

COUNTY COUNCIL: MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 17th May 2005

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 1.10 p.m.

Place: Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors P D Bailey, D Baldwin, C M Ballard, J Batchelor, I C Bates, B Bean, N Bell, B Boddington, M Bradney, J Broadway, P Brown, T Butcher, C Carter, L Crossley, M Curtis, P J Downes, J Dutton, J A P Eddy, R Farrar, S A Giles, G Griffiths, B Hardy, G F Harper, N Harrison, D Harty, G J Heathcock, W G M Hensley, P E Hughes, W Hunt, J L Huppert, C Hyams, J D Jenkins, S F Johnstone, E Kadiç, A C Kent, S G M Kindersley, S J E King, S Lee, 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, A A Reid, J E Reynolds, K Reynolds, P Sales, M Shuter, L Sims, M Smith, T Stone, J Toomey, J M Tuck, J K Walters, J West, K Wilkins, H Williams, R Williamson, L J Wilson and F H Yeulett

Apologies: Councillor J D White

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor J A Powley, seconded by Councillor J K Walters and resolved:

That Councillor S B Normington be elected Chairman of the County Council for the period to the next annual meeting of Council.

[Voting pattern: unanimous.]

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

The Chairman and Councillors J K Walters, J L Huppert and C M Ballard thanked the retiring Chairman, Robin Driver, for all of his work during his term of office.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor J A P Eddy and seconded by Councillor D R Pegram:

That Councillor A G Orgee be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the period to the next annual meeting of Council.

It was moved by Councillor J L Huppert and seconded by Councillor G Griffiths:

That Councillor G J Heathcock be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the period to the next annual meeting of Council.

On being put to the vote, Councillor A G Orgee was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the period of the next annual meeting of Council.

[Voting pattern: Conservatives in favour of Councillor Orgee; Liberal Democrat Group in favour of Councillor Heathcock; Labour Group abstained.]

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

3. MINUTES: 29th MARCH 2005

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th March 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. REPORT OF THE COUNTY RETURNING OFFICER

Members received the report of the County Returning Officer on the 69 Councillors elected to the County's 60 Electoral Divisions at the elections held on 5th May 2005. A correction relating to March North was noted, namely that Councillor John West had been elected for the Conservatives and not for the Liberal Democrats.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

New members

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting all newly elected and returning members.

Death of former Councillor

The Chairman reported with great sadness the death of former County Councillor Terry Bear, who had represented the Linton division on behalf of the Liberal Democrats. Members observed a minute's silence in his memory.

Joy Postings

The Chairman noted that this would be the last meeting of Council to be attended by Joy Postings, Head of Democratic, Legal and Registration Services. She led members in wishing Joy well for her future career.

Awards and achievements

The Chairman led members in congratulating:

- The Cambridge Projects Team on being awarded the David Unwin Award for best work in the public realm, for the streetscape improvements carried out on King's Parade and Senate House Hill.
- County planners for their leadership of the Whitemoor sidings project, carried out in conjunction with Network Rail and Fenland District Council, which had been shortlisted in the National Transport Awards 2005.

- Those involved in the SmartLIFE project on its selection as one of the projects supporting the UN Decade for Education for Sustainable Development.

6. 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 S J E King as the Chairman of the Bowthorpe Centre in Wisbech (Minute 16, Report of the meeting of Cabinet held on 12th April 2005, Item 1, Section 31 Agreements – New and Updated Agreements for Health and Social Care Integrated Services)
- Councillor G J Heathcock as a member of the Board of Age Concern Cambridgeshire (Minute 16, Item 1, Section 31 Agreements – New and Updated Agreements for Health and Social Care Integrated Services)
- Councillor A K Melton as his wife was a Trustee of the King Edward Centre, Chatteris (Minute 16, Item 16, Property Disposals).

