

# **COUNCIL MEETING**

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## **AGENDA**

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**21st July 2020**

**Virtual Meeting**

# CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The meeting of the County Council will be held on Tuesday 21st July 2020 at 10.30a.m.

### COVID-19

During the Covid-19 pandemic Council and Committee meetings will be held virtually for Committee members and for members of the public who wish to participate. These meetings will be held via Zoom and Microsoft Teams (for confidential or exempt items). For more information please contact the clerk for the meeting (details provided below).

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## A G E N D A

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Apologies for Absence

1. Minutes – 19th May 2020 (previously circulated)  
[available at [County Council meeting 19/05/2020](#)]
2. Chairman's Announcements (oral)
3. Declarations of Interests (oral)  
  
[Guidance for Councillors on declaring interests is available at <http://tinyurl.com/cc-c-conduct-code>]
4. Public Question Time (oral)  
  
*To receive and respond to questions from members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.3. and the Council's Virtual Meeting Protocol*
5. Petitions (oral)  
  
*To receive petitions from the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.4. and the Council's Virtual Meeting Protocol*
6. Items for Determination from General Purposes Committee
  - Treasury Management Report – (pages 10-12)  
Quarter Four Update 2019-20
7. Constitution and Ethics Committee Recommendations to Full Council – Decision Review Process (pages 13-14)

**(a) Motion from Councillor Steve Tierney**

In light of the current difficulties and restrictions due to Coronavirus it is difficult for the public to hear, to voice and to be heard when they have strong opinions on a subject that affects their lives. Therefore it is vital that we as a council act now to highlight our concerns, so that despite the impacts of Coronavirus the Public are aware that we still are actively opposing this proposal.

This Council understands that there is a proposal to build an Incinerator Facility in Wisbech.

**Incinerators can be wasteful.** They can burn much of what is otherwise recyclable and their demand for fuel can sometimes result in a reduction in recycling due to their need to bid for more and more waste at a specific calorific value to feed the 24 hour combustion process. This means that it is possible for incineration to lead to a reduction in recycling and can discourage efforts to preserve resources. This is contrary to the waste hierarchy that seeks to avoid the production of waste in the first instance, followed by re-use and recycling ahead of any disposal methods.

**Waste Incineration is not a truly renewable source of energy.** Incinerator companies are marketing “waste-to-energy” as a source of renewable energy but unlike other renewables the fuel does not come from infinite natural processes. On the contrary, it is sourced from finite resources.

**Burning waste produces emissions.** Burning waste has to be carefully controlled and even the most advanced technologies cannot guarantee the capture of all particulate matter (fine pollutants), so there is still the chance that air, soil and water can be contaminated, with some of the pollutants having the potential to end up entering the food chain.

**Burning waste often creates less employment opportunities than recycling.** Incinerators offer relatively few jobs when compared to recycling. The large footprint of a huge Incinerator could clearly produce more jobs as a regular manufacturing space. Other than at the construction phase, the idea that the Incinerator is a valuable job creator for local people is questionable.

**The World is embracing Zero Waste, and Incineration should be seen as a backwards step.** “Waste-to-energy” is often described as a good way to extract energy from resources, but if the waste burnt is capable of being recycled

it works against the circular economy, and against the fundamental principles of the waste hierarchy. For those that are concerned about Climate Change, this proposal could therefore contribute to Climate Change, both from the facility itself and the necessary road mileage required to source the necessary feedstock to run it – all at a time when this Council has declared a climate emergency.

**Wisbech Roads will be heavily affected.** An Incinerator of the size proposed is likely to create hundreds of additional large lorry journeys daily creating significant additional congestion and wear and tear on already busy roads.

**Wisbech Rail is under threat.** Wisbech's long held hope to re-open its rail line has been championed by the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the local MP and all local Councils. Millions of pounds have been invested to get to the current point. The proposed location of the Incinerator limits the potential options for a new rail station and may cut off part of the potential route it could take.

