

COUNTY COUNCIL: MINUTES

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Date: Tuesday 11th February 2020

Time: 10:30am – 2:25pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors:

M McGuire (Chairman)

L Every (Vice-Chairwoman)

D Ambrose Smith	D Giles	L Nieto
B Ashwood	M Goldsack	K Reynolds
A Bailey	J Gowing	C Richards
H Batchelor	L Harford	T Rogers
I Bates	N Harrison	T Sanderson
C Boden	A Hay	J Schumann
A Bradnam	R Hickford	J Scutt
S Bywater	M Howell	M Shellens
D Connor	P Hudson	M Shuter
A Costello	B Hunt	M Smith
S Count	D Jenkins	A Taylor
S Crawford	L Jones	S Taylor
S Criswell	N Kavanagh	S van de Ven
P Downes	S Kindersley	J Williams
L Dupre	S King	J Wisson
J French	I Manning	T Wotherspoon
R Fuller	E Meschini	
I Gardener	L Nethsingha	

Apologies: Councillors:

K Cuffley	S Tierney	J Whitehead
S Hoy	D Wells	G Wilson

198. MINUTES – 19TH DECEMBER 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

199. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made a number of announcements, as set out in **Appendix A**, and following tributes by Councillors Downes and Scutt a minute silence was observed for former County Councillor Christine Carter and Professor Alan Rodger, the Vice-Chairman of the Schools Forum.

200. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reported that the Monitoring Officer had exercised her discretion to grant a dispensation to all elected members of Cambridgeshire County Council taking part in the debate on the Council's Business Plan.

There were no other declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct

201. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman reported that one question had been received from a member of the public, as set out in **Appendix B**.

202. PETITIONS

The Chairman reported that no petitions had been received from members of the public.

203. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

It was moved by the Chairwoman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, Councillor Every, and seconded by Councillor Hickford, that the recommendation from the Constitution and Ethics Committee, as set out in the report on the Council agenda, be approved.

It was resolved by majority to:

Approve the amendments to the Constitution, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report, and the revised Contract Procedure Rules available at the following link: [Constitution and Ethics Committee meeting 14/01/2020](#).

[Voting pattern: Conservatives and 2 Independents in favour; Liberal Democrats, 4 Labour and 1 Independent against; 2 Labour abstained]

[Following the closure of the vote, Councillors Crawford and Richards indicated that they had voted in error in abstaining and requested that the record should show that they had meant to vote against.]

204. COUNCIL'S BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET PROPOSALS 2020-21 TO 2024-25

It was moved by the Chairman of Council, Councillor McGuire, and seconded by the Vice-Chairwoman of Council, Councillor Every, and resolved unanimously to suspend any standing orders in connection with the Business Plan debate in order to accommodate the procedure agreed by the Council's Group Leaders.

It was moved by the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Count, and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hickford, that the recommendations from the General Purposes Committee, as set out in the report on the Council agenda, be approved. In moving the report, the Chairman paid thanks to every officer involved in the Business Planning process.

The Chairman invited the Leaders of the Groups to make their opening statements on the Business Plan.

The Chairman then opened the debate on all sections of the Business Plan and invited amendments to the overall budget proposals.

The following Conservative amendment was proposed by Councillor Count and seconded by Councillor Hickford:

Delete recommendations 1, 2 and 3:

General Purposes Committee recommends that Full Council:

- ~~1. Approves the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in section 3 of the Business Plan.~~
- ~~2. Gives consideration to a total county budget requirement and precept level~~
- ~~3. Gives consideration to a Council Tax for each Band of property, based on the number of "Band D" equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the District Councils as set out in section 2, Table 6.4 of the Business Plan.~~

Replace recommendations 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

- 1a Approve the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan, to be balanced and amended with the following adjustments:

Revised budget gap as proposed £000		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Permanent change by year £000		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
b	Additional highway condition and maintenance investment	+366	-	-	-	+1,000
c	£16m capital Environmental Fund to decarbonise Council properties	+32	+174	+141	+139	+138
d	£5m capital fund to invest in Cambridgeshire's Communities	+50	+173	-3	-3	-3
e	£200k increase in Local Highways Improvement Schemes	+200	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after new commitments		4,677	5,183	7,969	11,046	11,824
<i>Financing adjustments</i>						
f	General Council tax at 1.59% rather than 0% for 2020/21	-4,677	-318	-185	-191	-191
Revised budget gap after financing adjustments		0	4,865	7,784	10,855	11,633

