

COUNTY COUNCIL: MINUTES

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYwVeHyM1yk>

Date: Tuesday 15th October 2019

Time: 10:35am – 12:00 noon

Venue: Council Chamber, Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors:
Mac McGuire (Chairman)
Lis Every (Vice-Chairwoman)
David Ambrose Smith Mark Goldsack Kevin Reynolds
Barbara Ashwood Lynda Harford Terry Rogers
Anna Bailey Nichola Harrison Tom Sanderson
Henry Batchelor Roger Hickford Joshua Schumann
Ian Bates Mark Howell Michael Shellens
Chris Boden Samantha Hoy Mathew Shuter
Anna Bradnam Peter Hudson Mandy Smith
Simon Bywater Bill Hunt Amanda Taylor
Adela Costello David Jenkins Simone Taylor
Steve Count Linda Jones Peter Topping
Sandra Crawford Noel Kavanagh Susan van de Ven
Steve Criswell Sebastian Kindersley Joan Whitehead
Peter Downes Simon King John Williams
Lorna Dupre Ian Manning Graham Wilson
Ryan Fuller Elisa Meschini Julie Wisson
Ian Gardener Lina Nieto

Apologies: Councillors:
David Connor John Gowing Jocelynne Scutt
Kevin Cuffley Anne Hay Steve Tierney
Janet French Lucy Nethsingha David Wells
Derek Giles Claire Richards

172. MINUTES – 23RD JULY 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

173. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made a number of announcements, as set out in **Appendix A**.

174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct

175. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

176. PETITIONS

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

177. SHIRE HALL SITE: APPLICATION TO REGISTER TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

It was moved by the Chairman of the Highways and Infrastructure Committee, Councillor Shuter, and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hunt, that the recommendation, as set out in the report on the Council agenda, with the following alteration to add “subject to Suffolk County Council accepting the delegation” after “That”, be approved:

It was resolved unanimously by a show of hands:

That subject to Suffolk County Council accepting the delegation, full Council delegates to SCC the processing and determination of the application to register a Town or Village Green at the Shire Hall site, specifically Castle Mound and the surrounding green area.

178. REPORTS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

a) Petitions Scheme

It was moved by the Chairwoman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, Councillor Every, and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Reynolds, that the recommendations of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, as set out in the report, be approved subject to an alteration to the penultimate ** point on page 17 to delete “speak to” and replace with “introduce”.

It was resolved unanimously by a show of hands to:

- a) Approve amendments to the Council’s Constitution, as recommended by the Constitution and Ethics Committee, and set out in the report.
- b) Authorise 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.

b) Selection and Appointment of Independent Person(s)

It was moved by the Chairwoman of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, Councillor Every, and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Reynolds, that the recommendations of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, as set out in the report, be approved.

It was resolved by a show of hands to:

- a) Extend the current appointment of Gillian Holmes as Independent Person to 15 October 2022; and
- b) Appoint Grant Osbourn as an Independent Person to 15 October 2022.

179. AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The Chairman of the Audit and Accounts Committee, Councillor Shellens, moved receipt of the annual report of the Committee for 2018-19. Council noted his thanks to Members of the Committee and officers for their support.

Council noted the report.

180. PENSION FUND COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee, Councillor Rogers, moved receipt of the annual report of the Committee for 2018-19. Council noted his thanks to officers for their support.

Council noted the report.

181. CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL PENSION FUND BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The Chairman of the Cambridgeshire Local Pension Fund Board, Councillor King moved receipt of the annual report of the Committee for 2018-19. Council noted his thanks to officers for their support.

Council noted the report.

182. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIP POLICY AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

It was moved by the Chairman of Council, Councillor McGuire, and seconded by the Vice-Chairwoman, Councillor Every, that Councillor Mark Goldsack replace Councillor Kevin Cuffley as the Vice-Chairman of the Communities and Partnership Policy and Services Committee.