7. REVISED COUNTY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

It was moved by the Chairman, Councillor S B Normington, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor A G Orgee, and agreed unanimously:

To approve the revised Council Constitution as circulated, subject to the following additions and amendments:

- i) Contents page to be replaced with the version tabled at the meeting
- ii) In Part 1, 'Summary and Explanation', all references to 'citizens' to be replaced with 'the public'
- iii) Article 11 in Part 2, 'Advisory Process', as tabled at the meeting, to be inserted, with the following additional amendments:

References to ECS Strategic Planning and Sustainable Infrastructure Service Development Group and ECS Transport, Highways, Environment and Regulation Service Development Group to be deleted and the following to be inserted:

- Environment, Waste and Business Service Development Group: terms of reference to advise the Cabinet on matters relating to
 - Strategic planning, including statutory plans
 - Waste
 - Environment
 - Trading Standards
 - Business
- Transport and Delivery Service Development Group: terms of reference to advise the Cabinet on matters relating to

- Growth agenda and development
 - Transport strategy and policy
 - Transport (public and Council)
 - Maintenance, traffic management and road safety
- iv) With reference to the membership of the Appointments Committee as set out in the second column of the table on page 4 of Part 3, 'Responsibility for Functions', the following words to be inserted:
- 'The Chairman of the Committee shall be authorised to approve the co-option of representatives from partner agencies onto the Committee in a non-voting capacity, where this is considered relevant to the appointment being made'
- v) On page 5 of Part 4, 'Rules of Procedure', reference to '13(b)' in '13' and '14' to be replaced with '12(b)'
- vi) 'Scrutiny Procedure Rules' as tabled at the meeting to be inserted in Part 4
- vii) In the table on Schedule 1 on page 7 of Part 6, 'Members' Allowances Scheme', the following to be added to the posts eligible for Special Responsibility Allowances:

Position	Basis for calculation	Allowance from 01/04/05	Allowance from 01/06/05
Liberal Democrat Deputy Service Spokesmen (2)	Proportionate to other Cabinet portfolios [with the rate for 2005/06 being based on 20% of the Leader's allowance]	£2,025	£2,127

8. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN

It was moved by the Chairman, Councillor S B Normington, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor A G Orgee, and agreed unanimously:

That the following be appointed as Honorary Aldermen:

Joe Gluza, Janet Jones, Maurice Leeke and Phil Read.

9. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor J E Reynolds, seconded by Councillor L J Oliver and resolved:

That the Council appoints Councillor J K Walters 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]

10. APPROVAL OF CABINET ARRANGEMENTS

It was moved by Councillor J K Walters and seconded by Councillor J E Reynolds:

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 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.

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.

Councillor J L Huppert expressed the Liberal Democrat Group's reservations about the 'strong Leader' model, suggesting that Cabinet members should be appointed by Council, which would then be able to hold individuals directly to account.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

[Voting pattern: Conservatives and most Labour members in favour, Liberal Democrat Group against, one abstention.]

11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor J K Walters, seconded by Councillor J E Reynolds and agreed unanimously:

That the recommendations set out in the tabled report on blue paper under item 11 be approved, subject to the addition of Councillors B Hardy, C Hyams, S Lee and K Reynolds to the membership of the Service Appeals Committee and Staff Appeals Committee.

The full details of appointments to Committees are set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

It was moved by Councillor J K Walters, seconded by Councillor J E Reynolds and agreed unanimously:

That the recommendations set out in the tabled report on green paper under item 12 be approved.

The full details of appointments to outside organisations are set out in Appendix C to these minutes.

13. OPPOSITION GROUP LEADERS

The Council noted that Councillor J L Huppert had been appointed as the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Councillor C M 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.

14. APPROVAL OF CALENDAR OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed by Councillor S B Normington, seconded by Councillor A G Orgee and resolved unanimously:

That the following calendar of meetings for the County Council be approved:

- 19th July 2005
- 18th October 2005
- 13th December 2005
- 21st February 2006
- 24th February 2006 (provisional)
- 28th March 2006
- 16th May 2006.

15. THE COUNCIL'S POLICY FRAMEWORK

It was proposed by Councillor J K Walters and seconded by Councillor J E Reynolds

That the Council adopts the Policy Framework as summarised in the Policy Statements and as set out in the Corporate Plan and Best Value Performance Plan.

Councillor J L Huppert expressed support for the documents, but noted his concern that the Council might not have the funding or capacity to deliver the aspirations they set out.

