

COUNTY COUNCIL: MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 13th May 2008

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Place: Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors C M Ballard, J Batchelor, I C Bates, B Bean, N Bell, B Boddington, K Bourke, M Bradney, J Broadway, P Brown, T Butcher, C Carter, K Churchill, S Criswell, M Curtis, P J Downes, J Dutton, G Griffiths, G F Harper, N Harrison, D Harty, W G M Hensley, S Higginson, 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, 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 D White, K Wilkins, M Williamson, L J Wilson and F H Yeulett

Apologies: Councillors R Farrer, S A Giles, G J Heathcock, E Hughes, P Humphrey, J West and H Williams

225. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Kenney, seconded by Councillor McGuire and agreed:

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

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

226. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Orgee, seconded by Councillor Yeulett and agreed:

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

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

227. MINUTES: 18th MARCH 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 18th March 2008 were approved as a correct record, subject to the two references to 'Councillor King' in Minute 222, Questions on Police and Fire Authority Issues, being replaced with 'Councillor Kindersley'.

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

228. REPORT OF THE COUNTY RETURNING OFFICER

The Chairman reported that Kilian Bourke, a Liberal Democrat, had been elected in the by-election held on 1st May 2008 for the Romsey electoral division. He welcomed Councillor Bourke to his first meeting of the Council.

229. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership changes

The Chairman:

- Welcomed the new Chief Executive, Mark Lloyd, to his first meeting of the Council
- Reported that Councillor Walters, who had resumed his Leadership of both the Council and the Conservative Group on an interim basis in November 2007, was now standing down. The Chairman led members in thanking Councillor Walters for his service in leading the Council during recent months
- Reported that Councillor Ballard, who had been Leader of the Labour Group since May 2005, was also standing down. The Chairman and Councillors Sales, Jenkins and Walters all paid tribute to Councillor Ballard for his leadership and achievements during his time in post
- Reported that a number of Opposition Spokes were standing down at this meeting and thanked them for their contributions during their time in post
- Led members in thanking Gordon Jeyes for his service as Acting Chief Executive and Mike Parsons and Brian Smith for their support in covering for the vacant post of Chief Executive. He also thanked Adrian Loades for his service as Acting Deputy Chief Executive – Children and Young People's Services
- Thanked Bob Pearson, Director of Communications, who would be leaving the Council on 30th June 2008, following over 34 years' service.

Awards and achievements

The Chairman led members in offering congratulations to:

- The Council's Fostering Service, who had been rated as good overall and outstanding in some areas by the Office for Standards in Education (OfSTED)
- The Library Service, on being selected as the first National Year of Reading Local Authority of the Month
- Adult and Community Learning for the Council's Get On award for its approach to employees' skills development

- The Environmental Education Service and its partners for winning the Education and Learning category of the National Waterways Renaissance Award
- The Personal, Social and Health Education Service, which would be featuring in 'What Money Means', a major project funded by HSBC
- The Council for being one of 20 top-tier authorities selected by Government as a Play Pathfinder
- The Council for winning the Public Sector People Managers' Association national award for talent management.

230. 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 the Chairman of Linton Action for Youth and Councillor Orgee as a Governor and Councillor Johnstone as a Non-Executive Director of the Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and their representative on the Children and Young People's Steering Group (Minute 238, Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 15th April 2008, Item 9, Quarterly Update Report on Key Partnerships)
- Councillors Bradney, Jenkins and Read as members of the Joint Development Control Committee for Northstowe (Minute 238, Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 15th April 2008, Item 6, Cambridgeshire County Council's Response to the Northstowe Planning Application)
- Councillor Curtis as a Trustee of Age Concern Cambridgeshire, Councillor Jenkins as a lay member of Cambridgeshire Community Services and Councillor Lucas as Chairman of the Board (Minute 238, Report of the Meeting of Cabinet held on 15th April 2008, Item 7, Integration of Older People's Occupational Therapy and Social Care Services: Report and Action Plan)
- Councillor Orgee as the District Councillor for Hinxtton and Pampisford (Minute 242, Motion on Hanley Grange).

231. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Pegram, seconded by Councillor Melton and resolved:

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

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

Councillor Tuck thanked members for her appointment and set out her objectives for the coming year. Councillors Jenkins and Sales congratulated Councillor Tuck on her appointment.

232. APPROVAL OF CABINET ARRANGEMENTS

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tuck, and seconded by Councillor McGuire:

- (i) That the Cabinet consist of the Leader of the Council and eight other Councillors
- (ii) That in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 4.02 (f) of the Council's Constitution, the following Cabinet portfolios be approved:
 - Leader of the Council
 - Deputy Leader
 - Cabinet Member for Children
 - Cabinet Member for Learning (0-19)
 - Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
 - Cabinet Member for Communities
 - Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure
 - Cabinet Member for the Economy, Environment and Climate Change
 - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Leader of the Council to appoint the members of the Cabinet, in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 7, paragraph 7.02 of the Constitution.

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

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

233. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – AMENDMENTS

It was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tuck, and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor McGuire, to

Approve the revisions to the Council Constitution as set out in the blue papers circulated with the agenda and in the beige papers tabled at the meeting.

Councillor Moss-Eccardt expressed concern that the Council had been given insufficient notice of the amendments set out on the beige paper. He also expressed concern that the proposal to delete the Local Area Agreement from the Council's policy framework would reduce accountability, in particular in relation to spending.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Reid:

That the Council considers that the Council's Policy Development Groups (PDGs) should meet in public (with the exception of confidential items requiring discussion in private) and that a report be made to the next meeting of Council with recommendations for changes to the Constitution to bring this into effect.

