

COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2007

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 24 May 2007. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Richard May.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor JH Stewart be elected Chairman of the Council for the coming year.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Councillor RE Barrett be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council for the coming year.

ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED that Councillor RMA Manning be elected Leader of the Council for the coming year.

Councillor Manning announced the appointment of Members to the Cabinet and the allocation of Portfolio responsibilities as follows:

Councillor SM Edwards	Deputy Leader and Housing Options
Councillor Dr DR Bard	Growth and Sustainable Communities
Councillor Mrs DSK Spink MBE	Housing and Environmental Services
Councillor VG Ford	Resources
Councillor Mrs SM Ellington	Staffing and Communications
Councillor MP Howell	Community Services
Councillor NIC Wright	Planning Services

JOINT PLANNING SERVICES ARRANGEMENT (CABINET, 10 MAY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) Delegated authority be given to the Leader and the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder, in consultation with the Executive Director, to continue to work with Cambridgeshire County Council and Cambridge City Council to develop a structure and scheme of delegation to Officers of the three authorities to provide development control advice to the Joint Committees, such scheme to be approved by the relevant Joint Development Control Committee at its first meeting;
- (b) The joint development control committees be authorised to exercise their delegated powers from 1 September 2007 but may meet prior to that date in preparation for the discharge of their duties;
- (c) The Leader and Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder be authorised to agree changes to the terms of reference and appendices governing the working of the joint committees (but not the extent of the powers delegated) following consultation with the Executive Director; and
- (d) Delegated authority be given to the Leader and Planning and Economic

Development Portfolio Holder in consultation with the Executive Director to resolve issues in relation to the proposed joint policy-making arrangements for consideration by Cabinet and Council at a later date.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2007/08-2011/12

Council **RESOLVED** that, in this instance only and due to the extraordinary circumstances, authority be delegated to the Standards Committee Appointments Panel to appoint at least three independent members to the Standards Committee for four-year terms from 2007/08 to 2011/12.

SIZE AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES (CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY, 10 MAY 2007)

Council **RESOLVED** that

- (1) a Policy Development Committee be established, its Terms of Reference to be considered by the Constitution Review Working Party for agreement by Council and inclusion in the Constitution;
- (2) every non-Executive Member of the Council shall be afforded the opportunity to sit on at least one of the following Council bodies:
 - (a) Planning Committee;
 - (b) Licensing Committee, Licensing Committee (2003 Act), Licensing Committee (2005 Gambling Act);
 - (c) Scrutiny and Overview Committee;
 - (d) Policy Development Committee (subject to approval of (1) above);
 - (e) Employment Committee;
 - (f) Electoral Arrangements Committee;
 - (g) Audit Panel;
- (3) Executive (Cabinet) Members shall not sit on the above bodies, excepting the Employment Committee which shall continue to be subject to the provisions of Table One of Part 3 of the Constitution (Portfolio Holder with responsibility for staffing to be an *ex officio* Member of this Committee);
- (4) any Member with suitable experience be invited by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to serve as an additional member of Task and Finish groups as appropriate;
- (5) the size of the above bodies be agreed as follows:
 - (a) Planning Committee - 14 Members;
 - (b) Licensing Committee and Licensing Committee (2003 Act) – 12 Members;
 - (c) Scrutiny and Overview Committee – 12 Members;
 - (d) Policy Development Committee (subject to approval of (1) above) – 5 Members;
 - (e) Employment Committee – 7 Members;
 - (f) Electoral Arrangements Committee – 7 Members;
 - (g) Audit Panel – 7 Members.
- (6) the requirement in Article 6.01 for the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to comprise between 14 and 16 Members be deleted; and
- (7) the Audit Panel be renamed the Corporate Governance Committee.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Council **RESOLVED**

- (1) That appointments to Committees and Joint Committees be made for the 2007-2008 civic year (as set out below).
- (2) That Councillor AG Orgee be appointed to the Standards Committee in place of Councillor EW Bullman.

Licensing Committee, Licensing Committee (2003 Act), Licensing Committee (2005 Gambling Act)

12 Members

Conservative (6)	Lib Dem (3)	Ind (2)	Non-group (1)
RE Barrett	Mrs PM Bear	A Riley	Mrs CAED Murfitt
EW Bullman	Mrs A Elsby	NJ Scarr	
Mrs JM Guest	RB Martlew		
R Hall			
RM Matthews			
DC McCraith			

Planning Committee

14 Members

Conservative (8)	Lib Dem (4)	Ind (2)
RE Barrett	Mrs PM Bear	Mrs SA Hatton
BR Burling	SGM Kindersley	Mrs DP Roberts
TD Bygott	Mrs HM Smith	
Mrs PS Corney	JF Williams	
Mrs JM Guest		
Mrs CA Hunt		
CR Nightingale		
RJ Turner		