Councillor A C Kent emphasised the importance of considering the detailed documents underpinning the Policy Framework and Statements, for example at meetings of the Service Development Groups and the Scrutiny Committees. She noted that the investment described in the Public Library Standards for the redesign of the Library Service had already been delayed four years. Councillor

J Broadway expressed concern that the recent closure of a number of rural libraries would make it harder to achieve the policy objective of improving library access and usage.

Responding to Councillors Kent and Broadway, the former Lead Member for Lifelong Learning, Councillor V H Lucas, noted that considerable improvements were already being made to the Library Service, with extended opening hours, increased investment in the book stock and support for the development of Local Access Points.

Councillor A A Reid highlighted the importance of Local Agenda 21 and the Local Transport Plan in delivering environmentally friendly policies. He suggested that the Council should have a clear policy on renewable energy, including the creation of wind farms, instead of taking an ad hoc approach as individual proposals arose. He also drew attention to the Council's potential role in promoting the use of low emission vehicles, for example by creating low emission zones, offering preferential parking arrangements for low emission vehicles, and using low emission vehicles itself.

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

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

16. REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Leader of the Council, Councillor J K Walters, moved receipt of the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12th April 2005.

Key decision for determination

- 1) Section 31 Agreements – New and Updated Agreements for Health and Social Care Integrated Services

It was moved by Councillor J A Powley and seconded by Councillor D R Pegram that Council:

- a) Agrees the revised Section 31 agreements for:
 1. Older People's and Occupational Therapy Services
 2. Adult Mental Health Services
 3. Learning Disability Services
- b) Approves the termination of the existing Section 31 agreements for Occupational Therapy Services
- c) Delegates authority to approve and sign the proposed new Section 31 agreements to the appropriate new portfolio holder in consultation with the Director of Adult Support Services.

Councillor J A Powley reminded members that Section 31 of the Health Act 1999 had given local authorities and Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) the opportunity to deliver integrated health and social care services. Cambridgeshire had taken an innovative approach, making Section 31 agreements for learning disability and mental health services in 2002, occupational therapy in 2003 and older people's services in 2004. These

agreements had led to significant improvements in service delivery. It was now timely to revisit and update these agreements, to reflect changing circumstances and obtain even greater service benefits.

Councillor R Moss-Eccardt drew attention to the persistent overspending in Social Services and asked whether the revised Section 31 agreements would help to address this situation.

Responding to Councillor Moss-Eccardt, Councillor D R Pegram noted that the recovery plan to address the Social Services overspend was on target. He also noted that the revised Section 31 agreements would allow greater flexibility in the use of resources. The risk-sharing elements of the agreements would mean that partners would share any unanticipated costs in proportion to their start-of-year funding ratios. Any underspends on pooled budgets of less than 2% would be carried forward to the following year.

Councillor G J Heathcock and J L Huppert expressed concern that some performance targets for integrated services covered by the Section 31 agreements were still being finalised, because of difficulties in gathering baseline data for 2004/05. This was particularly worrying given the cross-party concern of members of the former Social Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee about continuing under-performance in some areas of adults' and older people's social care. They asked whether the new Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee would have the opportunity to consider the agreements before they were signed off. If not, they suggested that the Chairman of the Committee should be consulted. Councillor Huppert also expressed concern that the proposal to share any overspends on pooled budgets could have serious consequences for the Council's wider budget.

Councillor C M Ballard commented that the integration of older people's services had led to some visible improvements, for example to the timeliness of assessments. However, he noted the continuing need for greater investment in preventative services. He also expressed concern that the difficult financial positions of some of the Cambridgeshire PCTs would present a serious risk to services during 2005/06. He also urged that health and social care services for adults with physical disabilities be integrated as soon as possible, so that these services could also enjoy the benefits that other integrated services were already experiencing.

Summing up, Councillor Powley emphasised that the financial recovery plan for Social Services was on track. He acknowledged the different funding mechanisms for local authorities and PCTs and recognised the need for these to be drawn together effectively. He also emphasised that performance targets for integrated services would be finalised as soon as possible and would be discussed by the Cambridgeshire Care Partnership.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was agreed.

[Voting pattern: unanimous]

Key decisions for information

- 2) National Performance Framework and Food Law Enforcement Service Delivery Plans for Trading Standards
- 3) Interim Children and Young People's Plan 2005/06

Councillor P J Downes expressed support for the aspirations set out in the Plan, but emphasised the challenge of delivering them. He asked the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, Councillor S F Johnstone, how the Plan would improve the well being of children not yet born.