Members speaking in support of the amendment made the following points:

- The Council should aim to be as open as possible and to keep the public well-informed about its work
- Making PDG meetings open to the public would be consistent with the spirit as well as the letter of the Freedom of Information Act
- PDG meetings held in public would not necessarily become more political; the apolitical working of the Scrutiny Committees showed what was possible
- It was not common practice in other local authorities to hold cross-party meetings in private
- It would still be appropriate and possible to discuss confidential items in private session.

Members speaking against the amendment made the following points:

- PDGs were not decision-making bodies. They offered Opposition and backbench members an opportunity to take part in full and frank discussion about emerging policies at an early stage
- If PDGs were held in public, there was a risk that members would use them for more political purposes
- There was also a risk that issues would not be brought to PDGs for discussion by all members at such an early stage
- There were a number of other routes besides PDGs with which the public could engage and by which they could keep informed.

On being out to the vote, the amendment was defeated. [Voting pattern: Liberal Democrat and Labour Groups in favour, Conservatives against.]

Speaking on the main motion, Councillor Downes welcomed the creation of a Support for Families PDG but asked which service areas it would cover, given that there would also be separate PDGs for Children and Young People and for Adults and Communities. He also asked which Cabinet Member would chair the Support for Families PDG.

Councillor Huppert questioned the wording of Article 11, paragraph 11.02, which stated that Cabinet members would consult PDGs 'at critical stages of formulating Policy Frameworks'. He suggested that the reference would more appropriately be to critical stages of formulating policies.

Councillor Harrison noted that the new Growth and Environment PDG would encompass the functions of three former PDGs, Sustainable Growth, Highways and Transport and Planning and Regional Matters, and expressed concern that this should not lead to a reduction in the priority given to these areas.

Responding, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tuck, provided assurance that all PDGs would continue to contribute to policy formulation. She also advised members that a list describing in more detail the areas covered by each PDG was being prepared and would be circulated shortly.

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

[Voting pattern: Conservatives in favour, Liberal Democrat and Labour members against or abstained.]

234. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

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

To approve the appointments to Committees and outside organisations as set out in the papers tabled at the meeting, subject to the following changes:

- Councillor Butcher to become the Conservative lead and Chairman designate for Environment and Community Services Scrutiny Committee
- Councillor J Reynolds to replace Councillor Tuck on the ESPO Management Committee appointments
- Councillor Sales to be appointed to the Labour vacancy on the Local Government Association.

The full lists of appointments as amended are set out as Appendices B and C to these minutes.

235. OPPOSITION GROUP LEADERS

The Council noted that Councillor Jenkins had been appointed as the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Councillor Sales 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.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Tuck, paid particular tribute to Councillor Kent, who was standing down as Children and Young People's Services Spokesman for the Liberal Democrat Group.

236. 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:

- 22nd July 2008
- 21st October 2008
- 9th December 2008
- 12th February 2009
- 16th February 2009 (provisional)
- 17th March 2009
- 19th May 2009.

Responding to two questions from Councillor Downes, the Chairman confirmed that it was correct that the February 2009 Council meeting would fall on a Thursday. He also confirmed that the date for the 2009 annual Council meeting would need to be changed if the County Council elections were moved to June to coincide with the European elections.

237. THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FRAMEWORK

It was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tuck, and seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor McGuire,

That the Council confirm the contents of the Policy Framework for 2008/09 attached as Appendix A to the report.

Councillors Sales and Jenkins expressed concern that the Adult Support Services Strategic Plan was ongoing without a specified refresh date. Councillor Jenkins expressed concern that there would be reduced opportunity for scrutiny of the LAA now that it was no longer part of the Council's Policy Framework. He also sought assurance that members would be involved in all policy reviews.

Responding, the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing confirmed that the Adult Support Services Strategic Plan would be reviewed and that all members would be kept informed.

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

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

238. REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Tuck, moved receipt of the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15th April 2008.

Meeting held on 15th April 2008

Key decisions for information

- 1) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan – Preferred Options 2 and Cambridgeshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

Councillor Kent reported local residents' continuing opposition to the location of a new local recycling centre on the Cambridge Southern

Fringe and expressed concern that this appeared increasingly to be the Council's preferred option. She and Councillor Harrison outlined three main concerns, relating to further loss of Green Belt land; the external appearance of a recycling centre and whether this would be an appropriate gateway to Cambridge; and the fact that the ongoing reservation of the land for a possible recycling centre would cause planning blight.

Councillor Kenney commented that the proposed recycling centre would be to serve residents in south Cambridge and suggested that it would be appropriately located on the Cambridge Southern Fringe, as this would mean that residents did not have to cross the M11 to access it.

Councillor Criswell expressed his support for a bypass for Earith and Willingham. He noted that the B1050 already carried a high volume of traffic and expressed concern that this problem would increase as Northstowe was developed. Councillor Johnstone endorsed these comments, also expressing concern that the B1050 was not stable enough to support numerous Heavy Commercial Vehicle (HCV) movements and was constantly needing repair.

Councillor Williamson reported that 66% of respondents to a questionnaire linked to the Milton Parish Plan had cited the smell from Milton sewerage works as a problem. Now that it had been agreed that the sewerage works would continue to be located at Milton, he urged the Council to liaise with Anglian Water to ensure that standards at the sewerage works were improved as a matter of urgency. Councillor White endorsed these comments, highlighting problems relating to smell and flies experienced by offices on the neighbouring Science Park. Councillor Turner welcomed the Cabinet's decision that relocation of the sewerage works to Honey Hill should not form part of the consultation, and agreed that all possible steps should be taken to improve the existing works at Milton.

Councillor Jenkins noted that the public already had serious concerns about the numbers of HCVs travelling through the County and the appropriateness of the routes they used. The Minerals and Waste Plan would result in further increases in HCV movements. Councillor Jenkins asked the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, to ensure that appropriate HCV routes were defined, to prevent problems from intensifying. Councillor Hunt commented that he shared these concerns, particularly in relation to HCVs travelling from Grunty Fen through villages in East Cambridgeshire.

