

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Council  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2001 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: Chairman – G Elsbury  
Vice-Chairman – RF Bryant

Councillors	SJ Agnew Dr DR Bard CC Barker RE Barrett JD Batchelor EW Bullman NN Cathcart RF Collinson Mrs MP Course NS Davies R Driver MR Ellwood DT Ford CJ Gravatt R Hall SA Harangozo Mrs JM Healey Dr JA Heap Mrs EM Heazell Mrs J Hughes Mrs EA Kendrick SJ Kime SGM Kindersley	Mrs JE Lockwood (p.m.) LCA Manning RM Matthews EL Monks Mrs JA Muncey RFA Murfitt R Page (p.m.) JA Quinlan (p.m.) Mrs DP Roberts WH Saberton NJ Scarr J Shepperson Mrs GJ Smith RGR Smith Mrs DSK Spink JH Stewart PL Stroude Mrs LM Sutherland Mrs JP Teague Mrs VM Trueman LJ Wilson TJ Wotherspoon AW Wyatt SS Ziaian-Gillan
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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors TJ Flanagan, MP Howell, RT Summerfield, CW Tulitt & DALG Wherrell. Cllr Mrs JE Lockwood gave apologies for the morning session but was present for the afternoon.

Best wishes were sent to Councillor Wherrell for a speedy recovery.

### 1. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for item 2 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 9 of part 1 of schedule 12A of the Act.

### 2. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The Chief Executive outlined the intended programme for consideration of the possibility of moving the Council's headquarters to Cambourne. He reported that on the previous afternoon Unison had sent him a fax listing staff concerns that resulted from a Unison meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2001. The letter called for the decision to be deferred to

allow time to consult the staff. The Chief Executive informed Council that his offer to attend the Unison meeting, or send another senior manager, had not been taken up and that the letter contained many inaccuracies, which he highlighted.

In connection with the responses to the letter, the Chief Executive asserted that a snap decision should not be made on the future of the Depot, and suggested that the Personnel Resources and Communications Committee review its future needs.

A paper copy of the Chief Executive's response and photocopies of the fax from Unison were circulated at the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Roberts expressed her disappointment at the exclusion of all members of staff and suggested that the head of Human Resources attend. The Chief Executive replied that there were too many staff interested in attending the Council meeting to select who could attend and who could not. The staff would be informed of the result as soon as possible. He reported that there was no Director of Human Resources but he was the Head of Paid Services.

#### PRESENTATION BY DEVELOPMENT SECURITIES AND WRENBRIDGE:

A thirty minute presentation was made by Development Securities plc and Wrenbridge on the virtues of moving to Cambourne Business Park and the proposed design of the building. After the presentation Councillors were invited to ask questions. Points raised included:

- whether the mixed ventilation system or the air conditioning system would provide staff with a controlled temperature.
- *Nick Barnard assured Council that these two methods would provide the building with exact temperatures while the purely natural method would fail to keep temperatures stable when it was either very cold or very hot. The design attempted to balance natural light and solar gains.*
- the lack of facilities designated for Members other than the Cabinet, both for working and informal purposes. There was also a need for support services.
- *It was agreed that extra space for Members could be added to the rooms provided for cabinet members that were already part of the design.*
- concern over disabled access: it was not best practice to make the disabled reliant on lifts. For this reason the Council Chamber and refreshments for visitors should be on the ground floor.
- whether a three roomed crèche for only 10 children that would require at least three carers with working cover would be economically viable. Concern was also expressed over the level of noise that was likely from the crèche.
- the public could be given their own refreshment room, which could be served by the staff/member canteen if there were a double serving hatch.
- the orientation of the building was poor in terms of solar gain.
- *it was explained that this was to give the building a more commanding position and that this idea had arisen from comments from the Cabinet.*

- The Council Chamber should be more square in shape.
- The location of the site was queried.
- *This was the best of the available sites and the building would be the first seen from the A428.*
- whether solar power would be used for heating
- *it would be used to heat the water supply but not for central heating*
- the Council should consider making the building the hub of a civic centre.