- 2a Approve a total county budget requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £841,673,000 as set out in Section 2 Table 6.1 of the Business Plan.
- 2b Approve a recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £313,872,175.37, as set out in Section 2, Table 6.3 of the Business Plan (to be received in ten equal instalments in accordance with the fall-back provisions of the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1995).
- 3 Approve a Council Tax for each Band of property, based on the number of “Band D” equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the District Councils (230,927.6), as set out in Section 2, Table 6.4 of the Business Plan reflecting a 2% ASC precept increase and a 1.59% increase in the Basic Council Tax precept:

Band	Ratio	Amount (£)
A	6/9	906.12
B	7/9	1,057.14
C	8/9	1,208.16
D	9/9	1,359.18
E	11/9	1,661.22
F	13/9	1,963.26
G	15/9	2,265.30
H	18/9	2,718.36

- 4 Increase the current capital programme by adding the following to recommendation 4:
- Create a £16m capital environmental pot in order to invest in projects in support of the Council’s stated position on the climate emergency
 - Create a £5m pot that will help to deliver a range of community based investments that support the Council’s aspiration of “Making Cambridgeshire a great place to live”
 - Invest a further £6.366m in highway infrastructure

Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was carried.

*[The voting record is attached as **Appendix C**]*

[Following the closure of the vote, Councillor Richards indicated that she had voted in error in abstaining and requested that the record should show that she had meant to vote against.]

The following Liberal Democrat amendment was proposed by Councillor Nethsingha and seconded by Councillor Jenkins:

Replace recommendations 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

1a Approve the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan, to be balanced and amended with the following adjustments:

Revised budget gap as proposed £000		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
		0	4,865	7,784	10,855	11,633
Permanent change by year £000		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
b	Additional highway condition and maintenance investment	+366	-	-	-	+1,000
c	£16m capital Environmental Fund to decarbonise Council properties	+32	+174	+141	+139	+138
d	£5m capital fund to invest in Cambridgeshire's Communities	+50	+173	-3	-3	-3
e	£200k increase in Local Highways Improvement Schemes	+200	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after Conservative commitments removed		-648	4,518	7,646	10,719	10,498
b	General Council tax at 1.99% rather than 1.59% for 2020/21	-1,170	-74	-41	-42	-42
Revised budget gap after financing adjustments		-1,818	4,444	7,605	10,677	10,456
<i>Additional Savings</i>						
c	Reduce the number of committees	-53	-	-	-	-
d	Reduce the SRAs paid to chairs and vice-chairs	-49	-	-	-	-
e	Remove the Area Champion role	-20	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after additional savings		-1,940	4,444	7,605	10,677	10,456
<i>Additional spending commitments</i>						
f	Adult Social Care financial support fund	+250	-	-	-	-
g	Civil Parking Enforcement trial	+20	-	-	-	-
h	Junior Travel Ambassadors	+40	-	-	-	-
i	Children's Centres and Early Years	+500	-	-	-	-
j	Local Highways Officer disposable budgets	+500	-	-	-	-
k	Youth Services	+120	-	-	-	-
l	Accelerated phase-out of oil/gas on CCC property	+220	-	-	-	-
m	Expansion of out-of-hours bus services and cross-company bus ticketing	+290	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after additional savings		0	4,444	7,605	10,677	10,456

- 2a Approve a total county budget requirement in respect of general expenses applicable to the whole County area of £842,879,000 as set out in Section 2 Table 6.1 of the Business Plan.
- 2b Approve a recommended County Precept for Council Tax from District Councils of £315,077,617.44, as set out in Section 2, Table 6.3 of the Business Plan (to be received in ten equal instalments in accordance with the fall-back provisions of the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1995).
- 3 Approve a Council Tax for each Band of property, based on the number of “Band D” equivalent properties notified to the County Council by the District Councils (230,927.6), as set out in Section 2, Table 6.4 of the Business Plan reflecting a 2% ASC precept increase and a 1.99% increase in the Basic Council Tax precept:

Band	Ratio	Amount (£)
A	6/9	909.60
B	7/9	1,061.20
C	8/9	1,212.80
D	9/9	1,364.40
E	11/9	1,667.60
F	13/9	1,970.80
G	15/9	2,274.00
H	18/9	2,728.80

- 4 Increase the current capital programme by adding the following to recommendation 4:
- ~~Create a £16m capital environmental pot in order to invest in projects in support of the Council’s stated position on the climate emergency~~
 - ~~Create a £5m pot that will help to deliver a range of community based investments that support the Council’s aspiration of “Making Cambridgeshire a great place to live”~~
 - ~~Invest a further £6.366m in highway infrastructure~~

Add an additional recommendation as follows:

- 8 Create a Climate Change Action fund by transferring £10m from the Transformation Fund.

Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was lost.

*[The voting record is attached as **Appendix D**].*

The following Labour amendment was moved by Councillor Meschini and seconded by Councillor Scutt:

Replace recommendations 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

1a Approve the Service/Directorate budget allocations as set out in each Service/Directorate table in Section 3 of the Business Plan, to be balanced and amended with the following adjustments:

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		0	4,865	7,784	10,855	11,633
Permanent change by year £000		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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e	£200k increase in Local Highways Improvement Schemes	+200	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after Conservative commitments removed		-648	4,518	7,646	10,719	10,498
<i>Labour spending commitments</i>						
b	£116k capital funding for two additional Local Highways staff	+1	+7	+13	+18	+23
c	£2m capital funding for repairs to roads, footpaths and cycleways	+20	+89	+88	+87	+86
d	Funding to support implementation of the 'Health in All Policies' Agenda	+80	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after Labour spending commitments		-547	4,614	7,747	10,824	10,607
<i>Removal of Adults savings</i>						
e	Learning Disabilities Commissioning	+250	-	-	-	-
f	Adults Positive Challenge Programme	+3,800	-	-	-	-
g	Review of commissioned domiciliary care	+300	-	-	-	-
h	Client Contributions Policy Change	+1,400	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after Adults savings removed		5,203	4,614	7,747	10,824	10,607
<i>Removal of Children's savings</i>						
i	Youth Justice / Youth Support	+30	-	-	-	-
j	Children in Care - Placement composition and reduction in numbers	+3,134	-	-	-	-
k	Early Help offer within Children's services	+750	-	-	-	-
l	Children in Care Stretch Target - Demand Management	+1,500	-	-	-	-

m	Children's Disability 0-25 Service	+50	-	-	-	-
n	Utilisation of Education Grants	+50	-	-	-	-
o	Review of Education support functions	+171	-	-	-	-
p	Home to School Transport	+600	-	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after Children's savings removed		11,488	4,614	7,747	10,824	10,607
<i>Financing adjustments</i>						
q	Increase Council tax by 1.99% in 2020-21 instead of 1.59%	-1,170	-74	-41	-42	-42
r	Permanent allocation of MRP to the budget gap	-2,000	-	-	-	-
s	Apply Transformation Funding to close the budget gap	-8,318	+8,318	-	-	-
Revised budget gap after financing adjustments		0	12,858	7,706	10,782	10,565

The application of £8.3m Transformation Funding to close the 2020-21 budget gap will leave an estimated Transformation Fund balance of £13.0m as at March 2021. The current value of outstanding commitments on the Transformation Fund is £5.3m.

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- Increase capital expenditure by £116k per year from 2020-21 to 2024-25 to fund two additional Local Highways staff
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Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was lost.

*[The voting record is attached as **Appendix E**].*

In opening the debate on the main Business Plan, the Chairman invited all Policy and Service Committee Chairmen/women to speak if they so wished.

Following further discussion, the substantive motion on being put to the vote was carried.

*[The voting record is attached as **Appendix F**].*

It was resolved to:

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- 4 Approve the Capital Strategy as set out in section 6 of the Business Plan including:
- Commitments from schemes already approved;
 - Expenditure on new schemes in 2020-21 shown in summary in section 2, Table 6.7 of the Business Plan;

And increase the current capital programme as follows:

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- 5 **Approve the Treasury Management Strategy as set out in Section 7 of the Business Plan, including:**
 - i. **The Council’s policy on the making of the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.**
 - ii. **The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2020- 21 (as required by the Local Government Act 2003).**
 - iii. **The Investment Strategy for 2020-21 as required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2018, and the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix 3 of Section 7 of the Business Plan.**
- 6 **Endorse the priorities and opportunities as set out in the Strategic Framework including the addition of the new priority – “Net Zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050”.**
- 7 **Authorise the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make technical revisions to the Business Plan, including the foregoing recommendations to the County Council, so as to take into account any changes deemed appropriate, including updated information on District Council Tax Base and Collection Funds, Business Rates forecasts and Collection Funds and any grant changes.**

205. QUESTIONS

(a) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Council Procedure Rule 9.1)

One question was submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9.1 of the Council’s Constitution, as set out in **Appendix G**.