Councillor Hunt also expressed concern about the proposal to locate a new local recycling centre at Witchford. He asked officers to discuss siting with the Parish Council to ensure that this did not lead to coalescence of Witchford with the next village.

Councillor Downes emphasised the need for waste management options and solutions to be viewed holistically. He expressed concern that the decision to close the Buckden recycling centre would result in increased vehicle movements, as waste would now be transported to Alconbury.

Councillor Hyams expressed concern about the proposals for the Godmanchester recycling centre and the access arrangements from the A14 for this and other adjoining industrial developments.

Responding, the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, emphasised that the consultation on preferred options was only just starting. He acknowledged the various comments made by members and confirmed that these and other representations received would be taken into consideration as the Minerals and Waste Plan was developed.

2) Network Service Plan 2008 and Revised Highways Policies

Councillor Harrison advised members that following Cabinet's decision on this item, the Environment and Community Services Scrutiny Committee had called in the 20mph speed limit policy for review. The Scrutiny Committee had heard that the Cabinet's agreed policy was to introduce 20mph speed limits only where the mean vehicle speed was already 20mph. This was contrary to Government guidance, which suggested that 20mph speed limits could be introduced where the mean vehicle speed was 24mph or lower. Councillor Harrison noted that there was evidence that 20mph speed limits could reduce mean vehicle speed by 3-4 miles per hour even without physical enforcement measures; and that every 1mph reduction to speed reduced accidents by 6%. She and Councillor Reid asked why the Council was departing from Government guidance and called on Cabinet to respond to public wishes and adhere to Government guidance on this matter.

Councillor Huppert noted that there was significant demand from residents for safer and slower streets and challenged the Council's position that 20mph should be implemented only in tandem with physical enforcement measures.

Councillor Kindersley questioned the merit of increasing opportunities for public participation through initiatives such as Neighbourhood Panels if the Council already failed to take account of messages received from existing representative bodies such as Parish Councils and the Area Joint Committees. He also questioned the usefulness of putting a policy on speed limits in place if the Cabinet was not prepared to resource it.

Councillor Kenney spoke in support of proposals to improve public transport, but urged that these be implemented well in advance of any traffic management scheme such as congestion charging.

Councillor Downes asked the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, to seek early resolution of the problems occurring in the County as a result of a shortage of HCV overnight parking, particularly following the closure of the Alconbury truck stop and a number of lay-bys on the A14. Councillor Williamson also commented on the adverse impact of overnight HCV parking on a number of villages adjacent to the A14. He asked, if such parking was 'unauthorised', what legal redress might be available.

Councillor Reid noted that tackling climate change was one of the Council's four strategic priorities and noted that the Network Service Plan referred aspirationally to the reduction of carbon emissions. He asked specifically how this aspiration would be achieved.

Responding, the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, noted that the Council had been asked by Government to carry out a review of speeding and this was currently being conducted. He also agreed to talk to Councillor Downes about HCV parking.

The former Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, noted that he had explained at Cabinet and at the Scrutiny Committee the reason for the amendment to the 20mph speed limit policy, which had involved a typing error which he had explained and for which he had apologised. He also noted that the Government guidance on introducing speed limits was inconsistent: to introduce a speed limit of 30mph an existing mean speed of 30mph was required, and of 40mph an existing mean speed of 40mph, so that the Council's policy was in fact more consistent than the guidance. He also emphasised the need for speed limits to be introduced only where they could realistically be enforced; given limited police resources, this in practice meant with the introduction of physical measures. He noted members' comments on HCV parking and improvements to public transport and confirmed that both issues would be considered carefully.

3) Strategic Risk Register 2008/09

Councillor Stone commented that there was a degree of subjectivity involved in determining the probability and likely impact of risks. He noted that a lead officer had been assigned for each risk and suggested that a lead Cabinet member should also be identified.

Councillor Higginson suggested that risk 2, relating to the performance of Adult Services, and risk 23, relating to organisational change, should be combined and the new combined risk assigned to the Chief Executive. He also suggested that the capacity of Adult Services to meet increased demand should be classified as a high and not a moderate risk.

Councillor Moss-Eccardt asked what actions would be taken to mitigate the risks identified so that those currently in the highest categories could, over time, be moved to lower categories. Councillor Jenkins suggested that it would be useful to add more detail to the Strategic Risk Register to show how the risks identified were being addressed.

Councillor Harrison drew attention to risk 24 on congestion and growth and asked the Leader of the Council whether, now that the results of the public consultation on transport in Cambridge had been announced, she was able to issue a political response and set out the Council's direction on this matter.

Councillor Kenney noted that risk 24 was closely linked to risk 9, on the growth agenda, and urged that both of these risks be given very high priority.

Councillor Reid challenged the rating of climate change risk as having only significant impact, suggesting that the impact of climate change could potentially be catastrophic. He called for this risk to be rated more highly.

Responding, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Tuck, commented that it was important to be realistic about the levels of risk faced by the Council and to manage these risks actively. On the issue of transport in Cambridge and any proposals for congestion charging, she reported that the Conservative group was ensuring that all of the necessary information had been collated before it developed policy.

The Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, noted that many of the risks related to his portfolio and undertook to monitor these closely.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Councillor J Reynolds, noted that as the Council's Risk Champion, it was his role to ensure that the Strategic Risk Register was based on sound evidence, that actions were in place to address the risks identified and that the Register was kept under constant review.

4) Accountable Body Role for East of England Development Agency (EEDA) Investing in Communities Programme

Councillor Jenkins asked how the Council's new role as accountable body for the Investing Communities programme would impact in terms of resources, management and expertise.