Councillor C M Ballard highlighted the scale of the task to implement the Plan, noting that much of the overspending in Social Services was on children's services, particularly on independent fostering agencies and out-of-County placements. He commented on the importance of integrating IT systems for effective integrated and cross-border working, and noted that this was an issue on which a national lead was urgently needed. He also commented on the need for effective links between children's and adults' services, to ensure smooth transitions, and on effective support for carers of children with physical and learning disabilities.

Councillor E Hughes commented on the importance of SureStart in developing models of collaborative working, and noted that this initiative would form a useful basis for the development of children's centres.

Responding, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services agreed that the coming year would be key for the integration of services. The Plan set out the basis for constructive collaboration with a range of partners, including PCTs, Connexions and the Youth Offending Team. It also set out proposals for the equitable provision of services across the County. On the question of children not yet born, she noted that a range of Council services promoted healthier lifestyles and improved antenatal care, for example by discouraging smoking and drinking.

- 4) Network Monitoring Report 2004 and Network Services Plan 2005 – Change in Street Lighting Policy

Councillor J Broadway noted that the recent changes to street lighting policy meant that new light sources would now be introduced and a wider selection of lantern types would be available in new developments. She commented on the need to ensure a coherent overall appearance as changes in types of lamp were introduced.

Councillor G J Heathcock asked for an update on the progress of the Council's Private Finance Initiative (PFI) bid relating to street lighting columns.

Councillor E Hughes commented on the need to design street lights so that they were difficult to vandalise.

Responding, Councillor S F Johnstone noted Councillor Broadway's concerns, and stressed that the new light sources were more energy efficient than those used previously. On the PFI bid, she noted that Cambridgeshire's bid had initially been placed on a reserve list. The Council had subsequently been asked to do some additional work on the bid, and the outcome of this was now awaited.

5) Customer Service Strategy

6) Netherhall School

Councillor C Carter, the local member, welcomed the decision to consolidate Netherhall School on its Upper School site, and urged that this work be completed as quickly as possible.

The Lead Member for Community Learning and Development and Adult Social Care, Councillor F H Yeulett, welcomed this support and noted that the consolidation would result in improved facilities for pupils and staff, including those with physical disabilities.

7) St Neots (South) Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge Compulsory Purchase Order

Councillor S A Giles welcomed the decision to construct a pedestrian and cycle bridge across the River Great Ouse between Eaton Socon and Eynesbury and asked for an update on progress.

Councillor S F Johnstone reported that both Cabinet and the Huntingdonshire Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee had now agreed the route and a planning application was due to be submitted over the summer. However, there could be some delay because of the number of landowners involved, the possible need for a public inquiry on the Compulsory Purchase Order and the need to secure Government funding.

8) Proposed Changes to the Schools Accessibility Strategy

Councillor C M Ballard noted that local authorities were required to publish an Accessibility Strategy, setting out how they would use their resources to promote access to schools. However, he noted that the requirements for the Strategy were not prescriptive and emphasised the importance of allocating resources appropriately to ensure that curriculums, and not just buildings, were accessible, and that the needs of children with speech and language difficulties were met, as well as those of children with physical disabilities. He also commented on the need for the Accessibility Strategy and wider information about the Council's response to the Disability Discrimination Act to be available on the Council's website. These should clearly link the Council's plans to funding, otherwise the authority could be vulnerable to legal action.

Councillor N Harrison queried how 'the efficient use of resources' would be defined in determining whether to meet parental preference to enable disabled pupils to attend their school of choice.

Responding, Councillor F H Yeulett noted that the Council endeavoured to meet all children's needs at their school of choice, but that each application had to be considered on its merits within a County-wide strategic context.

9) Annual Efficiency Statement

Councillor J Broadway expressed concern at the proposal to make savings of £159,000 in culture and sport. She noted that this would lead to the loss of the Head of Heritage, the Museums Officer and a Conservation Officer, all of whom had considerable experience and expertise. She also expressed concern that even without these reductions, Cambridgeshire's expenditure on heritage services was considerably lower than that of other comparable local authorities.