*It was explained that the interior of the building could be modified easily, it was dependent on what Council decides. This included the Creche design.*

It was **AGREED** that Members with further detailed suggestions should put them to the Cabinet for discussion and possible inclusion in the brief.

The Chairman thanked Development Securities and Wrenbridge for their presentation and they agreed to take on board suggestions made at the meeting.

#### PRESENTATION BY LAMBERT SMITH HAMPTON

A presentation was given by Lambert Smith Hampton on the cost to the Council of relocation to Cambourne. They explained how the three different methods of ventilation could affect the cost of the building:

- A mechanically air-conditioned building would cost less than the base cost;
- A naturally ventilated building would be more expensive;
- A mixture of mechanical and natural ventilation would be the most expensive option.

In view of the relative costs, they recommended a mechanical air-conditioned office, while recognising that the second two options would offer savings in running costs.

Offers for South Cambridgeshire Hall and Great Eastern House had been satisfactory due to the current strength of the market. Lambert Smith Hampton were confident that the tendering process and the offers received complied with the Council's Best Value policy.

The Finance and Resources Director presented his report on the financial implications. He stated that to provide meaningful figures he had assumed that a city presence would be kept and would cost the same to maintain as Station Road. The existing Depot would be kept at present; any move would be funded separately and would be financially neutral. He had therefore only used the income from the disposal of South Cambridgeshire Hall and Great Eastern House in his figures. It was acknowledged that different interpretations of the figures were possible. The Finance and Resources Director reported that the net capital cost of new offices was estimated at £3.05m and suggested that this be funded from Capital receipts returned after use for funding housing association schemes through LASHG.

He confirmed that the form of air conditioning chosen would affect the initial cost of the building and the running costs. The long term financial costs of running a larger building in Cambourne would lead to an eventual £15.18 increase in the average Council tax precept.

Concerns were expressed by Members about cost and the possibility of a Depot site next to office headquarters. Support was given to a mixed ventilation system in the interests of sustainability. In answer to Members' questions, the following responses were made:

- the amount of interest in the Council's existing buildings gave confidence that the present financial climate would cause no problems providing there was no prolonged delay;
- any increase in Council Tax would be phased in and the figures quoted related to the underlying Council Tax. The Council could choose to part fund from balances. Doing nothing was not an option and extra costs would be incurred whichever path the Council chose.
- Sale and lease back of the present Depot was possible but it was unlikely that the Council would be given the necessary flexibility in the lease to make this a viable option.
- The building would have an impressive BREAM rating even with full air conditioning.

Lambert Smith Hampton were thanked for their presentation and invited to remain for the debate.

The Chief Executive referred to the results of parish council consultation, which was generally positive for a move and, in relation to proposals received for properties in Cambridge, reminded Members that Council had voted to exclude the City when looking for relocation sites and that a central presence in Cambridge would be maintained. He warned that parking restrictions at South Cambridgeshire Hall were making it more difficult to recruit and any delay would add to staff uncertainty; but if a decision was made, issues such as staff transportation could then be tackled. The Chief Executive reported that there was the possibility that parking charges would be introduced in the City of Cambridge.

Councillor SJ Kime gave his reasons for a short deferment for reconsideration of a site in Cambridge: the possibility of a unitary authority; the location of the major regional players in Cambridge; the faster increase in property prices in Cambridge; time for full consultation of staff; and time for different options for the depot to be examined. He proposed the following motion:

"The decision regarding the re-location to Cambourne be postponed for the shortest possible time to allow further investigation of a Cambridge City location starting with the refurbishment of South Cambridgeshire Hall and House.  
A special Council meeting be called before the end of the year to make a final decision."

Councillor SGM Kindersley raised concerns that in the absence of a recommendation in the agenda the Council could not make a decision. The Head of Legal Services advised that a decision could be taken if Council wished because a recommendation appeared in the Lambert Smith Hampton report, and drew attention to the wide publicity that a decision was to be made on Cambourne at this meeting. Councillor RF Collinson

asserted that this decision was of huge importance to the people of South Cambridgeshire and should be taken in a public, not a closed session. The Head of Legal Services advised that, provided Members accepted an embargo on quoting figures of a commercially sensitive nature, there was no reason why the debate should not be continued in public. It was then

**AGREED** that the debate stand adjourned until 2.00 p.m., to resume in open session subject to the embargo on quoting figures.