(b) Written Questions (Council Procedure Rule 9.2)

No questions were submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9.2.

Chairman
17th March 2020

COUNTY COUNCIL – 11TH FEBRUARY 2020

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLE

Former County Councillor Christine Carter

It is with regret that the Chairman reports the recent death of former County Councillor Christine Carter who represented the Cherry Hinton Division on behalf of the Labour Party from 2001 to 2013. She was also a member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority from June 2001 to May 2009. The Chairman on behalf of the Council has written to Mrs Carter's family to express the Council's condolences.

The Council's thoughts are with her family and friends at this very sad time.

Professor Alan Rodger

It is also with regret that the Chairman reports the recent death of Professor Alan Rodger. Alan was a retired Director of the British Antarctic Survey. He had been involved in the leadership and management of national and international science organisations for thirty years. He was also a governor and trustee at schools in Cambridgeshire and a member of the Cambridgeshire Schools Forum from 18 November 2005 until his death acting as Vice-Chairman for much of this period.

The Council's thoughts are with his family and friends at this very sad time.

MESSAGES

Chairman's Engagements

The Chairman was delighted to welcome His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on Tuesday 28 January, when His Royal Highness visited the world famous Whittle Laboratory in Cambridge where he enjoyed a tour of the laboratory facilities. The Prince of Wales launched the National Centre for Propulsion and Power during his visit. The Centre aims to accelerate the development of decarbonisation technologies.

On the 16 January the Chairman with the Chief Executive represented Cambridgeshire County Council at the Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Sir Michael Marshall CBE DL, and on Saturday, 25 January the Chairman attended the Royal British Legion County Conference.

The Chairman and Chief Executive along with other Members and Officers of Cambridgeshire County Council attended the annual Peppercorn Lunch at Marshalls on Thursday 6 February."

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	<p>Mr Alex Skinner Local Resident</p> <p>(Mr Skinner was unable to attend the meeting so his written question was dealt with in his absence)</p>	<p>Councillor Joshua Schumann, Chairman of Commercial and Investment Committee</p>	<p>Many residents in West Chesterton, Arbury and Castle and indeed in Cambridge and Cambridgeshire are concerned to ensure free and open access in perpetuity to the Wessex Lane cut through [from McGrath Avenue to Huntingdon Road and Castle Street, running behind Shire Hall]. This cut through is a key thoroughfare for pedestrians and cyclists from Castle, Arbury and West Chesterton making their way to shop, worship, get to work and school, catch the bus and go to Castle Mound, Shire Hall and the green forecourt. It is a well used thoroughfare to and from the City Centre. A recent residents' survey recorded that the average number of journeys made on foot or by cycle on a weekday, and based on a sample of six hours at different times of the day, was two journeys per minute.</p> <p>The footpath is not a right of way. The Council advises there are 'permissive rights of public access' only. Residents are concerned that the leasing of Shire Hall and associated buildings for development by Brookgate (the railway station area developers) may jeopardise access or that, in any event, access is not necessarily protected.</p> <p>Can the County Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) explain the current legal position on public access to the Wessex place cut through and b) work with all those that have an interest in the Wessex Place footpath to ensure that public access to the Wessex Place footpath from McGrath Avenue is protected in perpetuity by agreeing to make it a right of way.