Responding, the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Councillor J Reynolds, explained that for 2008/09, EEDA's proposals for the programme would continue unaltered. A 5% top slice had been identified for management costs. The greater challenge would come in the following year when the programme would need to be reviewed, and it would be essential to ensure that funding continued to be used to improve the management and delivery of services.

5) Establishment of Cambourne's Third Primary School: Determination of Promoter

Councillor Kent reported that the choice of promoter for Cambourne's third primary school had cross-party support, but that a number of concerns had been expressed about the competition process. It was expensive and it sought to engineer competition where this was not wanted or needed. In addition, the requirement for local authorities submitting bids of their own to refer the competition to a national adjudicator for decision could discourage local authorities from bidding, possibly leading to a lower standard of competition overall. Councillor Kent also expressed concern that the opening of the school could be delayed because of a dispute between South Cambridgeshire District Council and the developers, and urged partners to work together to resolve this as soon as possible.

Councillor Downes sought assurance that Comberton Village College's successful bid to set up and run the new primary school would have no financial or opportunity costs for its secondary school pupils. He also questioned whether this was the first time a secondary school had bid successfully to run a primary school.

Speaking as the local member for Cambourne, Councillor Wilson expressed disappointment that he had not been involved in the process until a relatively late stage, and sought assurance that local members would be involved earlier in future. He also commented on the need for bidders to take time to prepare their presentations carefully and for the bids to be scrutinised closely. He supported the decision to select Comberton's bid but noted that on a number of points, the bid from Big Wide Talk had not been very far behind.

Councillor Ballard commented that as this was the first time a competition process had been completed successfully, Cambridgeshire's officers had done well in difficult circumstances. He also expressed reservations about the competition process and in particular the role of a national adjudicator, but noted that the process was intended to introduce variety of educational provision, which the Government did not consider Cambridgeshire currently to have.

Responding, the Cabinet Member for Children, Councillor Curtis, commented that in his view it was appropriate for Councils to take the decision locally about who should run new schools, rather than the matter being referred to a national adjudicator who would have a national perspective. He also expressed concern that the competition process was bureaucratic and suggested that it was not the most appropriate way of ensuring variety of provision.

The Cabinet Member for Learning (0-19), Councillor Harty, agreed that the lengthening of the timescale for opening new schools resulting from the introduction of the competition process was regrettable, but commended Cambridgeshire's achievement on being the first local authority to complete the process successfully. He confirmed that it was the Cabinet's intention to involve local members fully in the process. He agreed to consider further the financial impact on secondary schools bidding to set up and run primary schools.

Other decisions for information

6) Cambridgeshire County Council's Response to the Northstowe Planning Application

Councillor Stone expressed concern that the County Council had needed to submit 70 specific objections to the Northstowe planning application relating to its areas of responsibility alone. He also asked what the Government meant by referring to Northstowe as a 'prototype eco-town'.

Councillor Johnstone expressed serious concern that Northstowe would not be an exemplar for sustainable development, since the planning application as submitted failed to measure up on numerous counts including construction standards and waste and water management.

She also expressed concern at the suggestion that Northstowe would be a 'prototype eco-town', commenting that the Government would need to explain what it meant by this and what support it would be offering, as this would set an important precedent for later eco-towns. Councillor Johnstone emphasised the need for primary schools to provide focus for local centres and expressed concern that the six primary schools now required would not relate well to the five local centres proposed in the planning application. She also highlighted the need to take account of the impact of traffic to the north of the development and suggested that a bypass for Willingham could be required.

Councillor Harrison reminded members that the County Council was not a statutory consultee for the Northstowe planning application, but a participatory member of the Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee.

Responding, the former Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services, Councillor Pegram, confirmed that Northstowe was not being formally considered by Government as an eco-town. The local authorities would need to seek financial support from Government for any formal change to status. He accepted the need for primary schools to relate well to the local community but commented that part of the challenge was that the final size of the development was still uncertain. These and numerous other concerns had been set out in the Council's response to the planning application, which had been developed with cross-party input.

7) Integration of Older People's Occupational Therapy and Social Care Services: Report and Action Plan

Councillor Ballard welcomed Cambridgeshire's progress in integrating older people's services and noted that the County was ahead of many other local authorities nationally. However, he highlighted a number of issues that still needed to be addressed, including equity of service provision across the County, and promotion of active lifestyles to keep older people healthy and independent for longer. He also commented that older people themselves could give mixed messages about the kinds of service they hoped to receive; it was understandable that people wished to live in their own homes for as long as possible, but also essential for the Council to ensure that sufficient residential provision was available for when this was no longer an option.

Councillor Kenney reported on a recent meeting between Councillors and young carers and asked what progress was being made to develop the support they had requested, including designated teacher champions, awareness-raising for school governors and help with homework, bullying and socialising.

Responding to Councillor Kenney, the former Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor Tuck, noted that Policy Development Group (PDG) meetings and a members' seminar had been used to raise the profile of young carers. A Young Carers' Strategy was being developed and would be brought to the appropriate PDG shortly.

Councillor Griffiths commented on the need for young carers' issues to be discussed in public. She also suggested that it was not acceptable for the Council to endorse and support the concept of young carers. All children were entitled to their childhood; instead, the Council should be offering better support to the adults for whom these young people cared.

Councillor Read agreed that young people should not be expected to care, but that this could be a family's choice. Councillor Wilson noted that 62% of all carers were under 18.

Councillor Griffiths also drew attention to older people's need for support in finding appropriate accommodation and expressed concern that in some instances they might not be receiving accurate advice.

Councillor Higginson asked whether the integration of older people's services and associated transfer of County Council employees to the Primary Care Trust had affected staff morale and retention. He also highlighted the role of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee in monitoring the integration and commented on the need for Scrutiny to be adequately resourced to perform this role.