The Chairman of Communities and Partnership Committee, Councillor Criswell, reported that Councillor Cuffley was unwell; he expressed his thanks to Councillor Cuffley for his support in relation to the Committee. This view was supported by Councillor Ashwood. Council expressed their best wishes to Councillor Cuffley.

It was resolved unanimously by a show of hands to:

Approve the appointment of Councillor Mark Goldsack as the Vice-Chairman of the Communities and Partnership Policy and Services Committee.

183. MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE 10

Three motions had been submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10.

(a) Motion from Councillor Manning

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Manning and seconded by Councillor Shuter:

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<https://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/AgendaItem.aspx?agendaItemID=9547>

Council notes that:

- there were two successful trials of temporary highway works done, both of which proved the methodology had benefits
- trialling of schemes has proved very effective in other countries
- for many reasons beyond the Council's control the idea was not used extensively since those trials

Council believes:

- that the concept of trialling road change schemes is still fundamentally worth pursuing
- trialling has the potential to save money and promote innovation by testing scheme impacts before there is significant financial expenditure

Council therefore resolves that:

- the Chairman of Highways and Infrastructure in conjunction with the motion proposer work with officers to explore options for using the trialling concept on highways schemes which have not yet started and report back on progress within six months.

An alteration to the motion was proposed by Councillor Manning and received the meeting's consent without discussion. The altered motion was therefore as follows (addition in bold):

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- the Chairman of Highways and Infrastructure in conjunction with the motion proposer work with officers to explore options for using the trialling concept on highways schemes which have not yet started and report back on progress within six months. **Any proposals for going ahead with trials would involve consultation with the local member before going ahead.**

Following discussion, the motion on being put to the vote was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

(b) Motion from Councillor David Jenkins

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Count:

Council notes:

- the motion passed at its July 2019 meeting in which it recognised the Climate Emergency and committed itself to actions to address it; and

- its obligation to deliver a balanced budget for 2020/21 which enables it to deliver its statutory obligations and which is consistent with its policies and strategic objectives.

It therefore asks the Chief Executive, within the budget setting process, to:

- deliver a commentary which explains how the 2020/21 budget addresses its Climate Emergency commitment.

Following discussion, the motion on being put to the vote was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

(c) Motion from Councillor Joshua Schumann

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Schumann and seconded by Councillor Boden:

This County Council owns many woodlands, which are either included within farm tenancies or managed for community benefit by the Council, or community groups. Ongoing maintenance does not produce a commercial return but provides good community engagement and positive feedback from the public. The Council has planted over 250,000 trees over 147 hectares (363 acres) in small woodlands across the rural estate. All woods are managed either by the agricultural tenants as part of agri-environment schemes or by the Council as part of the current woodland management plan.

Woods have also been planted to enhance and protect the rural nature of communities throughout the county, establish boundaries to settlements and increase the green environment throughout Cambridgeshire.

The Council encourages our county farms tenants to enter into agri-environment schemes to improve biodiversity across the estate. Approximately 60% of County Farms Estate tenants have either a basic or higher level scheme on land they farm. We note that one of the Agriculture Bill's key themes is the promotion of Environmental Land Management Schemes as a major payment mechanism.

Cambridgeshire also includes large areas of peat land, much of which has been drained and is currently used for agriculture, which is responsible for very large Green House Gas emissions, up to 5.5 Megatonne of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO₂e).

Peatland emissions are not currently counted in the emissions inventory, but when they are from next year, this could significantly affect Cambridgeshire's reported emissions. Although this is largely an accounting change it could result in an increase of as much as 90%.

Carbon Offsetting/ Development Net Gain

Following on from the Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs' (DEFRA) 25 year environment strategy, Parliament has legislated to have a legally binding target that the UK will become carbon neutral by 2050.

Cambridgeshire County Council's (CCC) position as a major landowner across all four rural districts presents a potential opportunity to plant new woods or to create wildlife habitats for the long term.

The council notes the important part woodland planting can play in the offsetting of carbon emissions and the protection of, and increase in biodiversity in order to support this council's pledge on tackling climate change.