Responding, the former Lead Member for Lifelong Learning, Councillor V H Lucas, reminded members that a commitment had been given at the time of the 2005/06 budget debate to a strategic review of heritage services, to ensure that the new Office structure delivered the services the community expected.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor J K Walters, noted that because of its 'excellent' Comprehensive Performance Assessment score, Cambridgeshire was required to submit an Efficiency Statement only annually; otherwise, it would have been required to submit one twice-yearly. The Government's requirements to identify cashable and non-cashable savings were rigorous; he invited members who did not support the current proposals to put forward realistic alternatives.

10) Proposed Cycleway Network for the Cambridge Southern Fringe Development

Councillor A C Kent, the local member, noted that she was also promoting the inclusion of a longer pedestrian route that would link development on the Cambridge Southern Fringe to the Gogs.

Other decisions

11) Summary Office Service Plans 2005/06

12) Contra-flow Cycling Facility: Corn Exchange Street/Wheeler Street, Cambridge

Councillor G Griffiths, the local member, expressed disappointment at the Cabinet's decision not to support at the current time the Cambridge City Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee's recommendations for a contra-flow cycling facility along Corn Exchange Street and Wheeler Street. She emphasised the importance of making safe provision for cyclists and urged all Cabinet members to visit the site.

Councillor N Harrison, C M Ballard and J L Huppert also expressed disappointment at the Cabinet's decision and emphasised that the contra-flow proposal was considered crucial to the success of the Grand Arcade scheme, as it would provide an important rear access for cyclists.

Councillor Huppert noted that cyclists would already be crossing the exit from the car park and that the stretch that would be affected by the contra-flow was separate.

Responding, the Lead Member for Sustainable Infrastructure, Councillor L J Oliver, Councillor S F Johnstone and the Leader of the Council, Councillor J K Walters, emphasised Cabinet's wish to bring forward a scheme that would operate safely for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. They emphasised that Cabinet had not yet made a final decision and wished to receive more detailed information before doing so.

13) Play Policy Framework: 'Time and Space to Play'

Other matters

14) Monitoring of Recommendations of Joint Review of Social Services

Councillor P Sales commented on the need to prioritise mental health services, particularly services relating to addictions and substance misuse.

Responding, Councillor J A Powley noted that these services had not been specifically highlighted by the Social Services Inspectorate and Audit Commission's Joint Review of Social Services and therefore did not feature in the action plan. He acknowledged that these were important services that were being considered in other forums.

15) Delegations from Cabinet to Cabinet Members and Officers

16) Property Disposals

17. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The annual reports of the Council's former Scrutiny Committees were presented to Council by the following members:

- Education, Libraries and Heritage Scrutiny Committee – Councillor S J E King as a member of the former Committee
- Environment and Transport Scrutiny Committee – the former Chairman, Councillor L W McGuire
- Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee/Social Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee – the former Chairman, Councillor J M Tuck
- Policy Scrutiny and Audit Committee – the former Chairman, Councillor P J Downes.

Each speaker paid tribute to the members of the former Committees, the Cabinet members who had contributed to their meetings and the officers who had supported them. Each speaker also drew attention to the issues highlighted in the annual reports for the attention of the successor Scrutiny Committees.

The following detailed issues relating to the annual reports were discussed:

General

- Commented on the need to involve stakeholders and members of the public more effectively in Scrutiny Committee meetings.
- Emphasised the need for Scrutiny Committees to consider areas of strong performance, as well as weaker performance, to recognise achievements and to enable good practice to be shared.
- Noted the need to consider underlying data as well as headline performance indicators – for example, schools' work on citizenship as well as educational attainment.
- Commented that effective scrutiny was not party political.
- Noted that Councillor L W McGuire had been appointed the Cabinet Liaison Member for Scrutiny and would continue to attend meetings of the Scrutiny Management Committee in a non-voting capacity.