Responding, the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Pegram, noted that safeguarding vulnerable adults would continue to be one of the Council's highest priorities. Some young people would wish to care for family members; in such circumstances, it was the Council's role to help them to live as normal a life as possible.

The former Lead Member for Enhanced Services, Councillor Yeulett, noted that the consultation with older people had highlighted preventative services as key to maintaining health and wellbeing. He commended all those involved in delivering integrated services and noted that the recommendations in the action plan would now be taken forward to improve services yet further.

8) Community Cohesion and Integration Strategy

Councillor Sales welcomed the Council's work on this Strategy but expressed concern that the principles of community cohesion should not be applied on too large a scale; some very small communities could also have specific issues that needed to be addressed.

Councillor Williamson reported that the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee was planning to consider community cohesion in the autumn. He also noted that Cambridgeshire was a county of particular contrasts. Scores for the Best Value performance indicator on how well residents considered that people from different backgrounds in their community got on with each other had ranked Cambridge City as the best nationally and Fenland seventh from bottom.

Councillor Ballard commented that tensions within Cambridgeshire communities were not new, but agreed that there was sustained evidence that people flourished best in strong and cohesive communities. He suggested that community cohesion should be key to all of the Council's activities and expressed disappointment that there was no

longer a member of Cabinet responsible solely for communities. He also emphasised the need for Cambridgeshire Together to identify priorities for local communities through the LAA and to ensure sufficient investment.

Councillor Curtis commented that the rapid rate of immigration was a particularly complex issue to address for Fenland, and one which was not being helped by national media coverage.

Responding, the former Lead Member for Communities, Councillor Brown, accepted the point made by Councillor Sales about the needs of small communities as well as those of larger areas; for example, a local Post Office could be central to the life of a small village. He also commented that it was currently difficult to address issues relating to migrant workers because of a lack of detailed figures on inward migration. The Council was working hard to address this.

Monitoring reports

9) Quarterly update report on key partnerships

Councillor Batchelor reminded members of the Joint Accountability Committee's concerns about the governance arrangements for Cambridgeshire Together. He welcomed the review now taking place but expressed disappointment that this had taken so long to get underway. He also expressed concern that the distribution of Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) reward grant had apparently been halted because there was no mechanism in place to allocate funding to Countywide projects. This delay was having serious consequences for some voluntary sector organisations. Councillor Batchelor urged Councillor Tuck as the Chairman designate of Cambridgeshire Together to ensure that this issue was resolved as quickly as possible.

239. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

By leave of the Council, this item was brought forward in the meeting to facilitate the efficient conduct of business.

One member of the public attended the meeting to ask a question:

- Allan Craig asked what steps the Council was taking to address the environmental health issues caused by unrestricted parking on Cambridge Road, Impington. He expressed particular concern that HCV drivers were using the road for overnight parking, leading to associated problems such as littering, drivers urinating and diesel spillage. He asked the Council to restrict access to Cambridge Road for HCVs, keeping them on Bridge Road.

Responding, the former Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, explained that the Head of Network Management (South and City) and Councillor Jenkins had attended a site visit to discuss these issues. It would be necessary to involve the District Council and possibly the police to address some of the points raised. Councillor McGuire agreed to ask the District Council to respond to local residents. He also accepted that there were local and national issues relating to a shortage of

parking for HCVs. These were being raised with the Highways Agency. Lastly, officers had been asked to compile a list of sites for which complaints about HCV parking had been raised, to enable an overview to be considered and addressed by the Area Joint Committees.

240. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 AND STRATEGIC WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09

The former Chairman of the Scrutiny Management Group, Councillor King, moved receipt of the Scrutiny annual report for 2007/08 and the strategic work programme for 2008/09. In moving the report he highlighted Scrutiny's successes during the past year and commended the contributions of member and officer colleagues. His proposal was seconded by the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Batchelor, who highlighted some of the particular achievements and challenges faced by his Committee during the year.

A number of members spoke on the report, making the following points:

- Thanked Councillor King for his recent work as Chairman of both the Scrutiny Management Group and the Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee and paid tribute to his achievements. He was also commended for his former Chairmanship of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee and in particular that Committee's first meeting to scrutinise the Opposition budget.
- Commended the Scrutiny Committees for their non-partisan style of working. Members commented that they provided evidence that cross-party meetings held in public did not necessarily have to be party political.
- Noted that several successful member-led reviews had resulted in recommendations being adopted by Cabinet. Only one, on youth services, had been met with less enthusiasm by Cabinet, largely because of its funding implications. However it was recognised that Cabinet was now seeking to increase funding for youth services incrementally over time, in order to support sustainable improvements.
- Expressed concern that not all of the Scrutiny Committees' work should have to be aligned to the Council's priorities; Scrutiny Committees should be allowed to operate independently and in the past had carried out very useful work that was not directly aligned to priorities.
- Commented that some of the Scrutiny performance indicators showed a decline in performance during 2007/08, for example in relation to public involvement in meetings and visits to the Scrutiny webpage. Members sought assurance that the Scrutiny function would continue to be resourced adequately and developed as required. They also commented that pressure to meet performance targets should not distract Scrutiny Committees from their main objective of driving service improvements.
- Asked to be advised in due course who the new Cabinet's Cabinet Scrutiny Liaison Member would be.

Responding, Councillor King thanked members for their comments and suggested that it was appropriate for Scrutiny Committees to scrutinise the Council's priorities and consider if they should be supplemented or changed, as well as looking outwardly and considering topics of concern or interest to the public. In relation to performance indicators, he noted that it was very difficult to set appropriate targets to measure Scrutiny's effectiveness and that those that had been set were intended to be challenging. Councillor King also reported that Cambridgeshire had just been shortlisted by the Centre for Public Scrutiny as one of three local authorities nationally demonstrating excellence in financial scrutiny, and that the National Audit Office was also interested in the Council's work in this area as an example of best practice.