Work undertaken by the Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange (CUSPE, Net Zero Cambridgeshire, draft report, September 2019) on the carbon footprint of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough identifies afforestation in Cambridgeshire playing a significant role in ensuring the County reaches net zero target by 2050. Afforestation not only enhances biodiversity if properly planned, but it can inhibit soil erosion another major challenge for the Council's farm estate.

This Council notes that the sooner trees are planted as part of a planned approach to tackle Climate Change the greater the annual sequestration of CO₂ will be by 2050. Approximately 5-13 tonnes CO₂ per hectare per year can be sequestered. The cost associated with this carbon abatement is competitive at £15-30 per tonne CO₂ (including timber sales) and will have wider interest and significance to the community preparing for and tackling this challenge.

The Council also believes Peatland emissions should be tackled at both a local and a national level, prioritising peatland restoration wherever possible - and believes this council could be at the forefront of this work.

The County Council therefore resolves:

1. To continue to manage the woodlands and other environmental assets, including Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Scheduled Ancient Monuments, to retain and improve community and carbon benefits for managing Climate Change.
2. To plant new woodland and forests either to help create new community assets, where appropriate or as part of carbon offsetting where suitable management agreements or leases are completed.
3. To develop a county farms strategy which supports the planting of woodland as part of a holistic approach to the management of the entire estate and carbon targets it will set as part of its Climate Change Strategy.
4. To identify opportunities on its wider assets including buildings, highways, transport and other assets opportunities to plant trees to enrich biodiversity and sequester carbon emissions and air pollutants.
5. To support the Council's pledge for 100% clean energy for Cambridgeshire communities by 2050 by planting and managing woodlands sensitively for energy projects where appropriate. To implement the Council's Corporate Energy Strategy where appropriate. Projects will be assessed on a case by case basis.

6. To lobby government for investment to set up a pilot project - with the potential for national roll out - exploring how CCC can become national exemplar in the area of peatland restoration to demonstrate how peatland has the potential to change from a net emissions source to a net carbon 'sink'.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Dupre and seconded by Councillor Downes (addition in bold):

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This Council recognises the excellent work in this field that organisations such as the National Trust and the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire & Northamptonshire have been carrying out in Cambridgeshire, for example preserving and restoring peatland at Wicken Fen and at Great Fen, and their recent commencement of trials of wetland farming.

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Following discussion, the amendment on being put to the vote was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

Following further discussion, the substantive motion on being put to the vote was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

184. 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 C**.

(b) Questions on Fire Authority Issues

No questions were submitted.

(c) Written Questions (Council Procedure Rule 9.2)

Two questions were submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9.2, as set out in **Appendix D**.

Chairman
10th December 2019

COUNTY COUNCIL – 15TH OCTOBER 2019

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEOPLE

Joint Service Director leading on Highways and Transport

Graham Hughes has been appointed as the first new joint Service Director leading on Highways and Transport in Place and Economy. The other Service Director role, leading on Growth and Development, is going through the recruitment process.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Planning permission granted for Alconbury Weald Civic Hub

The Civic Hub at Alconbury Weald has been granted planning permission. The Council can now move forward with its plans to break ground in late autumn this year on its purpose-built civic headquarters. The two-storey building, which aims to be 'bright, flexible and productive', will incorporate 350 desks for staff, along with a number of informal meeting spaces and a public reception. Environmental factors such as charging points for electric cars and solar panelling will help the building remain energy efficient and forward-thinking.