	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Councillor Joshua Schumann, Chairman of Commercial and Investment Committee	Mr Alex Skinner Local Resident	<p>Thank you Chairman, and I do intend to respond to Mr Skinner's question in writing in his absence, however the Council and the public have seen Mr Skinner's question, so I will give a short verbal response today, if I may Chairman.</p> <p>In responding to your question, may I start by saying I think there is little more that I think this Council could do to clarify the position than it has done so in the past, both in this Chamber and in numerous press releases, which can still be read on our Council website.</p> <p>Despite this, Chairman, I will respond and thank Mr Skinner for his question, which has been published and is available. As I have suggested, although we believe that the issues highlighted by Mr Skinner's question have been clarified previously by the Council, the fact that this question is with us today reinforces the concerns that some Members in this Chamber continue to cause local residents unnecessary angst by misleading their local residents.</p> <p>For the record therefore can I confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the footpath between Shire Hall and Magrath Avenue is not a public right of way. The Council does hold a permissive right of access across the land on this path that is not in their ownership. Although not totally in their control, the Council has no intention, and never had, of agreeing to any changes in the permissive rights that exist. Although any such rights would have passed to a third party on the sale of the site, as the Council is not selling the site, this matter is irrelevant. <p>In relation to Mr Skinner's second question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • anyone can apply for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) to register a public right of way under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; • the applicant sends evidence to the Order Making Authority – which in this case is the County Council; • The Order Making Authority will consider this evidence, contacts the landowners for further evidence to support or to rebut the claim, consult other Councils and user groups, undertakes public consultation and interviews the claimants.

			<p>As the Council does not hold any evidence to support such a claim, it does not think it appropriate to make any such application, but I am happy to provide Mr Skinner with the links on the Council's website that will guide him through the process should he so wish to do so.</p> <p>Whilst not directly related to Mr Skinner's question, can I take this opportunity to re-state that the Council is not selling the freehold of Shire Hall, and therefore the statutory protections of the Scheduled Ancient Monument will be maintained. The residents of and visitors to Cambridge will continue to enjoy access to the Mound and the area in front of Shire Hall. The plans we have not only maintain public access but will enhance it – could I therefore ask that the two local members to start to provide accurate information to their residents in the future. I have avoided being pointed, Mr Chairman, in previous comments, and have tried to avoid joining in this political ball game that some Members wish to make of it, but the Labour Members have made this issue so sadly political that I feel the time has passed to not point this out.</p> <p>Chairman, I wish to place on record that the behaviour of a couple of Labour councillors in trying to mislead and perturb the public is unacceptable, and nothing more than political manoeuvring. I'm nearly there Chairman, but I do feel that this issue has been brought up time and time again by the behaviour of a few Councillors, so I wish to just finish off by saying that this is nothing more than political manoeuvring in order to proclaim at some point that "we saved Shire Hall" when the reality was that it was never at risk. This behaviour is unacceptable and the members involved in causing this angst should be ashamed. Comments such as "<i>the County Council are not willing to make a clear statement guaranteeing free and open access</i>" by these Members is unhelpful and must stop. This Council do not require convincing about maintaining public access as we never had plans to restrict it.</p>
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Agenda Item 7 – Council’s Business Plan and Budget Proposals 2020-21 to 2024-25

Recorded Vote for Conservative Budget Amendment

COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote	COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote
AMBROSE-SMITH D	Con	X				HUNT W T I	Con	X			
ASHWOOD B	Lib Dem		X			JENKINS D	Lib Dem		X		
BAILEY A	Con	X				JONES L	Lab		X		
BATCHELOR H	Lib Dem		X			KAVANAGH N	Lab		X		
BATES I C	Con	X				KINDERSLEY S	Lib Dem		X		
BODEN C	Con	X				KING S	Con	X			
BRADNAM A	Lib Dem		X			MANNING I	Lib Dem		X		
BYWATER S	Con	X				MCGUIRE L W	Con	X			
CONNOR D	Con	X				MESCHINI E	Lab		X		
COSTELLO A	Con	X				NETHSINGHA L	Lib Dem		X		
COUNT S	Con	X				NIETO L	Con	X			
CRAWFORD S	Lab		X			REYNOLDS K	Con				X
CRISWELL S J	Con	X				RICHARDS C	Lab			X	
CUFFLEY K	Con				X	ROGERS T	Con	X			
DOWNES P J	Lib Dem		X			SANDERSON T	Ind			X	
DUPRE L	Lib Dem		X			SCHUMANN J	Con	X			
EVERY L	Con	X				SCUTT J	Lab		X		
FRENCH J	Con	X				SHELLENS M	Lib Dem		X		
FULLER R	Con	X				SHUTER M	Con	X			
GARDENER I	Con	X				SMITH M	Con	X			
GILES D	Ind			X		TAYLOR A	Lib Dem		X		
GOLDSACK	Con	X				TAYLOR S	Ind		X		
GOWING J	Con	X				TIERNEY S	Con				X
HARFORD L	Con	X				VAN DE VEN S	Lib Dem		X		
HARRISON N	Lib Dem		X			WELLS D	Con				X
HAY A	Con	X				WHITEHEAD J	Lab				X
HICKFORD R	Con	X				WILLIAMS J	Lib Dem		X		
HOWELL M	Con	X				WILSON G	Lib Dem				X
HOY S	Con				X	WISSON J	Con	X			
HUDSON P	Con	X				WOTHERSPOON T	Con	X			