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### **PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

At 2.00 p.m., before the resumption of the meeting, the Chairman made presentations to the winners of the Best Kept Garden Competition 2001 and to the recipients of Long Service Awards:

#### Best Kept Garden Competition 2001

Best Garden	First	Mr D and Mrs J Sayer 8 Mountford Close, Hauxton
	Joint Second	Mr T Turner and Mrs G Twinn 72 Sheppard Way, Teversham
		Mr A Willmott 9 Jubilee Way, Steeple Morden
	Third	Mr L Turner 1 Haden Way, Willingham
Best Sheltered Housing Garden	First	Mrs R Wright 13 Allens Close. Barton
	Second	Mr H King 28 Blythe Way, Gamlingay
	Third	Mr W Pearson 2 Orchard Close, Girton
Best Vegetable Garden	First	Mr P Ludman 10 Station Road, Great Wilbraham
	Second	Mr K Robinson 67 King Street, Rampton

#### Long Service Awards

John Parr, DSO Operative  
Keith Jeffrey, DSO Operative

**3. MINUTES**

The Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes of the meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2001 as correct records.

**4. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

Council **RECEIVED** the report of the Returning Officer on the election of Roger Hall as councillor for the Bar Hill No. 4 Ward on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2001 without a contest.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr JA Quinlan declared interests in various Cabinet Minutes, as a Chartered Town Planner, the Chairman of the Cambridge Cottage Housing Society and a member of the Cam Valley Forum management committee. He withdrew from the Chamber whilst the Cabinet minutes were discussed.

Cllr RGR Smith declared a non pecuniary interest in a planning item.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the Chairman's Reception would be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and all Councillors were urged to reply. A list of the Chairman's engagements since the last meeting was noted.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None were received

**8. CABINET MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following Cabinet meetings were **RECEIVED**, subject to decisions and comments recorded at Minute 9 below.

19<sup>th</sup> July 2001 – the recommendations had been agreed by Council on the same day

26<sup>th</sup> July 2001

16<sup>th</sup> August 2001

30<sup>th</sup> August 2001 – discussion of recommendations on the Members' Allowances Scheme were postponed to agenda item 25.

6<sup>th</sup> September 2001

**9. CABINET 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001****9.1 ICT Facilities for Members (Minute 3)**

Councillor Mrs GJ Smith reminded Council that not all Members were PC users and Councillor MR Ellwood requested that Cabinet consider a more generous provision of laptop computers at a later date.

Council

**AGREED** the recommendations 1-11 on ICT Facilities for Members as detailed in the Cabinet Minutes.

9.2 Rural Relief – National Non-Domestic Rates (Minute 5)

Cllr SGM Kindersley, referring to Councillor Barker's declaration of interest, asserted that a Member with knowledge and expertise of a subject should not necessarily be forced to declare an interest and deprive the meeting of their experience. The Chairman stated that if Members were in doubt they should check with the Council's legal team.

9.2 Rent Restructuring for Local Authorities (Minute 6)

Councillor NJ Scarr voiced his concern that the Government's proposed rent restructuring for Local Authorities would lead to an unfair increase in rents in this area by linking them to local earnings. Councillor Mrs DSK Spink stated that Cabinet shared this concern and this issue would be raised with the two local MPs who would be requested to lobby the Minister.

9.4 Door-to-Door Rent Collection Service (Minute 9)

Councillor RF Collinson voiced his support for the door-to-door rent collection service because of its support to tenants and Councillor MR Ellwood suggested that the service should be maintained for the elderly who could value the regular contact. Councillor Mrs DSK Spink stated that such opinions were valued and this was why Cabinet had decided to opt for further consultation.

9.5 The Leader added that she would like to see more Members attending Cabinet.

**9. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

Continuation of adjourned debate at Minute 2.

Councillor Kime's proposal was seconded by Councillor R Page.

By request, Lambert Smith Hampton explained the risks involved in delaying the decision more than 2/3 months. There was a danger of losing momentum on disposals; and the requirement to draw down the land at Cambourne by the end of December could lead to an increase in the price. Realistically, investigations could take 6 months to complete.