Whittlesey Kings Dyke Level Crossing Scheme tender issued

On 30th September, the Council published full tender documentation in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). This is the start of the formal procurement process for the construction of the Whittlesey King's Dyke level crossing scheme and is required for tenders of this value in the public sector. A shortlist of contractors that score highest in initial quality assessments will be issued the main invitation to tender at the end of November and will then have four months to submit bids. The expectation is that the appointed contractor will start construction by December 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL – 15TH OCTOBER 2019**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Mr Antony Carpen Member of the Executive Committee of the Cambs Association for Local History	Councillor Joshua Schumann, Chairman of Commercial and Investment Committee	<p>Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. I'll just keep this quick and to the point. This is to do with the structure and the condition of the Mill Road Library building, which was originally built in the late 1890s by that civic legend John Pink, the founding father of the library service, just before he completed half a century of service.</p> <p>Obviously there have been newspaper reports and I saw Cllr Schumann on TV explaining the obviously very sensitive nature of the case. Obviously as a local historian and a now a member of the Executive Committee of the Cambs Association of Local History, and I'm speaking in a personal capacity, I have an interest in the upkeep of that building. So I want to ask the Council why it did not cooperate with the City Council to get the old library incorporated into the Mill Road depot plans, as stated by the City Council during the planning application for the Mill Road depot, of which I believe I've provided a link to the video of the meeting, in particular given that it was aware of the problems with the building and the ICCA lease, from the meeting that I also attended and filmed a year ago at Commercial & Investment Committee. And please could the County Council comment on what alternative plans it has in mind as a result? Thank you.</p>
	Response from:	Response to:	Response
	Councillor Joshua Schumann, Chairman of Commercial and Investment Committee	Mr Antony Carpen Member of the Executive Committee of the Cambs Association for Local History	<p>Thank you Chairman, I'm happy to respond. Just to start, before I have the formal response to Mr Carpen, his statement that we haven't been in contact with the City Council is factually incorrect. The County Council has been in regular contact with the Cambridge City Council officers to update them about the former Mill Road Library and some of the tenancy matters, and also about the possibility of rehousing the tenants if they moved out.</p> <p>The contact was mainly through Fiona Bryant, a City Council Director, with responsibility for Mill Road Depot development, who is noted in the June</p>

			<p>Planning Committee minutes as the applicant in relation to Mill Road. There is also contact with the City Council Conservation Officers.</p> <p>The former Mill Road Library was let to the Indian Community and Cultural Association on a lease which ran until 2025. They are responsible for the repairs to the building and the Council has for some time pursued them to carry out the necessary repairs. Their preference is to remain in the building, which houses a Hindu shrine, and they would like a longer lease. Whilst the tenancy continued, and in the absence of alternative accommodation, there wasn't scope to include the building in the Mill Road Depot development.</p> <p>As a result of the disrepair, which is a serious breach of their tenancy, the Council have applied to the Court to end their tenancy and repossess the building with a hearing scheduled for the 24th October. The County Council has instructed Donald Insall Associates and their conservation architects to carry out an initial investigation of the building. This has been completed. Currently we are awaiting a more detailed investigation and specification of the work which will lead to a competitive tender and application for Listed Building Works.</p> <p>A Business Case is being prepared which will consider future options for the building and will be presented to Members in due time.</p>
	Supplementary question from:	Supplementary question to:	
	<p>Mr Antony Carpen</p> <p>Member of the Executive Committee of the Cambs Association for Local History</p>	<p>Councillor Joshua Schumann, Chairman of Commercial and Investment Committee</p>	<p>Thank you Cllr Schumann for that comprehensive answer. Just to clarify that I was only going by what the City Council Planning Officers stated on the video. So I just took their word for it but obviously note the explanation that you've given on the discussions and negotiations that officers have had between the two Councils. I'll follow that up with the City Council.</p> <p>Just as a final point - and if you're not able to give a full answer, that's fine, I'd be interested to see it in writing - is whether there are any legal obligations on the County Council, as custodian, regarding the upkeep and state as regards to the law just in terms of preserving it, even though the responsibilities are with the ICCA.</p>

	Response from:	Response to:	
	Councillor Joshua Schumann, Chairman of Commercial and Investment Committee	Mr Antony Carpen Member of the Executive Committee of the Cambs Association for Local History	Very briefly, Chairman, just to say that we will respond in writing with our legal obligations. We do have obligations to protect the Listed Building as the freeholder of the asset, which is why we pursued the ICCA to make sure the work is carried out.