NB Councillor Richards clarified that she had intended to vote against the amendment

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Recorded Vote for Liberal Democrat Budget Amendment

COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote	COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote
AMBROSE-SMITH D	Con		X			HUNT W T I	Con		X		
ASHWOOD B	Lib Dem	X				JENKINS D	Lib Dem	X			
BAILEY A	Con		X			JONES L	Lab			X	
BATCHELOR H	Lib Dem	X				KAVANAGH N	Lab			X	
BATES I C	Con		X			KINDERSLEY S	Lib Dem	X			
BODEN C	Con		X			KING S	Con		X		
BRADNAM A	Lib Dem	X				MANNING I	Lib Dem	X			
BYWATER S	Con		X			MCGUIRE L W	Con		X		
CONNOR D	Con		X			MESCHINI E	Lab			X	
COSTELLO A	Con		X			NETHSINGHA L	Lib Dem	X			
COUNT S	Con		X			NIETO L	Con		X		
CRAWFORD S	Lab			X		REYNOLDS K	Con				X
CRISWELL S J	Con		X			RICHARDS C	Lab			X	
CUFFLEY K	Con				X	ROGERS T	Con		X		
DOWNES P J	Lib Dem	X				SANDERSON T	Ind	X			
DUPRE L	Lib Dem	X				SCHUMANN J	Con		X		
EVERY L	Con		X			SCUTT J	Lab			X	
FRENCH J	Con		X			SHELLENS M	Lib Dem	X			
FULLER R	Con		X			SHUTER M	Con		X		
GARDENER I	Con		X			SMITH M	Con		X		
GILES D	Ind	X				TAYLOR A	Lib Dem	X			
GOLDSACK	Con		X			TAYLOR S	Ind	X			
GOWING J	Con		X			TIERNEY S	Con				X
HARFORD L	Con		X			VAN DE VEN S	Lib Dem	X			
HARRISON N	Lib Dem	X				WELLS D	Con				X
HAY A	Con		X			WHITEHEAD J	Lab				X
HICKFORD R	Con		X			WILLIAMS J	Lib Dem	X			
HOWELL M	Con		X			WILSON G	Lib Dem				X
HOY S	Con				X	WISSON J	Con		X		
HUDSON P	Con		X			WOTHERSPOON T	Con		X		

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Recorded Vote for Labour Budget Amendment

COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote	COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote
AMBROSE-SMITH D	Con		X			HUNT W T I	Con		X		
ASHWOOD B	Lib Dem		X			JENKINS D	Lib Dem		X		
BAILEY A	Con		X			JONES L	Lab	X			
BATCHELOR H	Lib Dem		X			KAVANAGH N	Lab	X			
BATES I C	Con		X			KINDERSLEY S	Lib Dem		X		
BODEN C	Con		X			KING S	Con		X		
BRADNAM A	Lib Dem			X		MANNING I	Lib Dem		X		
BYWATER S	Con		X			MCGUIRE L W	Con		X		
CONNOR D	Con		X			MESCHINI E	Lab	X			
COSTELLO A	Con		X			NETHSINGHA L	Lib Dem		X		
COUNT S	Con		X			NIETO L	Con		X		
CRAWFORD S	Lab	X				REYNOLDS K	Con		X		
CRISWELL S J	Con		X			RICHARDS C	Lab	X			
CUFFLEY K	Con				X	ROGERS T	Con		X		
DOWNES P J	Lib Dem			X		SANDERSON T	Ind			X	
DUPRE L	Lib Dem		X			SCHUMANN J	Con		X		
EVERY L	Con		X			SCUTT J	Lab	X			
FRENCH J	Con		X			SHELLENS M	Lib Dem		X		
FULLER R	Con		X			SHUTER M	Con		X		
GARDENER I	Con		X			SMITH M	Con		X		
GILES D	Ind			X		TAYLOR A	Lib Dem		X		
GOLDSACK	Con		X			TAYLOR S	Ind			X	
GOWING J	Con		X			TIERNEY S	Con				X
HARFORD L	Con		X			VAN DE VEN S	Lib Dem		X		
HARRISON N	Lib Dem		X			WELLS D	Con				X
HAY A	Con		X			WHITEHEAD J	Lab				X
HICKFORD R	Con		X			WILLIAMS J	Lib Dem		X		
HOWELL M	Con		X			WILSON G	Lib Dem				X
HOY S	Con				X	WISSON J	Con		X		
HUDSON P	Con		X			WOTHERSPOON T	Con		X		