Councillors arguing in favour of the proposal did so on the grounds that it would allow time for the staff to be consulted, for an investigative study on the possibility of remaining in Cambridge with the other regional offices to allow a more informed choice, and that no decision should be made until the future of the Depot had been clarified. Any decision that could affect the precept needed to be justified to the residents of the district.

Those against the proposal argued that further delay would add to the uncertainty for staff and that parking would be a significant problem anywhere in Cambridge, particularly with the possibility of workplace charging for parking.

With majority approval of Council, the Chairman decided to call a vote on Councillor Kime's proposal to postpone a decision, and by 21 votes in favour to 27 votes against, the motion was **DEFEATED**.

Councillor Mrs Spink then proposed, seconded by Councillor Barker, acceptance of the Lambert Smith Hampton recommendation.

Councillor Page stated that he believed that debate had been unnecessarily curtailed and he announced that after 31 years of being a Councillor he was now resigning, he then left the chamber.

Further arguments were addressed about the lack of alternative sites considered, in response to which, Lambert Smith Hampton stated that the request for sites had been extensively advertised and, from twelve bids received, detailed costed proposals had been requested from five. No city sites had been considered on the instruction of Council and Cambourne was clearly the best out of the five sites. A suggestion was made that Cambridge had been excluded from consideration partly due to the wish to include the depot, the future of which was now to be considered.

It was noted that the choice of ventilation system would affect the cost, which Lambert Smith Hampton indicated was a valid reason for delaying that decision. Councillor JD Batchelor, portfolio holder with responsibility for sustainability, stated that he had received advice from the Strategic Development Officer and Ecofys and both had supported the mixed mechanical and natural air modes. He urged Members to consider the environmental as well as the financial cost and added that in the long term there would be financial savings for having natural ventilation. He also expressed concern that no proper sustainability evaluation had been made of access and increased staff mileage. Council deferred discussion of air management to its 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2001 meeting.

Councillor Ellwood spoke in favour of relocation but suggested that the motion be reworded to be more precise. The Chief Executive added that it was necessary to have a mechanism to acquire land for a depot facility.

Councillor Mrs EM Heazell was supported in a request for a recorded vote.

At the request of Councillor SGM Kindersley, a recorded vote was taken and Council

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) to proceed with the acquisition of an office building and land for a depot facility on the Cambourne Business Park and the disposal of 9-11 Hills Road and Great Eastern House;
- (2) to instruct Lambert Smith Hampton to proceed with final negotiations in respect of the acquisition and disposal and to instruct solicitors to prepare the relevant legal documentation;
- (3) to express its support for the retention of a small city centre office and authorise Lambert Smith Hampton to secure accommodation at the appropriate time.

FOR (27)	AGAINST (20)
Cllr Dr DR Bard	Cllr SJ Agnew
Cllr CC Barker	Cllr JD Batchelor
Cllr RE Barrett	Cllr NN Cathcart
Cllr RF Bryant	Cllr RF Collinson
Cllr EW Bullman	Cllr DT Ford

Cllr Mrs MP Course	Cllr SA Harangozo
Cllr NS Davies	Cllr JA Heap
Cllr R Driver	Cllr Mrs EM Heazell
Cllr MR Ellwood	Cllr SJ Kime
Cllr G Elsbury	Cllr SGM Kindersley
Cllr CJ Gravatt	Cllr Mrs JE Lockwood
Cllr R Hall	Cllr JA Quinlan
Cllr Mrs JM Healey	Cllr Mrs DP Roberts
Cllr Mrs J Hughes	Cllr NJ Scarr
Cllr Mrs EA Kendrick	Cllr Mrs GJ Smith
Cllr LCA Manning	Cllr JH Stewart
Cllr RM Matthews	Cllr Mrs JP Teague
Cllr EL Monks	Cllr Mrs VM Trueman
Cllr Mrs JA Muncey	Cllr AW Wyatt
Cllr WH Saberton	Cllr SS Ziaian-Gillan
Cllr J Shepperson	
Cllr RGR Smith	
Cllr Mrs DSK Spink	
Cllr PL Stroude	
Cllr LM Sutherland	
Cllr LJ Wilson	
Cllr TJ Wotherspoon	

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs DSK Spink, Leader of Council, would write to Cllr R Page inviting him to reconsider his resignation.