In 2019, Wisbech Town Council's motion to oppose the Incinerator project met with nearly unanimous support, as did the February 2020 Fenland District Council motion. An original local campaign opposing the Incinerator has since been joined by a second Campaign doing the same thing. Rallies, public meetings and large campaigns have taken place, and many Environmental Groups are opposed to incineration due to the issues already discussed. The local public are overwhelmingly opposed to the building of an Incinerator in Wisbech.

The Incinerator proposal is of such a large size that it bypasses the usual Planning route through local Councils and instead will be decided directly at Government level. This means the County Council will be a statutory consultee, but will not be the decision maker in this instance.

It is important that local people see that the elected councillors of Cambridgeshire County Council understand the strength of public opinion against the Incinerator and that they are willing to stand up and be counted in the campaign to try and prevent it ever happening.

This Council states that:

1. We do not support the construction of an incinerator in Wisbech.
2. We will use all legal powers and avenues available to us to oppose any plans to build any Incinerators in Wisbech.

3. We will write to the Secretary of State to make clear our opposition to these plans.

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

**(b) Motion from Councillor Peter McDonald**

The Council notes that:

- With only 6 months to go until the UK leaves the European Union (EU), the National Farmers Union (NFU) is urging the government to back up its assurances to uphold British farming's high production standards post-Brexit with firm actions.
- NFU President Minette Batters wrote in January to the then Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Theresa Villiers, asking her to establish a Trade, Food & Farming Standards Commission to ensure the UK's future trade policy does not undermine British farming's high environmental and animal welfare standards.
- At the NFU's Conference in February, former Defra Secretary Michael Gove agreed to the NFU's request to introduce the commission but the body has yet to be established.

The Council further notes that:

- It is proposed that the prospects of a trade deal between the UK and the USA be negotiated quickly, and both the US government and the US food industry have been clear that they expect existing regulatory barriers relating to standards of production to be removed. The Trade Bill 2020 is currently before Parliament.
- Alongside this, in the event of a no-deal by January 2021 the UK government plans to reduce import tariffs on nearly all imports of agricultural products, effectively removing the only protection that currently prevents food which has been produced to lower standards coming into the UK.
- British farmers are proud to produce to some of the highest standards of animal welfare, environmental protection and food safety in the world. Yet, even if we leave the EU with a deal, there is a very real risk that we will have to compete with food imports that have been produced using methods and products that would be

illegal on British farms. This would not only be a betrayal of our values but of British farmers whose businesses would be undercut, as with lower standards comes lower costs of production.

- While the government has consistently said it has no intention of allowing the UK's high standards of production to be undermined in future trade deals with the US for example, there has been little detail about how it will back up this commitment.

This Council:

- calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Defra welcoming and supporting the proposal for a Trade and Agriculture Commission at the Department of International Trade and calling for its powers to be made statutory as part of the Trade Bill currently before Parliament.

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

Council notes:

- US Police officers have been charged with the murder of George Floyd on 25th May 2020.
- Previous racially aggravated murders, crimes and mistreatment of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people in the US, UK and beyond, including but not limited to Stephen Lawrence, Daren Cumberbatch, Julian Cole, Joy Gardner, Adrian Thompson, Mark Duggan, Cherry 'Dorothy' Groce, Edson Da Costa, Rashan Charles, Michael Powell, Nuno Cardoso, Adrian McDonald, Olaseni Lewis, Daniel Adewole, Trevor Smith, Sarah Reed, Jermaine Baker, Sheku Bayoh, Kevin Clarke, Leon Briggs, Anthony Grainger, Kingsley Burrell, Jacob Michael, Mzee Mohammed Daley, Derek Bennett, Azelle Rodney, and Sean Rigg.
- BAME people are 54% more likely than white people to be fined under the new coronavirus lockdown laws.
- In the UK 26% of instances of police using firearms are against Black people, despite Black people making up only 3.3% of the population.
- 51% of young men in custody in the UK are from Black, Asian or minority ethnic backgrounds, despite these

groups making up only 14% of the UK population.

- Around two thirds of healthcare staff who have died as a result of COVID-19 are from a BAME background whereas they make up 20% of the overall workforce.
- Black people are significantly more targetted for stop and suspiciousless search than white people.