In conclusion, members agreed unanimously

To note the Scrutiny Committees' work during 2007/08 and to agree their strategic work programme for 2008/09.

241. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Five written questions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9:

- Councillor Huppert had asked Councillor McGuire as the former Lead Member for Highways and Transport about the receipt and use of Section 106 monies for traffic improvements in the East Chesterton area of Cambridge. The response from Councillor McGuire detailed the monies received and the services and infrastructure on which they had been spent.
- Councillor Huppert had asked Councillor McGuire as the former Lead Member for Highways and Transport about the impact on trees and verges of bus lanes on Milton Road, Cambridge. The response from Councillor McGuire set out the background to this issue and explained that a report on bus priority measures would be taken to the next meeting of the Cambridge City Area Joint Committee. The Head of Network Management (South and City) would also be meeting the City Council's Arboricultural Officer shortly to discuss a strategic tree planting plan for Milton Road.
- Councillor Huppert had asked Councillor Tuck as the former Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services about the environmental standards to be achieved in the new Shirley Community Nursery and Primary School buildings in Cambridge. The response from Councillor Tuck explained that the planning application submitted by the Council's agent had been in breach of the Council's policy to build to the BREEAM 'very good' standard, despite clear instructions being given. The Council was currently working with the agent to correct this error so that the buildings would be constructed to the 'very good' standard.
- Councillor Huppert had asked Councillor Tuck as the former Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services about the numbers of social workers employed by the County Council and their caseloads. The response from Councillor Tuck set out the details requested, including staffing figures for each of the three Areas and information about intervention thresholds and student placements.

- Councillor Huppert had asked Councillor Walters as the former Leader of the Council about the release of confidential information during the process of appointing the Council's new Chief Executive. The response from Councillor Walters challenged the timing and current relevance of the question. He explained that an investigation had been conducted by the Deputy Chief Executive – Corporate Services, supported by the Director of Governance and the Head of Legal Services. Both the Police and the Information Commissioner had been contacted but neither had taken the matter further, meaning that all it was possible to do at this time had now been done.

242. ORAL QUESTIONS

Seven oral questions were asked under Council Procedure Rule 9:

- Councillor Kindersley drew attention to the current consultation by NATS (formerly National Air Traffic Services) on aircraft stacking, the Council's proposed response to which would be considered by Cabinet on 20th May 2008. He expressed concern that the standard of consultation by NATS had been poor and asked the Council to request sight of the discarded options that NATS had spent four years developing before deciding to put a single proposal forward for public consultation. The Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, agreed to request this information and send a written response to members.
- [Councillor Jenkins asked when it might be expected that a Post Office would open in Cambourne. Responding, the Cabinet Member for the Economy, Environment and Climate Change, Councillor Brown, agreed that it would be beneficial for Cambourne to have a Post Office and suggested that this could be raised via the Post Office Users' Network. As a supplementary question, Councillor Jenkins asked that a Post Office for Northstowe also be pursued. The Cabinet Member for Communities, Councillor Yeulett, agreed to progress this.](#)
- Councillor Bourke asked what criteria would be used, if the Private Finance Initiative for street lighting were to proceed, to prioritise areas for improvements. He suggested that the criteria should be clearly established in advance of any decision-making and should take into account factors such as incidence of road traffic accidents and anti-social behaviour as well as technical matters relating to condition. Responding, the former Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services, Councillor Pegram, explained that a successful PFI bid would result in the replacement of all street lighting columns over 25 years old. It would not cover the introduction of lighting where no lighting currently existed. As a supplementary question, Councillor Bourke sought assurance that the condition of street lighting at the Romsey end of Mill Road in Cambridge would be improved, and invited the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, to accompany him on a site visit. Councillor Bradney noted Councillor Bourke's concerns and agreed to attend a site visit if timing permitted.
- Councillor Wilkins asked the former Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor Tuck, what actions were being taken in relation to 18 Cambridge families whose children would be unable to attend Milton Road Primary School, despite living in the catchment area. He expressed concern that the problem should have been addressed an

identified much earlier. Responding, Councillor Tuck explained that due to growth pressures, problems with catchment areas were being experienced in several parts of the County; these were being considered very closely.

- Councillor Huppert drew attention to the damage caused to verges by residents driving over them to access parking, where dropped kerbs were not in place, and urged officers to take enforcement action where appropriate. The Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, agreed to pursue this issue.
- [Councillor Williamson reminded the former Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, that a year previously Waterbeach Parish Council had contacted him concerning improvements to a footpath. Councillor McGuire had agreed to submit a bid for funding for this work in 2008/09, but the bid had not gone in. Responding, Councillor McGuire agreed to investigate the matter and send a written response. As a supplementary question, Councillor Williamson asked the Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure, Councillor Bradney, to ensure that such an error did not recur. Councillor Bradney agreed to follow this up.](#)
- Following debate at the meeting of Council held on 18th March 2008, Councillor Moss-Eccardt requested an update on discussions relating to possible charitable trust status for the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway. He suggested that this was a matter of urgency, given that significant sums of money were involved. Responding, the former Lead Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor McGuire, reported that limited progress had been made to date, but agreed to send a written response.

243. MOTIONS

Two motions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10.

Motion from Councillor Harrison

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Harrison and seconded by Councillor Reid:

‘This Council requests Cabinet to negotiate a break clause in the Strategic Partnering Agreement for the Building Schools for the Future project, which would enable the contract to be terminated after five years.’