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Recorded Vote for Substantive Motion

COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote	COUNCILLOR	Party	For	Against	Abstain	Absent / No Vote
AMBROSE-SMITH D	Con	X				HUNT W T I	Con	X			
ASHWOOD B	Lib Dem				X	JENKINS D	Lib Dem		X		
BAILEY A	Con	X				JONES L	Lab		X		
BATCHELOR H	Lib Dem		X			KAVANAGH N	Lab		X		
BATES I C	Con	X				KINDERSLEY S	Lib Dem		X		
BODEN C	Con	X				KING S	Con	X			
BRADNAM A	Lib Dem				X	MANNING I	Lib Dem		X		
BYWATER S	Con	X				MCGUIRE L W	Con	X			
CONNOR D	Con	X				MESCHINI E	Lab		X		
COSTELLO A	Con	X				NETHSINGHA L	Lib Dem		X		
COUNT S	Con	X				NIETO L	Con	X			
CRAWFORD S	Lab		X			REYNOLDS K	Con	X			
CRISWELL S J	Con	X				RICHARDS C	Lab		X		
CUFFLEY K	Con				X	ROGERS T	Con	X			
DOWNES P J	Lib Dem		X			SANDERSON T	Ind		X		
DUPRE L	Lib Dem		X			SCHUMANN J	Con	X			
EVERY L	Con	X				SCUTT J	Lab		X		
FRENCH J	Con	X				SHELLENS M	Lib Dem		X		
FULLER R	Con	X				SHUTER M	Con	X			
GARDENER I	Con	X				SMITH M	Con	X			
GILES D	Ind			X		TAYLOR A	Lib Dem		X		
GOLDSACK	Con	X				TAYLOR S	Ind			X	
GOWING J	Con	X				TIERNEY S	Con				X
HARFORD L	Con	X				VAN DE VEN S	Lib Dem		X		
HARRISON N	Lib Dem		X			WELLS D	Con				X
HAY A	Con	X				WHITEHEAD J	Lab				X
HICKFORD R	Con	X				WILLIAMS J	Lib Dem		X		
HOWELL M	Con	X				WILSON G	Lib Dem				X
HOY S	Con				X	WISSON J	Con	X			
HUDSON P	Con	X				WOTHERSPOON T	Con	X			

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 11TH FEBRUARY 2020
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY AND OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 9.1**

**Question to the Council's Substitute Appointee on the Combined Authority –
Councillor Roger Hickford**

Question from Councillor Scutt

My understanding is that the Combined Authority made a decision that no meeting of the Combined Authority or its Committees would be held in Shire Hall in the future, but would be held in Guildhall. If this is correct, I am concerned that Shire Hall will no longer be used for any future Combined Authority meetings.

Response from Councillor Hickford:

Chairman I can answer, there was a proposal to actually help congestion and not have any meetings in the City at all. I put forward an amendment *[indistinct]* to take Shire Hall out but still make Guildhall part of the circuit. Shire Hall is moving to Alconbury *[indistinct]*

Question from Councillor Scutt

[indistinct] Residents of Cambridge have an equal right to know what the Combined Authority is doing, but if there are no meetings at Shire Hall then it limits their ability to attend. *[indistinct]*

Chairman

Colleagues, for fairness could you please *[indistinct]*

Question from Councillor Scutt

We understand the importance of meetings outside of Cambridge and certainly throughout the whole of Cambridgeshire, as there are residents elsewhere, but we also have to express concern for Cambridge residents. *[Indistinct]*

Response from Councillor Hickford:

I agree entirely on equality and it was unequal before that we had two venues on the circuit so they had two bites of the cherry. *[Indistinct]*