Education, Libraries and Heritage Scrutiny Committee

- Councillor A C Kent urged the new Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee to consider the role of IT and information sharing in ensuring the successful integration of children's services.
- Councillor P J Downes asked the new Scrutiny Committee to consider youth provision, emphasising the need to engage with disaffected young people in both rural and urban areas.
- Councillor A K Melton expressed concern about falling educational attainment at 16+ in Fenland, noting that many young people in this age group were choosing to study outside Fenland. Councillor M Curtis noted that the recent OfSTED inspection of Sir Harry Smith had commented very favourably on the school's informal arrangement with Stanground for 16+ provision. He asked Cabinet to consider seriously the school's proposals to establish a sixth form.
- The Lead Member for Learning, Councillor V H Lucas, welcomed the Committee's constructive contributions. He advised that a subsequent re-inspection of the Youth Service by OfSTED had concluded that satisfactory or reasonable progress was being made in response to issues identified during the earlier inspection.

Environment and Transport Scrutiny Committee

- Councillor J L Huppert asked the new Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the use of Council bus subsidies. He also noted the delay to the introduction of real time bus information and sought assurance that this was not because officers had been otherwise employed on the guided bus scheme.
- Councillor A A Reid expressed concern that guided bus appeared neither in the Environment and Transport Scrutiny Committee's annual report nor in its recommendations for the future. He urged the new Committee to monitor this initiative closely. He also requested a written response setting out how much of the Council's own money had been spent on guided bus to date; how much of the Council's own money would be spent on guided bus in the future; the estimated running costs of the scheme, and what assurances there were that the operators would meet these; and the estimated expenditure of Section 106 monies on the scheme.

- Councillor J D Jenkins commented on the need for effective transport links to the north of Cambridge and to Northstowe, as well as to the centre of Cambridge.
- Councillor N Harrison, the Chairman designate of the new Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee, welcomed these comments and noted that she would be asking members to consider carefully the recommendations of the predecessor Committees. She also noted that she would be encouraging the Committee to look at renewable energy issues.
- Councillor S F Johnstone thanked members of the former Committee for their courteous approach to scrutiny. On real time bus information, she emphasised that the delay had been due to the need to wait for a national standard, and not because Cambridgeshire officers had been otherwise deployed. On guided bus, she noted that most of the past year had been spent preparing for and supporting the public inquiry, but that scrutiny members had previously been very much involved in discussions, and that she hoped they would continue to be so in future. She agreed to provide a written response to Councillor Reid's questions, noting that as far as she was aware, there was no intention to spend Council Tax payers' money on the scheme at any stage.

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee

- Councillor G J Heathcock, Chairman designate of the new Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, commented that he would be encouraging members to keep issues raised by the predecessor Committee under review, particularly those relating to the difficult financial positions of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust and of some Cambridgeshire PCTs.
- Councillor C M Ballard highlighted the important monitoring role of Scrutiny Committees in ensuring that Best Value and other reviews were properly followed through. He also commented on the need for effective integration by the new Committee of the workloads of the former Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and Social Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee; and for effective liaison between the new Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee.

Policy Scrutiny and Audit Committee

- Councillor P J Downes referred to the decision of the Council to establish a separate Audit and Accounts Committee to undertake part of the work of the former Committee.

18. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Members noted that no written questions had been submitted under Rule 9 of the Council Procedure Rules.

19. MOTIONS

Members noted that no motions had been submitted under Rule 10 of the Council Procedure Rules.

Chairman:

CABINET AND PORTFOLIOS 2005/06

POSITION	COUNCILLOR
Leader of the Council	J K Walters
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	J A Powley
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services	S F Johnstone
Lead Member for Inclusion	J M Tuck
Lead Member for Learning	V H Lucas
Lead Members for CYP Resources and Planning	D R Pegram
Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Services	J E Reynolds *
Lead Member for Sustainable Infrastructure	L J Oliver
Lead Member for Transport, Highways, Environment and Regulation	L W McGuire
Lead Member for Community Learning and Development and Adult Social Care	F H Yeulett

* Deputy Leader of the Council

Additional Cabinet responsibilities

Better Government for Older People	TBC
Best Value	TBC
Cabinet Scrutiny Liaison	L W McGuire

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

CORPORATE SERVICES (10)

Bradney M	C	Substitutes:	
Dutton J	C	Boddington B	C
King S (Chairman)	C	Butcher R	C
Shuter M	C	Curtis M	C
Harper G	C	Harty D	C
Smith M	C	Bell N	LD
Moss-Eccardt R	LD	Wilkins K	LD
Kindersley S	LD		
Williams H	LD		
Williamson M	LD		