Council believes:

- Racism in all forms, both structural and in individuals is a serious problem in the UK and in Cambridgeshire.
- Although progress has been made in combating racism, work to eradicate it entirely is far from complete.
- Every Local Authority has a responsibility to meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and associated public sector equality duty, and this Council has addressed this by developing the Single Equalities Strategy 2018-22 which was endorsed by Full Council.

Council notes the importance for public confidence of identifiable immediate action, and therefore within the next six months resolves to:

1. Write to the Minister for Schools and local MPs, asking them to provide resources to schools to support them in providing further historical context for events normally only seen through the lens of white British history.
2. Conduct an audit of street names and any public monuments this Council is responsible for which name individuals or organisations explicitly associated with the slave trade, and bring a report to the relevant committee with suggested remedial actions. These actions should take note of the LGA best practise advice in this area: <http://www.local.gov.uk/responding-calls-public-realm-changes>
3. Ask the Combined Authority to produce a toolkit for businesses to help broaden their understanding of race inequality in the workplace, including but not limited to materials, signposts to relevant local groups and training that can be provided for staff, and links to relevant networks. This Council to share our best practise to help with this goal.
4. Report on the BAME pay gap within the pay gap report, explicitly breaking down by minority group within BAME.

On a long term basis Council believes there is the need

further address racism, and therefore resolves to, over time

5. Ask the police to report on what measures have been put in place to reduce the disproportionality of BAME people affected by the use of stop and search powers and how often are these measures are reviewed, and to provide a regular report on their web site as to initiatives and progress.
6. Consult with BAME communities over other monuments and street names that they identify as having possible racist connections and bring a report back to committee to discuss what actions, if any, to take.
7. Instruct Council Officers to incorporate a trial of the 'name-blind' model of recruitment in the upcoming review of recruitment practises when recruiting new employees.
8. Ask the Cambridgeshire library service to provide further prominence and content and events on BAME history and culture in Council Libraries, including continuing to celebrate Black History Month in conjunction with the districts.
9. Adopt an actively anti-racist outlook within areas we have influence, by routinely calling for transparent reporting and continuous monitoring of the impact of these organisations on the BAME community.

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**(d) Motion from Councillor Elisa Meschini**

Council notes:

- On 17th March 2020 the Government issued Hospital Discharge Requirements to all NHS trusts across England and this led to elderly patients being very quickly discharged from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough hospitals into Care Home settings without the level of infection control required to prevent spread of the virus or requirement to properly test all patients before discharge.
- Some care homes and their staff were not properly prepared nor trained to receive these older people, nor had the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or safe procedures been provided and the lives of other care home residents and care home staff were then put at risk of infection.



- Since then and as of 2nd July 2020, 69 out of 131 care homes in Cambridgeshire have reported an outbreak.
- As of 26th June 2020, 127 deaths were reported in Cambridgeshire care homes, where Covid-19 was quoted as the cause of death on the death certificate (43 in Cambridge, 16 in East Cambridgeshire, 16 in Fenland, 32 in Huntingdonshire and 20 in South Cambridgeshire), and 538 deaths were reported to have occurred in Cambridgeshire care homes to the Care Quality Commission by home care managers, indicating a large number of excess deaths.

Cambridgeshire County Council resolves to initiate efforts to work together with agencies including Public Health England (PHE) and the District and City Councils on a specific independent report covering Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on what happened to cause excess care home deaths between March and June 2020, how and where the infection arrived into care homes from, and the lessons learnt.

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#### 9. Questions:

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

(oral)

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

Dated 13th July 2020



Fiona McMillan  
Monitoring Officer

**TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER FOUR UPDATE 2019-20**

*To:* Council

*Meeting Date:* 21st July 2020

*From:* Chief Finance Officer

*Electoral division(s):* All

*Purpose:* Council is asked to consider the Treasury Management Quarter Four Report for 2019-20 and amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy.

*Recommendation:* General Purposes Committee recommends that Full Council:

- a) Note the Treasury Management Quarter Four Report for 2019-20.