Members speaking in support of the motion made the following points:

- There was no definitive reason why the Strategic Partnering Agreement should not include a five-year break clause.
- The contract was expected to be worth £700 million or more over 10 years. The impact of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) project going awry was recognised in the Council’s own Strategic Risk Register as ‘critical’. It was unnecessarily risky and neither the Council’s normal practice nor good business practice to let such a major contract to a single provider for 10 years without a break clause.

- Partnership for Schools had been approached by a number of other local authorities who wished to include a similar clause. Rather than seeing the refusal of these requests by Partnership for Schools as a reason for not making a similar request, the fact that multiple requests had been made should be seen as evidence of disquiet at a national level. It was suggested that Cambridgeshire should join with these other local authorities in lobbying Partnership for Schools for the right to include the clause.
- The predicted long-term downturn in the public sector and in the wider economy would release capacity and meant that it was unlikely that potential bidders would be put off by the inclusion of a break clause.
- Any risk of delay should be considered in the context of the risk of overall failure, should a contractor underperform. If a break clause was not included and it was necessary to take legal action to terminate the contract early, this would involve considerable cost and uncertainty.
- On a positive note, the inclusion of a break clause would motivate the contractor to perform strongly. The contract would be worth £200 million in the first five years and £3-400 million in the second five, a very attractive proposition.
- Recent evidence published by the Office of Fair Trading of bid rigging in the construction industry meant that it was particularly important to take a robust approach with contractors at this time.

Members speaking against the motion made the following points:

- Government had set out clear arrangements for the establishments of Local Education Partnerships and standard contract terms. These had been independently endorsed by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) in their review for Partnership for Schools of the BSF procurement phase; PWC had also noted that they expected there to be less deviation from the standard procurement process in future, not more. In addition, the Royal Institute of British Architects had recently welcomed the pre-procurement process in their May practice bulletin.
- The purpose of establishing a Local Education Partnership was to spread risk. The bidders' conference, when it took place, would be used to consider all proposals from potential partners very seriously.
- Other local authorities requesting the inclusion of a break clause had been turned down by Government. There was no evidence to suggest that a request from Cambridgeshire would be treated differently.
- Cambridgeshire was making good progress in taking forward its BSF programme. Introducing changes to the contract terms at this stage would mean risking a loss of momentum and possible delay, to the detriment of schools and young people in Cambridgeshire and throughout the County.

On being put to the vote, the motion was defeated. [Voting pattern: Liberal Democrats in favour, Conservative and Labour Groups against.]

Motion from Councillor Stone

With the agreement of the Council, Councillor Stone proposed a motion that differed in wording in the final paragraph from that circulated with the Council agenda. The motion as proposed was seconded by Councillor Johnstone and is set out below:

‘This Council views with concern the decision of the Government to shortlist Hanley Grange, Hinxton and Pampisford as a possible site for a new ‘ecotown’ of some 8,000 dwellings.

The Council is concerned in particular:

- That the proposals have no basis in the current strategy for the sub-region, which were developed after extensive local consultation
- The location appears to have been put forward without any credible assessment as to its suitability for such a development
- The proposals if implemented would have significant implications for both the local area and for the delivery of growth in the wider sub-region.

The Council notes that the Council will, in due course, be responding to Government on the proposals, but asks that with the support of all parties, the Leader of the Council writes to the Minister flagging up the Council’s concerns about the proposal.’

Members from all three political groups spoke in support of the motion, raising the following issues:

- The Government’s proposals for Hanley Grange were contrary to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), which it had just approved. Imposing an eco-town in the manner proposed would bypass local democratic and consultative processes.
- A development of 8,000 houses in this location would not be sustainable, given that residents were much more likely to commute to work in Stansted or London than to be employed locally. In addition, the site was not well related to existing transport infrastructure and was located on a major aquifer.
- Officers at neither County nor District level had the capacity to deliver an eco-town at Hanley Grange in addition to the already ambitious growth agenda for Cambridgeshire. 23,000 houses in South Cambridgeshire and 19,300 houses in Cambridge City were already required by the RSS by 2021; the RSS as just published already included an additional 4,300 houses imposed by Government. Delivering an eco-town at Hanley Grange as well would stretch local authority officers beyond capacity and mean that they could not work effectively with developers to deliver high-quality development.
- District Councils should be asked also to express their opposition to the proposals.

- All members were encouraged to sign the petition on the Downing Street website and to invite others to do so as well.

There were no speakers against the motion.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried. [Voting pattern: unanimous.]

Chairman:

CABINET AND PORTFOLIOS 2008/09

POSITION	COUNCILLOR
Leader of the Council	Councillor J Tuck
Deputy Leader	Councillor L W McGuire
Cabinet Member for Children	Councillor M Curtis
Cabinet Member for Learning (0-19)	Councillor D Harty
Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing	Councillor R Pegram
Cabinet Member for Communities	Councillor F Yeulett
Cabinet Member for Growth and Infrastructure	Councillor M Bradney
Cabinet Member for the Economy, Environment and Climate Change	Councillor P Brown
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Councillor J Reynolds

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2008/09

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

CORPORATE SERVICES (11)

Boddington B	C	Substitutes:	
Hyams C	C	Dutton J	C
Humphrey P	C	Hensley W	C
Jenkins D	LD	Huppert J	LD
Kadić L	C	Powley J	C
Kenney G	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	Substitutes:	
Bean B	LD	Baldwin D	C
Boddington B	C	Broadway J	LD
Downes P	LD	Giles S	LD
Hensley W	C	Hyams C	C
Hughes E	L	Jenkins D	LD
Johnstone S	C	Smith M	C
Kenney G	C	Turner R	C
Kent A	LD	White D	LD
Normington S	C		
Sims L	C		

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE (11)

