

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on
Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 8.57 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Peter Topping (Leader of the Council)
Councillor Nick Wright (Deputy Leader of the Council and Corporate & Customer Services Portfolio Holder)

Councillors: Francis Burkitt Greater Cambridge City Deal Portfolio Holder
Simon Edwards Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder
Lynda Harford Housing Portfolio Holder
Mark Howell Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
Robert Turner Planning Portfolio Holder

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Alex Colyer Interim Chief Executive
Tom Lewis Monitoring Officer
Graham Watts Democratic Services Team Leader

Councillors David Bard, Val Barrett, Henry Batchelor, John Batchelor, Anna Bradnam, Tom Bygott, Nigel Cathcart, Doug Cattermole, Grenville Chamberlain, Graham Cone, Pippa Corney, Christopher Cross, Kevin Cuffley, Neil Davies, Sue Ellington, Andrew Fraser, Jose Hales, Roger Hall, Philippa Hart, Tumi Hawkins, Caroline Hunt, Peter Johnson, Sebastian Kindersley, Douglas de Lacey, Janet Lockwood, Ray Manning, Mick Martin, Raymond Matthews, David McCraith, Charles Nightingale, Alex Riley, Tim Scott, Ben Shelton, Bridget Smith, Hazel Smith, Ingrid Tregouing, Richard Turner, Bunty Waters, Aidan Van de Weyer, and John Williams were in attendance, by invitation.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Tim Wotherspoon.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH DEVOLUTION

Cabinet adjourned its meeting on 17 November 2016 at 8.57pm and agreed to consider this item at a reconvened meeting at the close of the meeting of Council on 21 November 2016.

The following Cabinet Members were in attendance on 21 November 2016:

Councillors Peter Topping (Leader of the Council), Nick Wright (Deputy Leader of the Council), Simon Edwards, Lynda Harford, and Mark Howell.

The following other Members of the Council were in attendance:

Councillors David Bard, Val Barrett, Henry Batchelor, John Batchelor, Anna Bradnam, Brian Burling, Tom Bygott, Nigel Cathcart, Doug Cattermole, Grenville Chamberlain, Graham Cone, Pippa Corney, Simon Crocker, Christopher Cross, Kevin Cuffley, Sue Ellington, Jose Hales, Roger Hall, Philippa Hart, Tumi Hawkins, Sebastian Kindersley, Douglas de Lacey, Janet Lockwood, Mervyn Loynes, Ray Manning, Mick Martin, David

McCraith, Cicley Murfitt, Charles Nightingale, Des O'Brien, Tony Orgee, Alex Riley, Deborah Roberts, Tim Scott, Ben Shelton, Bridget Smith, Hazel Smith, Ingrid Tregoing, Richard Turner, Bunty Waters, Aidan Van de Weyer, David Whiteman-Downes and John Williams.

Alex Colyer (Interim Chief Executive), Tom Lewis (Monitoring Officer) and Graham Watts (Democratic Services Team Leader) were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence for the reconvened meeting were received from Councillors Francis Burkitt, Robert Turner and Tim Wotherspoon.

Further to debate and a recommendation agreed at the meeting of Full Council immediately prior to this meeting, Cabinet **AGREED** to:

- (i) Consent to the Secretary of State making an Order to establish the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (Appendix A).
- (ii) Consent to the Council being a constituent member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority with effect from the commencement date determined by the final Order.
- (iii) Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to consent to the final draft Order and associated documents, specifically:
 - to agree minor drafting amendments to the Combined Authority Order to be laid before Parliament;
 - to consent to the Council being included within the draft Parliamentary Order thereby reflecting this Council's decision.
- (iv) Authorise the Combined Authority to have a power to issue a levy to the constituent Councils in respect of any financial year. (This will be subject to the inclusion of a unanimity clause in the Combined Authority constitution on this specific matter).
- (v) Recommend to the Combined Authority that the costs of establishing the Combined Authority, holding the elections in May 2017 and running the Combined Authority (including Mayoral Office) for 2016/17 and 2017/18 are funded from the gain share grant provided by Government (as outlined the financial implications section of the report).
- (vi) Appoint Councillor Peter Topping, Leader of the Council, to act as Council's appointee to the Shadow Combined Authority and once established, to the Combined Authority.
- (vii) Appoint Councillor Nick Wright, Deputy Leader of the Council, to act as the substitute to the above.
- (viii) Note the outcome of the public consultation on the establishment of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 and Appendices 2A - 2D.
- (ix) Note the timetable for the implementation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough devolution Order as summarised in paragraph 16.

- (x) Note the Government's response to the outline business case for Housing capital investment funds secured as part of the devolution deal as set out in Appendix 3.
- (xi) Agree, in principle, for a protocol requiring the Council Leader and the representative on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to report to each meeting of Council setting out the activities and decisions related to their respective roles within the Combined Authority.
- (xii) To request that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Civic Affairs Committee engage their fellow committee members with a view to devising and agreeing the wording of a protocol for inclusion in the Council's constitution.

NOTE – This meeting adjourned at 8.57pm and the reconvened meeting on 21 November 2016 closed at 9.13pm.