenkins Labour vacancy</p> <p>Cllr S Johnstone Cllr S Johnstone</p>	Director County Councils Network Local Government House Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ
<b>Resource, Regional Employers Organisation (East of England)</b>	4	4	<p>Cllrs: L Oliver A Melton P Downes P Sales</p>	Mike Moyers Employers Secretary East of England Local Government Conference Flempton House Flempton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP38 6EG
<b>Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for East Anglia</b>	2	1	<p>Cllr V Lucas</p>	Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for East Anglia Springfield Tyrells 250 Springfield Road Chelmsford Essex CM2 6BU <a href="mailto:pssec@reserve-forces-anglia.org">pssec@reserve-forces-anglia.org</a>

## APPOINTMENT OF OPPOSITION GROUP LEADERS AND SPOKES 2007/08

<b>Position</b>	<b>Liberal Democrat</b>	<b>Labour</b>
Group Leader	D Jenkins	M Ballard
Deputy Group Leader	P Downes	C Carter
Environment and Community Spokesman	-	E Hughes
Transport, Environment and Climate Change	J Broadway	-
Health, Communities and Adult Social Care	G Heathcock	-
Children and Young People's Services Spokesman	A Kent	M Ballard
Corporate Services Spokesman	-	P Sales
Growth and Resources	N Harrison	-
Strategic Planning (informal)	N Harrison	E Hughes
Development Control (informal)	J Broadway	M Ballard
Fire (informal)	TBA	C Carter