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES (11)

Bates I (Chairman)	C	Substitutes:	
Boddington B	C	Bradney M	C
Hyams C	C	Farrer R	C
Kenney G	C	Kadić L	C
McCraith D	C	Shuter M	C
Melton A	C	Harrison N	LD
Bailey P	LD	Huppert J	LD
Batchelor J	LD		
Downes P	LD		
Toomey J	LD		
Hughes E	L		

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE (10)

Curtis M	C	Substitutes:	
Kadić L	C	Dutton J	C
Lee S	C	Hunt W	C
Reynolds K	C	Hyams C	C
Sims L	C	King S	C
Wilson L (Conservative Lead)	C	Bailey P	LD
Heathcock G (Chairman)	LD	Griffiths G	LD
Bean B	LD		
Wilkins K	LD		
Sales P	L		

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY (11)

Harty D (Conservative Lead)	C	Substitutes:	
Brown Sir Peter	C	Hardy B	C
Butcher R	C	Hyams C	C
Hunt W	C	Sims L	C
Ogden M	C	Turner R	C
West J	C	Moss-Eccardt R	LD
Harrison N (Chairman)	LD	Williams H	LD
Bell N	LD		
Crossley L	LD		
Jenkins D	LD		
Sales P	L		

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (7)

Bates I	C	Substitutes:	
Curtis M	C	Bradney M	C
Harty D	C	Hyams C	C
King S	C	Ogden M	C
Wilson L	C	Shuter M	C
Harrison N	LD	Huppert J	LD
Heathcock G	LD		

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (7)

Eddy J (Chairman)	C	Substitutes	
Hensley W	C	Bradney M	C
King S	C	Hunt W	C
Smith M	C	McCraith D	C
Broadway J	LD		
Jenkins D	LD		
Reid A	LD		

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4)

Vice Chairman of the Council	C
Eddy J	C
Heathcock G	LD
Vacancy	L

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	
King S	C	Curtis M	C
Powley J	C	Dutton J	C
Shuter M	C	Reynolds K	C
Stone T (Chairman)	LD	Turner R	C
Williamson M	LD	Downes P	LD
Ballard M	L	Huppert J	LD

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (3)

Walters J K (Chairman)	C	Substitutes	
Powley J	C	Huppert J	LD
Downes P	LD		

SERVICE APPEALS COMMITTEE (pool of 9)

King S	C
Hardy B	C
Hyams C	C
Lee S	C
Reynolds K	C
	C
Broadway J	LD
Giles S	LD
	LD

STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE (pool of 10)

King S	
Hardy B	C
Hyams C	C
Lee S	C
Reynolds K	C
	C
Williams H	LD
Giles S	LD
White D	LD
Ballard M	L

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AREA JOINT COMMITTEES

CAMBRIDGE (6)

Reynolds J	C	Substitute:	
Harrison N	LD	Johnstone S	C
Huppert J	LD	Kent A	LD
Reid A	LD	Moss-Eccardt R	LD
White D	LD		
Carter C	L		

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE (5)

Powley J (Conservative Lead)	C	Substitute:	
Shuter M	C	Hunt W	C
Bailey P	LD	Broadway J	LD
Bean B	LD	Crossley L	LD
Bell N	LD		

FENLAND (5)

Butcher T	C	Substitute:	
A Melton	C	Hardy B	C
S King	C	Sims L	C
Tuck J	C	West J	C
Yeulett F (Conservative Lead)	C		

HUNTINGDONSHIRE (6)

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

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE (5)

Reynolds J (Conservative Lead)	C	Substitute:	
Oliver L	C	Bradley M	
Smith M	C	Kenney G	
Jenkins D	LD	Wilson L	
Williamson M	LD	Batchelor J	LD

JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE POLICE AUTHORITY (3)

Johnstone S	C
Huppert J	LD
Ballard M	L

PAPWORTH JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (2)