## 11. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the following meetings were **RECEIVED**, subject to the comments and decisions recorded in Minutes 12 to 18 below:

Licensing Committee	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2001
Development and Conservation Control Committee	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2001
Development and Conservation Control Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2001
Development and Conservation Control committee	5 <sup>th</sup> September 2001
Community Well-being Select Committee	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2001
Environment Select Committee	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2001
Personnel Resources and Communications Select Committee	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2001
Planning and Housing Select Committee	17 <sup>th</sup> July 2001
Planning and Housing Select Committee	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2001
Planning and Housing Select Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2001

## 12. LICENSING COMMITTEE 23<sup>RD</sup> - AUGUST 2001

12.1 The Minutes were corrected by the following amendments:

- the addition of Councillor EW Bullman's apologies for absence
- **Application for Public Entertainment Licence, Queen's Head Public House, Sawston (Minute 4)** In the sixth bullet point on page 3 the word 'bass' was substituted for 'base'.

- **Occasional Public Entertainments Licence – Cambridge University Students Union at Oakington Airfield (Minute 6)** In the first sentence on page 5 the word 'owner' was substituted for 'tenant'.

### 13. DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION CONTROL COMMITTEE - 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2001

#### 13.1 Planning Applications (Minute 2)

##### **Item 23 (S/2335/00/F Bassingbourn)**

Cllr NN Cathcart thanked the Committee for their careful consideration and asked that both local Members be kept informed of further developments and able to contribute to the Master Plan, suggesting that a local user clause might be appropriate. Councillor Mrs MP Course asked to be involved as her parish adjoined Bassingbourn. Councillor Cathcart asked that there should be a mechanism for dealing with such cases and Councillor CJ Gravatt suggested that the scrutiny committee should look at ways of dealing with such planning applications. Councillor SJ Kime announced that the Cabinet meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2001 would be considering Local Plan Issues and agreed to liaise with Councillor Cathcart. If the point was not included by Cabinet, it could be picked up by the Select Committee

##### **Item 32 (S/0774/01/O Fowlmere)**

Councillor DP Mrs Roberts stated that Fowlmere Parish Council were disappointed with the decision but grateful for the time taken by the Committee and she asked if the Planning Department could recommend what could be done to protect the character of villages in line with the corporate objective.

##### **Item 33 (S/1796/00/F Foxton)**

Councillor Mrs Roberts requested that planning officers take action as the applicant was yet to sign a Section 106 Legal Agreement, despite having moved in.

### 14. DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION CONTROL COMMITTEE 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001

- 14.1 The Minutes were corrected by the amendment in Minute 1, item 12 **(S/1203/01/LB Barrington)** of resolution (2) to read '... requiring the schedule of repairs to the gable wall;'

### 15. COMMUNITY WELL-BEING SELECT COMMITTEE - 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001

- 15.1 The Minutes were corrected by the following amendments:

- **Chairman's Report from Co-ordinating Committee (Minute 6)** In the last sentence of page 2, the addition of the words 'to be' before the word 'discussed'.
- **Four Month Forward Programme (Minute 7)** In the paragraph on Dual use Strategy, the first sentence to read: '... Cabinet would decide whether to approve the forward programme funding to implement the strategy on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2001.'
- In the final sentence of the same paragraph the words 'draft Dual Use' to be replaced with the words 'Sports Development'.

- 15.2 Councillor SGM Kindersley was concerned that this meeting had become inquorate and Councillor Mrs DSK Spink suggested that the problem should be discussed at the next joint meeting of the Cabinet and Co-ordinating Group.

#### 16. ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE - 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2001

- 16.1 The Minutes were corrected by the following amendment:

- **Presentation by the Conservation Manager and Ecology Officer (Minute 5)** In the last sentence of the penultimate paragraph of page 2 the word "planning" to be deleted from the phrase 'a developers' planning brief' and the word 'skill' to be replaced with 'size' in the same sentence.