Scrutiny and Overview Committee

12 Members

Conservative (7)	Lib Dem (3)	Ind (2)
Miss JA Dipple	AN Berent	MJ Mason
R Hall	Mrs EM Heazell	JA Quinlan
JA Hockney	RB Martlew	
DH Morgan		
CR Nightingale		
AG Orgee		
Mrs BE Waters		

Policy Development Committee

5 Members

Conservative (3)	Lib Dem (1)	Ind (1)
TD Bygott	JD Batchelor	NJ Scarr
R Hall		
TJ Wotherspoon		

Employment Committee

7 Members

Conservative (4)*	Lib Dem (2)	Ind (1)
RE Barrett	JD Batchelor	Mrs SJO Doggett
RM Matthews	RT Summerfield	
RJ Turner		

*Plus the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for staffing matters

Electoral Arrangements Committee

7 Members

Conservative (4) NCF Bolitho EW Bullman DH Morgan Mrs BE Waters	Lib Dem (2) RT Summerfield JF Williams	Ind (1) NJ Scarr
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Corporate Governance Committee

7 Members

Conservative (4) NCF Bolitho EW Bullman JA Hockney TJ Wotherspoon	Lib Dem (2) SGM Kindersley RT Summerfield	Ind (1) NS Davies
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Northstowe Joint Development Control Committee

6 Members

Conservative (3) Mrs PS Corney SM Edwards TJ Wotherspoon	Lib Dem (2) JD Batchelor SGM Kindersley	Ind (1) A Riley
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Fringe Sites Joint Development Control Committee

6 Members

Conservative (3) TD Bygott Mrs CA Hunt CR Nightingale	Lib Dem (2) Dr SA Harangozo SGM Kindersley	Ind (1) MJ Mason
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Standards Committee

6 District Councillors

Conservative Mrs CA Hunt AG Orgee	Lib Dem Mrs VM Trueman Dr SEK van de Ven	Ind A Riley	Others NN Cathcart
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APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING PARTY

Council **RESOLVED** that the following appointments be made to the Constitution Review Working Party for the 2007-2008 Civic Year:

(In addition to appointments by office)*

Conservative R Hall	Liberal Democrat RT Summerfield	Independent NJ Scarr
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• **Appointments by Office:**

Councillor JH Stewart, Chairman of the Council

Councillor RMA Manning, Leader of the Council

Councillor SM Edwards, Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Mrs EM Hezell, Chairman of the Scrutiny and Committee

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Council **RESOLVED** that the following appointments be made to the Climate Change Working Group for the 2007-2008 Civic Year:

9 Members

Conservative (4)	Lib Dem (3)	Ind (1)	Other (1)
Dr DR Bard	AN Berent	Mrs SA Hatton	NN Cathcart
R Hall	Dr SA Harangozo		
JA Hockney	Dr SEK van de Ven		
CR Nightingale			

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE AND JOINT BODIES

Council **RESOLVED** that the Group Leaders be authorised to agree and publish nominations to outside and joint bodies by no later than 31 May 2007.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE LGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Council **RESOLVED** that no representative be nominated to attend the Annual Conference of the Local Government Association.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES 2007-2008

Council **RESOLVED**

- (1) That no changes be made to the Terms of Reference of the following committees:
 - Licensing Committee, Licensing Committee (2003 Act), Licensing Committee (2005 Gambling Act);
 - Employment Committee;
 - Electoral Arrangements Committee;
 - Corporate Governance Committee (formerly the Audit Panel)
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to amend the Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee to reflect the joint working arrangements, subject to the agreement of the recommendations in Agenda Item 11a above;
- (3) That any amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee which may be required following the establishment of the Policy Development Committee, be considered by the Constitution Review Working Party and submitted to the next meeting of Council for agreement.

PERFORMANCE PLAN 2007

Council **RESOLVED**:

- (1) That the 2007 Performance Plan be prepared on the basis of:
 - (i) The previously approved priorities for 2007/08 (customer service, affordable housing and successful, sustainable communities at Northstowe and other growth areas);
 - (ii) The proposals to achieve those priorities in 2007/08, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
 - (iii) The performance indicator targets set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
 - (iv) The CGI Improvement Plan approved by Council on 26 April 2007;
 - (v) The structure given in paragraph 9 of the report;
 - (vi) Comments and concerns raised by Members at the Annual Council Meeting.
- (2) The authority be delegated to the Cabinet to approve the Performance Plan by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2007.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AT THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Council **RESOLVED** that public speaking at Planning Committee be introduced with effect from 1 July 2007, based on the scheme attached to the Agenda, that the Planning Committee be authorised to review and amend the scheme at its discretion, and that Part 4 of the Constitution be amended accordingly.