Wilson L	C
Heathcock G	LD

SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

APPENDIX C

COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	CONTACT DETAILS	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2005-2009	COMMENTS
<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>Ms C Rogers-Jones CALC Secretary The Primrose Centre Primrose Lane Huntingdon Cambs PE29 1WG</p>	<p>Cllr M Shuter Cllr B Hardy Cllr Sir Peter Brown Cllr M Williamson</p>	
<p>Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority</p>	3	13	<p>Fiona Fuller Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority Hinchingsbrooke House Huntingdon Cambs</p>	<p>Cllrs: B Boddington T Butcher L McGuire A Melton L Oliver D Pegram G Harper M Smith G Heathcock S Giles S Kindersley H Williams C Carter</p>	<p>Proportionally representation is</p> <p>Conservative: 8 Lib Dem: 4 Lab: 1</p>
<p>Cambridgeshire Police Authority - Joint Committee Responsible for Making Appointments to the Police Authority</p>	As req	3	<p>Chris Harding Cambs Police Authority Attleborough Police Station London Road Attleborough Norfolk NR17 2DR</p>	<p>Cllrs: S Johnstone M Ballard J Huppert</p>	

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	CONTACT DETAILS	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2005-2009	COMMENTS
<i>Representatives appointed to the Cambridgeshire Police Authority</i>	6	7		Cllrs: I Bates J Tuck J Reynolds K Walters P Bailey J Broadway P Sales	
East of England Regional Assembly Europe Panel	1 minimum	1		Cllr J K Walters Cllrs: J K Walters	
ESPO Management Committee Future Accommodation Sub-Committee	1	3 As required	Mr Steve Martin Clerk to ESPO Management Committee Leicestershire County Council Glenfield Leicester LE3 8RA	Cllrs: J Powley R Moss Eccardt Cllr J Powley	
Local Government Association	8 – 10	4	Chief Executive Local Government Association Local Government House Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ	Cllrs: P Brown S Johnstone J Huppert Labour vacancy	

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	CONTACT DETAILS	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2005-2009	COMMENTS
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: J Powley B Boddington</p> <p>Cllrs: J Huppert S Lee</p>	
County Councils' Network Council <u>CCN Groups</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive • Children's Task Group 	8-10	4	Director County Councils Network Local Government House Smith Square London SW1P 3HZ	<p>Cllrs: S F Johnstone J K Walters J Huppert Labour vacancy</p> <p>Cllr J K Walters Cllr S Johnstone</p>	
Police Local Consultation Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge City (N) • Cambridge City (S) • Ely • Wisbech • March • Huntingdon • South Cambs/Histon • South Cambs/Sawston • St Neots • St Ives 	3-4	1 to each	Chris Harding Cambs Police Authority Attleborough Police Station London Road Attleborough Norfolk NR17 2DR	<p>Cllr K Wilkins Cllr G Heathcock Cllr P Bailey Cllr S King Cllr M Ogden Cllr P Downes Cllr D Jenkins Cllr T Stone</p> <p>Cllr S Giles Cllr K Reynolds</p>	

NAME OF BODY	MEETINGS PER ANNUM	REPS APPOINTED	CONTACT DETAILS	PROPOSED REPRESENTATIVES 2005-2009	COMMENTS
Resource, Regional Employers Organisation (East of England)	4	4	Mike Moyers Employers Secretary East of England Local Government Conference Flempton House Flempton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP38 6EG	Cllrs: L Oliver J Powley D White P Sales	
Reserve Forces and Cadets Assoc. for East Anglia	2	1	Reserve Forces and cadets Association for East Anglia' Springfield Tyrells 205 Springfield Road Chelmsford Essex CM2 6BU pssec@reserve-forces-anglia.org	Cllr V Lucas	

APPOINTMENT OF OPPOSITION GROUP LEADERS AND SPOKES 2005/06

Position	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Group Leader	J Huppert	M Ballard
Deputy Group Leader	J Broadway	C Carter
Environment and Community Spokesman Deputy #	A Reid TBC	E Hughes -
Children and Young People's Services Spokesman Deputy #	A Kent TBC	M Ballard -
Corporate Services Spokesman	P Downes	M Ballard *
Strategic Planning (informal)	A Reid	E Hughes
Development Control (informal)	J Broadway	M Ballard
Fire (informal)	G Heathcock	C Carter

* To maintain overview/watching brief in his capacity as Group Leader

Liberal Democrat Group only