#### 17. PERSONNEL RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATIONS SELECT COMMITTEE 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2001

- 17.1 Councillor TJ Wotherspoon stated that the item on **Space Requirement in the New Offices (Minute 9)** would be re-considered for the next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2001, and invited all Members wanting an input to attend. Councillor LJ Wilson, Chairman of the Committee, stated that he would also accept comments from councillors in writing.

#### 18. PLANNING AND HOUSING SELECT COMMITTEE - 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001

- 18.1 Introductory Tenancies (Minute 3)

Councillor Mrs EM Heazell stated that she had been misquoted in the comments attributed to her on page 3 and asked that the Minute should be amended to state that she agreed that

"research could be done, but felt that it should be with some authorities similar to this Council since urban experience only was not going to be particularly or necessarily helpful."

#### 19. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

A report on proposed amendments to the Constitution was presented and the Head of Legal Services advised that these were largely technical corrections, outlining the reasons for them. Further amendments were made to the papers – the deletion of 8d on page 7 of the agenda and paragraph 7 on page 8. The latter related to the technical powers of the Chairman which appeared elsewhere in the constitution. The Cabinet had felt that Vice-Chairmen of select committees should have powers to decide, in the absence of their Chairman, if a decision was so urgent as to avoid call-in. An amendment to cover this point would be brought back with the next batch of amendments.

He explained that the Employment Committee had the power to agree re-gradings up to a total ceiling of £44,000. On the request of the Finance and Resources Director it was

**RESOLVED** that permission be given for cash limits to be exceeded by up to £44,000 pro rata to enable the Employment Committee to exercise its powers.

In answer to comments, the Head of Legal Services undertook to incorporate the amendments into the Constitution and would encourage its publication on the Council's web site. He also agreed that in future the Select Committee might usefully give preliminary consideration to constitutional changes before they went to Cabinet or Council.

Councillor NJ Scarr enquired about the possibility of Area Committees and the Chief Executive replied that it had been agreed that they would not be introduced in the first year of the new political structures and this period would be used for discussion about their possible introduction.

Council

**RESOLVED** to adopt the proposed amendments to the Constitution as set out in the report, with the deletions indicated above.

## 20. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

The Chief Executive advised that these proposed amendments to the Corporate Objectives were superficial, although a thorough review was intended later. Councillor SGM Kindersley asked what had happened to the two Corporate Objectives agreed by Council after the Equal Opportunities Best Value review and the Chief Executive replied that cabinet decided they were second level objectives included in the third Corporate Objective.

Councillor R Hall suggested that temporary residents of the District could be excluded from the Objectives but it was agreed that they would be covered as they were living in the District.

Councillor WH Saberton suggested that the word 'villages' in the first Objective could be interpreted to exclude those living outside village centres and suggested that the word 'parishes' should be used instead. Councillor Mrs DP Roberts expressed her concern that these Objectives would not be put into practice and queried how proof could be given that they were. Councillor Mrs DSK Spink shared this concern but noted that a mission statement was required.

Councillor NJ Scarr suggested that the objectives be printed on agendas.

Councillor Mrs GJ Smith appealed for ideas on helping with anti poverty and social inclusion strategies.

Council

**APPROVED** the following revised corporate objectives:

"To improve the quality of life of everyone living and working in South Cambridgeshire through:-

- (1) Maintaining, improving and sympathetically developing the character, environment, economy and social fabric of our parishes.
- (2) Enabling our communities to lead safer and healthier lives.

- (3) Providing services which are efficient, responsive to people's views and accessible to all sections of the community.
- (4) Working towards a more sustainable future, balancing our needs and the needs of future generations"

## 21. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The recommendations of the Independent Panel on Members' Allowances were presented, together with the suggestions of the Personnel Resources and Communications Committee and the Cabinet. The Chief Executive stated that only minor amendments had been suggested to the panel's recommendations.

Councillor AW Wyatt expressed his disappointment at the reduction of the Vice-chairman of Council's allowance to £1,000 and proposed that this be increased to £1,500. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs EM Hezell and was agreed by Council.