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 15TH OCTOBER 2019
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY AND OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 9.1**

**Questions to the Council's Appointee on the Combined Authority –
Councillor Steve Count**

Question from Councillor Jenkins

I was just wondering if Councillor Count is going to use his persuasive powers and charm to get the Combined Authority to declare a climate emergency as well. Then we'd have the complete set.

Response from Councillor Count:

The Combined Authority, as you know, has many different remits and many different roles. I'll certainly take it up with them, as to where they are with this. They are developing a lot of different strategies, I would have thought that Spatial Planning is probably one of the ones ... I think climate emergency covers it all. I think I'll raise it with them and see where they take it and how they deal with it.

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WRITTEN QUESTION UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 9.2

1. Question from Councillor Lorna Dupre

Would the Chair of the Children & Young People Committee please provide a table with columns showing

1. The name of each children's centre in Cambridgeshire which was operational before 1 July 2017
2. The district in which each centre is or was situated
3. Whether each centre is now (A) a Child & Family Centre, (B) a Child & Family Zone, or (C) neither
4. For each centre marked as (C) above
 - a. Whether the building is occupied and/or used, and for what portion of the week or year
 - b. Who occupies and/or uses the building
 - c. Under what contract and/or other arrangement, and
 - d. What issues are currently outstanding relating to its current and/or future occupation, use and/or funding?

Response from Councillor Simon Bywater, Chairman of Children and Young People Committee

	Name of centre operational prior to July 1st 2017	District located in	Status now A = Child and Family Centre B = Child and Family Zone C = neither	For all marked as C: a. Whether the building is occupied and/or used, and for what portion of the week or year b. Who occupies and/or uses the building c. Under what contract and/or other arrangement, and d. What issues are currently outstanding relating to its current and/or future occupation, use and/or funding?
1	Romsey Mill	Cambridge City	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Romsey Mill. C. Owned by Romsey Mill, not a CCC building. D. None
2	The Fields	Cambridge City	A	
3	Fawcett	Cambridge City	B	
4	Homerton	Cambridge City	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Homerton Nursery. C. Not a CCC building. D. None
5	Cherry Hinton	Cambridge City	C	A. Occupied year round. B. This site is still used as a delivery site for the Child and Family Centre for half the week. The rest of the time it is used by the school. C. Service level agreement in place between the school and the Cambridge City district team. D. None
6	North Cambridge	Cambridge City	A	
7	Chesterton	Cambridge City	A	
8	Littleport	East Cambs	A	
9	Soham	East Cambs	B	
10	Ely	East Cambs	A	

11	Sutton	East Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Paintbox pre school. C. Lease agreement being developed with property colleagues D. A review of the 'Less than Best' process is currently being undertaken in relation to early years provision in CCC buildings. This work is likely to influence the ongoing terms of any occupancy agreements.
12	Bottisham	East Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Cambridgeshire County Council C. Owned by Cambridgeshire County Council. D. None
13	Oasis	Fenland	A	
14	Whittlesey	Fenland	B	
15	Wisbech South	Fenland	A	
16	Murrow	Fenland	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Murrow pre school. C. Lease agreement being developed with property colleagues D. The 'less than best' review may also have an impact at this site.
17	March	Fenland	A	
18	Chatteris	Fenland	A	
19	Eynesbury	Hunts	A	
20	Eaton Socon	Hunts	A	
21	St Ives	Hunts	B	
22	Huntingdon Town	Hunts	A	
23	Brampton	Hunts	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Brambles pre school (school run pre school). C. As this is a Maintained primary school this is via an agreement letter between the governors of the school and the LA. If the school was to become an academy, the pre-school space would be protected for under 5's use as part of the lease arrangements D. None unless the school becomes an academy.