Butcher R	C	Substitutes:	
Churchill K	C	Batchelor J	LD
Downes P	LD	Bell N	LD
Dutton J	C	Hensley W	C
Griffiths G	LD	Kindersley S	LD
Higginson S	LD	Read P	C
Normington S	C	Smith M	C
Sales P	L	West J	C
Sims L	C	Williams H	LD
Reynolds K	C		
Wilson L (Chairman)	C		

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (11)

Bell N	LD	Substitutes:	
Butcher R (Con lead and Ch designate)	C	Baldwin D	C
Carter C	L	Hyams C	C
Harper G	C	Jenkins D	LD
Hunt W	C	Moss-Eccardt R	LD
Kindersley S	LD	Powley J	C
King S	C	Sims L	C
McCraith D	C	Wilkins K	LD
Ogden M	C	Williamson M	LD
Smith M	C		
Williams H	LD		

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (7)

Broadway J	LD	Substitutes:	
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
Lucas V	C
Oliver L	C

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Reynolds J (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	Substitutes:	
Churchill K	C	Baldwin D	C
Kenney G	C	Downes P	LD
Reynolds J	C	Dutton J	C
Reynolds K	C	Huppert J	LD
Stone T (Chairman)	LD	Shuter M	C
Williamson M	LD	Turner R	C

SERVICE APPEALS COMMITTEE (pool of members)

Baldwin D	C	McCraith D	C
Broadway J	LD	Normington S	C
Downes P	LD	Orgee T	C
Giles S	LD	Reynolds K	C
Harrison N	LD	West J	C
Hunt W	C	Williamson M	LD
Hyams C	C		
Kenney G	C		
King S	C		

STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE (pool of members)

Churchill K	C
Giles S	LD
Hyams C	C
Johnstone S	C
Kenney G	C
Read P	C
Reynolds K	C
Shuter M	C
White D	LD
Williams H	LD

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AREA JOINT COMMITTEES

CAMBRIDGE (6)

Bourke K	LD	Substitutes:	
Huppert J	LD	Hughes E	L
Reynolds J	C	Johnstone S	C
Sales P	L	Kent A	LD
White D	LD	Moss-Eccardt R	LD
Wilkins K	LD		

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE (5)

Bean B	LD	Substitutes:	
Bell N	LD	Broadway J	LD
Harty D (Conservative Lead)	C	Shuter M	C
Hunt W	C		
Williams H	LD		

FENLAND (5)

Butcher T	C	Substitutes:	
Humphrey P	C	Curtis M	C
King S	C	Humphrey P	C
West J	C	Sims L	C
Yeulett F (Conservative Lead)	C		

HUNTINGDONSHIRE (6)

Boddington B	C	Substitutes:	
Brown P (Conservative Lead)	C	Downes P	LD
Giles S	LD	Farrer R	C
Hensley W	C	Harty D	C
Kadić L	C	Hyams C	C
Pegram R	C	Lucas V	C

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE (5)

Bradney M	C	Substitutes:	
Jenkins D	LD	Kenney G	C
McCraith D	C	Smith M	C
Reynolds J (Conservative Lead)	C	Williamson M	LD
Stone T	LD	Wilson L	C

JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE POLICE AUTHORITY (3)

Ballard M	L	
Jenkins D	LD	
Melton A	C	

JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR CAMBRIDGE FRINGES (4)

Harrison N	LD	Substitutes:	
Kenney G	C	Baldwin D	C
McCraith D	C	Jenkins D	LD
Turner R	C		

JOINT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR NORTHSTOWE (4)

Bradney M	C	
Jenkins D	LD	
Read P	C	
Reynolds K	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>Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils District Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Cambs • Fenland • Hunts • South Cambs 	4	1 to each	<p>Cllr M Shuter Cllr P Humphrey 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>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority</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>Cambridgeshire Police Authority – Joint Committee responsible for making appointments to the Police Authority</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>philip.peaston@ukonline.co.uk</p> <p>Bob Toland (Deputy Clerk) Bob.Toland@cambs.pnn.police.uk 01480 425999</p>
<p>East of England Regional Assembly</p>	<p>1 minimum</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Cllr J Tuck</p>	
<p>ESPO Management Committee</p> <p>Future Accommodation Sub-Committee</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p> <p>As req</p>	<p>Cllrs: J Reynolds R Moss-Eccardt</p> <p>Cllr J Reynolds</p>	<p>Mrs Janet Kendal Clerk to ESPO Management Committee Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation Barnsdale Way, Grove Park Enderby, Leicester LE19 1ES</p> <p>0116 265 7878</p>
<p>Local Government Association</p>	<p>8 – 10</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Cllrs: L McGuire J Tuck D Jenkins P Sales</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
LGA Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural • Urban 		<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>	
County Councils' Network Council	8-10	4	<p>Cllrs: S Johnstone J Tuck D Jenkins Labour vacancy</p>	<p>Director County Councils Network Local Government House Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ</p>
Resource, Regional Employers Organisation (East of England)	4	4	<p>Cllrs: L Oliver J Reynolds P Downes P Sales</p>	<p>Mike Moyers Employers Secretary East of England Local Government Conference Flempton House Flempton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP38 6EG</p>
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for East Anglia	2	1	Cllr V Lucas	<p>Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for East Anglia Springfield Tyrells 250 Springfield Road Chelmsford Essex CM2 6BU pssec@reserve-forces-anglia.org</p>

APPOINTMENT OF OPPOSITION GROUP LEADERS AND SPOKES 2008/09

Position	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Group Leader	D Jenkins	P Sales
Deputy Group Leader	P Downes	C Carter
Community and Environment Spokesman	-	E Hughes
Transport, Environment and Climate Change	A Reid	-
Health, Communities and Adult Social Care	G Heathcock	-
Adult Social Care		C Carter
Children and Young People's Services Spokesman	G Griffiths	M Ballard
Corporate Services Spokesman	-	M Ballard
Growth and Resources	N Harrison	-