Councillor RF Collinson highlighted the panel's recommendations for improved Members' support and hoped that this would be examined. Councillor Mrs Spink reminded Members that they could use the library on the third floor and Councillor R Hall requested that a PC specifically for Members' use be put in the library.

Councillor SGM Kindersley stated that he believed the panel's assumption that one third of the amount of councillors' time was voluntary was arbitrary and militated against the aim of diversity of membership. He asserted that the majority of voluntary work was done outside the working day and requested that the principle of income replacement be examined at the annual review of allowances, together with the measurement of any changes in the socio-demographic composition of the Council.

Councillor NJ Scarr asserted that £4.20 per hour for the carers' allowance was unrealistic. Councillor Mrs EA Kendrick reported that carers provided by the social services cost £6.50 per hour but were much more expensive through a private agency. Council agreed to increase the carers' allowance to £6.50 per hour.

Council

**AGREED** that the following scheme of Members' Allowances be adopted with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2001:

Basic Allowance £3,900 (including £500 towards expenses other than computer consumables)

<b>Position with Special Responsibility Allowance</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Leader	10,200	
Deputy Leader	7,650	
Cabinet Member	6,800	

	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
<b>Council</b>		
Allowances for Chairman of Council	3,400	1,500
<b>Committees</b>		
Select Committees	2,550	1,000
Select Committee Co-ordinating Group	2,500	N/A
Development & Conservation Control	3,400	2,000
Licensing Committee	340	-
Standards Committee	340	-

Carers Allowance maximum of £6.50 an hour

## 22. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2000-01

Council

**APPROVED** the draft Statement of Accounts as circulated

## 23. REQUEST FOR CONSENT STREETS - SAWSTON

Council

**RESOLVED** to designate all the following streets in the parish of Sawston be designated as Consent Streets under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982:

Ashley Way	Hawthorn Avenue	Princess Drive
Babraham Road	Hayfield Avenue	Queensway
Belbin Way	Henry Morris Road	Resbury Close
Bowers Terrace	Hide Close	Rose Close
Broadmeadow	High Street	Rowan Avenue
Brookfield Close	Hillside	Saffron Road
Brookfield Road	Holme Way	Sainfoin Close
Burnands Place	Huddleston Way	Selsingen Way
Butlers Way	Huntingdon Road	Shingay Lane
Cambridge Road	Hurrys Close	Skiver Close
Camping Close	Johns Acre	South Terrace
Catleys Walk	Joyces Close	Springfield Road
Chamois Close	Kingfisher Close	St Marys Road
Chapelfield Way	Link Road	Sunderlands Avenue
Chestnut Close	London Road	Tannery Road
Church Lane	Lynton Way	Teversham Way
Churchfield Avenue	Maple Avenue	The Baulks
Common Lane	Martindale Way	The Limes
Crampton Terrace	Meadowfield Road	The Stakings
Dale Way	Mill Lane	The Green Road

Deal Grove	Milner Close	Tower Road
Edinburgh Avenue	Morleys Place	Town Close
Elder Close	Mount Pleasant	Uffen Way
Evans Way	New Road	Vicarage Avenue
Fairfields	North Terrace	Wakelin Avenue
Falkner Road	Old Forge Way	Westmoor Avenue
Glover Close	Orchard Road	Whitefield Way
Gosling Way	Paddock Way	Windmill Close
Granta Road	Park Road	Woodland Road
Hall Crescent	Plantation Road	Wynemares
Hammonds Road	Prince William Way	

#### 24. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Council **AGREED** the following appointments to outside bodies:

Arts in Cambridgeshire on Tour: Cllr Mrs GJ Smith  
 Cambridge Arts Theatre, Cambridge: Cllr Mrs Muncey  
 Cross Border Arts, Bourn: Cllr Harangozo would be asked to be the Council's representative.  
 Kettles Yard House and Gallery, Cambridge: Cllr Wotherspoon  
 Wying Arts, Bourn: Cllr Mrs Spink  
 Youth Action Cambridge: Cllr JD Batchelor  
 Swavesey Village College: Cllr R Hall  
 Circle 33 Housing Trust Ltd: Cllr Kindersley

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The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

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