24	Godmanchester	Hunts	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Godmanchester Bridge Academy. C. Leased. D. There are outstanding matters to be resolved regarding the under-letting by the Godmanchester Bridge academy of the early years space
25	Ramsey	Hunts	B	
26	Sawtry	Hunts	B	
27	Farcet	Hunts	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Cambridgeshire County Council including as an outreach venue for child and family centre activities C. Sub-let back to CCC as part of the academy process. D. None
28	Somersham	Hunts	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Little steps pre school, Parkhall Playgroup and Somersham time club C. Tenancy at will in place D. Review of provision due end of 2020
29	Melbourn	South Cambs	B	
30	Cambourne	South Cambs	A	
31	Caldecote	South Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Caldecote pre-school C. Tenancy at Will in place D. The 'less than best' review may also have an impact at this site.
32	Bassingbourn	South Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Bassingbourn pre-school C. Lease in place D. The 'less than best' review may also have an impact at this site.
33	Sawston	South Cambs	B	
34	Linton	South Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Used by the Child and Family Centre as an outreach venue alongside community health provision C. Leased by CCC from the Cathodeon trust D. None

35	Histon	South Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Histon Early Years Centre C. Owned by Histon Early Years Centre D. None.
36	Bar Hill	South Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Leap & Learn pre school. C. Tenancy at Will in Place D. Licence to underlet needed from the academy and then a formal lease with the setting.
37	Papworth	South Cambs	C	A. Occupied year round. B. Pendragon pre school (school run pre school). C. As this is a Maintained primary school this is via an agreement letter between the governors of the school and the LA. If the school was to become an academy, the pre-school space would be protected for under 5's use as part of the lease arrangements D. None unless the school becomes an academy.
38	Waterbeach	South Cambs	B	
39	New Sites			
40	Northstowe	South Cambs	B	
41	Peacock Centre	Cambridge City	B	
42	Huntingdon Youth Centre	Hunts	A	

2. Question from Councillor Nichola Harrison

One of my residents died recently and his elderly widow tried to register the death at the Cambridge registry office. She was unable to get an appointment within the 5 day rule and was obliged to go to the Ely office. Apparently that office had itself been closed the day previously as its only staff member had been diverted away in order to keep the Huntingdon office open.

My resident, in profound grief after 55 years of marriage, has little money, does not drive and has general mobility difficulties. She wants to know, and I want to know, why the county council was unable to provide her with a properly functioning registry service at her time of need.

My questions are:

- a) Do you think it is good enough that this person had to travel from Cambridge to Ely to register a death within the 5 day period?
- b) Do you agree with me that the local authority responsible for a city region serving a population of 300,000 people, ought to provide an efficient and convenient register service for its citizens and taxpayers?
- c) Item 24 on the current People and Communities Risk Register appears not to guarantee the provision of any registry service in Cambridge after September 2020 (ie in 11 months time), and appears to imply that "customer communications" is the mitigation action for this risk. Do you agree with me that in adopting such an approach, the county council is insulting the citizens and taxpayers of Greater Cambridge?

Response from Councillor Steve Criswell, Chairman of Communities and Partnership Committee

I am very sorry and concerned to hear about the distress and difficulty your resident experienced in trying to register her husband's death. As you have been unable to provide any specific details however, it has not been possible to investigate this individual case.

More generally, I'm pleased to inform Council that the recent transfer of the Registration Service into the People and Communities Directorate, and to the responsibility of the Communities and Partnership Committee, affords the opportunity to review the service, end to end, and this work is already underway. We want to be sure the service is responsive to the needs of all of our citizens, is easy to access, is sensitive to the needs of its customers, and is dynamic in its approach to be able to respond to changing trends and priorities. Despite the service performing better in key domains than the regional and national averages, we want our service to be the best it can be, and for situations such as that experienced by your resident to be avoided. The review is being jointly led by me as Chairman of the Committee and the relevant Director, and will report to Committee in the next few weeks.

In relation to the question relating to the future location of the Cambridge office, let me reassure you that our main Registry Office will continue to be located in Cambridge. Through the Cambs 2020 programme, the necessary due diligence work on a proposed location is being carried out, and I hope to be in a position to announce the details shortly. The fact that this has been identified as a separate item in the risk register denotes its importance to the Council.