Full Council is also recommended to:

- b) Agree the amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy set out in this report, and delegate any other consequential or technical amendments associated with Multi Class Credit to the Chief Finance Officer.

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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At its meeting on 2nd June 2020, the General Purposes Committee considered the Treasury Management Quarter Four report for 2019-20. A copy of the report discussed by the General Purposes Committee and the minutes of the meeting are available via the following link: [General Purposes Committee meeting 02/06/2020](#)
- 1.2 At the meeting, General Purposes Committee agreed the following recommendations:
  - a) Note the Treasury Management Quarter Four Report for 2019-20 and forward to Full Council to note.
  - b) Permit the Chief Finance Officer to propose amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy to the July Full Council, in accordance with section 5.11 of this report and as selection of a multi-class credit fund manager progresses.

## 2. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- 2.1 Section 5.11 of the report to General Purposes Committee sets out that an investment in Multi Class Credit, considered and recommended by the Commercial and Investment Committee, requires an amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy, which is the responsibility of Full Council.
- 2.2 The Treasury Management Strategy is available at the following link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Section-7-Treasury-Management-Strategy-2020-2021.pdf>
- 2.3 The most recent report on this matter to Commercial & Investment Committee is available at: <https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1314/Committee/31/Default.aspx>
- 2.4 Pursuant to that recommendation, and the delegation by General Purposes Committee to the Chief Finance Officer, it is proposed that the following amendments are made to the Treasury Management Strategy:

Adding the following text to page 32 (Creditworthiness policy):

**“Investments held in a multi-class credit fund are diversified across investment grade and high-yielding credit in accordance with the Council’s treasury management objectives and appetite for risk”**

**“The Council makes arrangements for monitoring of the more ‘liquid’ non-specified investments through professional advice, including from an independent investment advisor, from time-to-time. These arrangements are overseen by the Investment Group established by the Commercial & Investment Committee”**

- 2.5 Adding the following listing to page 39 of the Strategy (Non-Specified Investments):

<b>Collective Investment Scheme</b>	<b>Minimum High Credit Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Amount</b>
<b>Multi Class Credit Funds</b>	<b>Considered on individual basis</b>	<b>£20m</b>

- 2.6 Adding the following text to page 39 of the Strategy (Investments defined as capital expenditure):

**“The Council’s investment in Multi Class Credit Funds are not to be treated as capital expenditure, as a collective investment scheme recognised under section 264 of Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, in accordance with the statutory exemption”**

- 2.7 Listing the delegation of the investment management of the Multi Class Credit Fund to **Allianz Global Investors GmbH (and UK Branch)**

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Listed in the report	Links in the report

**DECISION REVIEW PROCESS**

*To:* Council

*Meeting Date:* 21st July 2020

*From:* Director of Governance and Legal Services and  
Monitoring Officer

*Electoral division(s):* All

*Purpose:* To consider changes to the Decision Review Procedure  
rules set out in the Council's Constitution.

*Recommendation:* That full Council:

- a) approves an increase in the number of members of General Purposes Committee required to initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee from eight to nine; and
- b) authorises the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairwoman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, to make any other minor or consequential amendments to the Constitution necessary for, or incidental to, the implementation of these proposals.

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 As set out in Part 3B – Responsibility for Functions, Committees of Council, General Purposes Committee, eight members of General Purposes Committee may initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee by submitting a request for review to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of three full working days from the date on which the decision notice was published.

## **2. MAIN ISSUES**

- 2.1 The figure of eight members of General Purposes Committee initiating a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee was based on half the membership of the Committee – 15. Following the decision of full Council, on 19 May 2020, to increase the membership of General Purposes Committee to 17, it is proposed that the figure for initiating a review should be increased to nine.
- 2.2 The Constitution and Ethics Committee met on 30 June 2020 and agreed by a majority to recommend this change to full Council.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Constitution	<a href="https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccclive/Documents/PublicDocuments.aspx">https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccclive/Documents/PublicDocuments.aspx</a>